**Community Support Fund 2022**

**Applications under the ring-fenced fund for Women’s Shed’s**

**NOTE: Closing Date 3.30 pm, Thursday 9th March 2023**





**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received:

Reference Number:

LCDC recommendation:



Women’s Shed Name:

**ALL APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO:**

**Donegal LCDC**

**Community & Enterprise**

**Donegal County Council, Station Island, Lifford, F93 X7PK, Co Donegal**

**By Thursday, 9th March 2023 at 3.30 pm**

**CLOSING DATE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.**

**Department of Rural and Community Development Community Support Fund 2022 under the Community Enhancement Programme 2022 – Ring-fenced fund for Women’s Sheds**

The Department of Rural and Community Development (“the Department”) has decided to allocate €100,000 to fund operating costs in Womens Sheds.

This is a ring-fenced fund under the Community Support Fund 2022[[1]](#footnote-1). The application process is being administered by Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs).

Applications for this funding can be made on this application form. Women’s Sheds are eligible to apply, once they meet the LCDC’s qualifying criteria.

It envisaged that this funding would, in general, be allocated in a relatively equal manner across Women’s Sheds that submit valid applications.

##### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

* Under the Community Support Fund, grants will be provided to Womens Sheds towards funding for operating costs (e.g. electricity costs, heating costs, insurance costs etc.).
* The information supplied by the applicant Women’s Shed must be accurate and complete.
* Misinformation 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 reserves the right to publish a list of all grants awarded on its website.
* The Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by the Department and Local Authorities.
* The application must be signed by the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the Womens Shed.
* Applications must include Bank Account Details for organisation/group
* Applications must include Tax Registration No/Tax Clearance Access No or Charitable Status No
* It is the responsibility of each organisation to ensure that it has proper procedures and policies in place including appropriate insurance where relevant.
* Applications must be on the 2022 form.
* Evidence of expenditure, receipts /invoices must be retained and provided to the LCDC or their representative **when** requested.
* Only costs/expenditure incurred in the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 are eligible and Grant monies must be drawn down from the LCDC by **31st August 2023**.
* The Department’s contribution must be publicly acknowledged in all materials associated with the purpose of the grant.
* Generally no third party or intermediary applications will be considered.
* Application is restricted to groups based in County Donegal
* Late applications will not be considered.
* Applications by post should use the correct value of postage stamps and allow sufficient time to ensure delivery not later than the closing date of **to be chosen by the LCDC but no later than 3.30pm on Thursday, 9th March 2023.** Claims that any application form has been lost or delayed in the post will not be considered, unless applicants have a Post Office Certificate of Posting in support of such claims.
* Applications will be accepted by email to lcdc@donegalcoco.ie on or before 3.30pm on 9th March 2023, but a hard copy **must** follow in the post
* Breaches of the terms and conditions of the grants scheme may result in sanctions including disbarment from future grant applications.
* Please ensure the application form is completed in full. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.
* In order to process your application, it may be necessary for Donegal County Council 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 [https://www.donegalcoco.ie/footer/dataprotectionstatement/](https://www.donegalcoco.ie/footer/dataprotectionstatement/%20%20www.donegalcoco.ie/footer/dataprotectionstatement/)

## SECTION 1 – YOUR ORGANISATION

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| **Name of Women’s Shed** |  |
| Address**Eircode** |  |
| Contact name |  |
| Role in Group  |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| E-mail  |  |
| Website |  |
| Alternative Contact name |  |
| Alternative Telephone number |  |
| Alternative E-mail |  |

**Successful applications for funding under this programme will only be paid to the applicant organisation’s Bank Account. Please ensure you have your Bank Account details to hand if your application is successful.**

**Please ensure you submit your Bank/Credit Union Account details with the application – i.e recent Statement. Failure to submit same will deem application invalid.**

Charitable Status Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tax Reference Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tax Clearance Access Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Failure to provide Charitable Status No or Tax Reference No or Tax Clearance Access No relevant to your group will deem application invalid**

**Section 2: Questions for Women’s Sheds**

This funding is ring-fenced for Women’s Sheds. Therefore, it is expected that your Women’s Shed would **not** be affiliated with any other parent organisation. Is your Shed affiliated with any other parent organisation?

**YES** [ ]  **NO** [ ]

If yes, please provide detail how your organisation is also considered to be a Women’s Shed group.

Please provide a description of your Women’s shed, including information on the number of members, the organisational structure of your Shed, whether there is any criteria for membership, the main focus of the activities of your Shed, etc.

**SECTION 3 – Project Details**

**Application can be submitted for grant of €500-€1,000 for non-pay running costs for example energy costs (electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges) or other non-pay operating costs for example rental/lease costs, insurance bills.**

What will the funding be used for?

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| Amount being applied for: | € |
| Is this amount the partial or total cost: | [ ] Partial | [ ] Total |
| If partial, please give the estimated total cost: | € |

**Important note:**

**Please provide supporting documentation** with your application e.g. utility bills etc. If you are unclear about what to provide, please contact the lcdc@donegalcoco.ie or telephone 074 9172231 or 087 3332193 for information on the required supporting documentation

Please state how your Women’s Shed proposes to acknowledge the Department, LA or LCDC.

**Note:** Depending on the amount being applied for, this could be as simple as including an acknowledgement on notices/signs, or in any newsletters that are being produced locally.

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**SECTION 4 - DECLARATION**

* I declare that the information given in this form is correct.
* I confirm I have read and fully understand the Terms and Conditions of this Programme (see page 2-3 of this form).
* I confirm that this grant application is submitted in acceptance of and compliance with the Terms and Conditions.
* I confirm that the Shed does not have the funding to undertake the work/project without this grant aid or alternatively that with the grant the Shed will now undertake a larger project which they otherwise would not be able to afford.
* I confirm that the applicant Shed is tax compliant (if tax registered).

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| **Name in block capitals (on behalf of Shed):**  |  |
| **Signature:** |  |
| **Position held (block capitals):** |  |
| **Date:** |  |

**CHECKLIST:**

**Signed and completed Application Form □**

**Copy of recent Bank Statement/Credit Union Statement □**

**Details of Charitable Status or Tax Reference or Tax Clearance Access No □**

**Copies of bills for Running Costs for April 2022- March 23 □**

1. The Department operates the Community Support Fund through the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs). It is a grant programme that provides funding to enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas. The Department previously committed to funding of €10m for this programme. The €100,000 fund which is ring-fenced for Women’s Sheds is part of the €10m. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)