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## ***Community Climate Action Funding Guidelines***

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Presentation – 20  
minutes.

Example Projects  
Q&A Session at the  
end of the  
presentation.

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## Framework for the Community Climate Action Programme

Strand 1: Action: Building Low Carbon Communities

Strand 1a: Shared Island Community Climate  
Action

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# The Community Climate Action Fund - Louth

- The Community Climate Action Fund is aimed to support and help build low carbon communities across Ireland.
- This funding is part of the Community Climate Action Programme, which supports projects and initiatives that facilitate community climate action through education, capacity building and learning by doing.



# What groups are eligible to apply

- In order to be considered eligible for funding, your community group must be not for profit.
- Your community group must also be registered with the PPN / the Wheel / Tidy Towns.
- Must be within the County of Louth.
- Must meet the qualifying guidelines.



# Themes

- The themes that apply for the Community Climate Action Fund are as follows:
- Community Energy
- Travel
- Food and Waste
- Shopping and Recycling
- Local Climate and Environmental Action



# Theme 1: Community Energy

- This can include small community renewable energy projects (solar, hydro and wind), retrofitting community buildings, LED community lighting or Community EV charging points.
- Projects of interest that fall under this theme would reduce the climate impact of buildings in communities by using less energy, utilising renewable energy and preventing heat loss.



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# Example 1: Community Energy, Clan na Gael, Dundalk

Clan Na Gael, Dundalk, GAA Club.

Retrofitting through the GAA Green Clubs Programme.

Retrofitting can take place in the form of lighting, solar power, renewable energy sources.

Reducing carbon emissions, more sustainable energy source as well as energy savings.





## Theme 2: Travel

- Transport accounts for approximately 20% of Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions.
- Project proposals may include emission reductions in relation to travel, this can include reduction in carbon footprint services, improving access to cycle ways, cycle parking, community electric vehicles, safe or active travel routes to schools.
- Examples can include bike racks, encouraging active travel.



## Theme 2: Travel, Example

### E-cargo Bikes.

Fingal CC, have trailed E-cargo bikes, which are designed to transport goods and materials in a sustainable manner.

E-cargo bikes are being monitored on a continuous basis to assess their impact on the environment and the benefits they are bringing to local communities.





## Theme 3: Food and Waste

- It is estimated that 1/3 of the food we grow is wasted and food waste accounts for 10% of global emissions.
- The CAP has set a goal for the agricultural sector in Ireland to reduce food waste by 50% by 2030.
- Developing community gardens to promote local food production, allotments, food pledges from local businesses, food markets, repair hubs or community composting facilities.



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## Theme 3: Food and Waste, Drogheda allotment

DCA (Drogheda  
Community Allotment).

Land is used to grow  
fruit, vegetables and  
flowers.

Used by community  
groups as a community  
space.

Promotes locally  
grown/sourced food and  
food security.





## Theme 4: Shopping and Recycling

- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
- Encouraging actively segregating waste for collection and using recycling centres near community groups.
- Reusing and recycling, community repair hubs, swap shops, water filling stations, or single use plastic elimination in businesses.



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## Theme 4: Shopping and Recycling, Example

Community Water fountain installed in Dundalk town centre.

Supplies fresh water for people to avail of when walking / refill water bottles.

Promotes reusable bottles with easy access to clean fresh drinking water in an open and accessible space.





## Theme 5: Local Climate and Environmental Action

- Protecting natural resources from climate change, and in return helping to absorbing carbon, reducing the risk of flooding, and also increasing flowers and nature.
- Projects are welcomed that encourage managing the local environment and promoting climate action. This can include for example, mini forests, forest schools, dispersed orchards, community gardens, roof gardens, pollinator projects or climate resilience projects.



## Theme 5: Local Climate and Environmental Action

Biodiversity Garden  
in Boyne Valley  
Garden Trail.

Promoting habits  
and habitat  
restoration.

Building plant  
communities while  
preventing loss of  
biodiversity and  
habitats.





# POLL

- Which Theme would interest your community most?
- Participants can vote at [Slido.com](https://www.slido.com) with [#2000861](#)





# Funding Strands

- Funding is available for 100% of the project if approved.
- Small Scale Projects: < €20,000
- Medium Scale Projects: €20,000 – 50,000
- Large Scale Projects: €51,000-100,000



# POLL

- Which strand do you feel that your community group could or would apply under
- Participants can vote at [Slido.com](https://www.slido.com) with [#2000861](https://www.slido.com/join/2000861)





# Project Criteria

- What are the criteria in which a community group must have in order to submit an expression of interest application?.
- Must be a not for profit organisation.
- Registered with the PPN, the Wheel or Tidy Towns.
- Terms and conditions will apply if a community group has received more than €200,000 state funding over the last three years.



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# Q&A Session



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# Thank You

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