



## Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026 will provide **capital** funding to support community groups across Ireland.
- The funding will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, purchase equipment such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc.
- This funding will help communities, community groups and committees, allowing them to continue to provide valuable services to the people in their area, and in the process strengthen the bonds that tie communities together. The fund also aims to support local strategic priorities through linkages with Local Economic Community Plans (LECPs).
- Applications must be submitted to the relevant LCDC by **27 February 2026**.
- The activity or project must benefit the local community and relate to the key priority areas identified in Longford Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2029.
- The information supplied by the applicant group /organisation must be accurate and complete.
- Inaccurate or incomplete information may lead to disqualification and/or the repayment of any grant made.
- All information provided in respect of the application for a grant will be held electronically. The Department and Longford LCDC reserves the right to publish a list of all grants awarded on their websites.
- The Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by the Department and Local Authorities, including applications received and any additional correspondence related to the application.
- The application must be signed by the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the organisation making the submission.
- It is the responsibility of each organisation to ensure that it has proper procedures and policies in place, including appropriate insurance, where relevant.
- Evidence of expenditure, receipts /invoices must be retained and provided to the LCDC, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, the relevant local authority or any agent acting on their behalf if requested.
- Grant monies must be expended and drawn down from Longford LCDC by **Monday 28 September 2026**. Photographic evidence will be required to facilitate draw down of grants.

- The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht contribution must be publicly acknowledged in all materials associated with the purpose of the grant, including signage.
- Generally, no third party or intermediary applications will be considered.
- Late applications will not be considered.
- Breaches of the terms and conditions of the grants scheme may result in sanctions including disbarment from future grant applications.
- Do not spend before you formally accept any grant offer.
- In order to process your application, it may be necessary for Longford LCDC to collect personal data from you. Such information will be processed in line with the Local Authority's privacy statement which is available to view on [longford.ie](http://longford.ie) under Your Council, Data Protection.
- Approved groups must have sufficient funds to make purchases upfront.
- Costs incurred prior to the Department announcing the list of successful projects are **not eligible** for payment under the Programme.
- Payment will be issued by the LCDC **only after** submission of the relevant supporting documentation.
- All questions in the application **MUST** be answered.
- VAT will only be paid where it is included in the quotation amount. No further requests for VAT payments or repayments will be accepted.
- If your contract is less than €5000.00 **ONE** quotation must be uploaded.
- If your contract is more than €5000.00 **THREE** quotations must be uploaded.
- **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**