

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

Frequently Asked Questions.

Must the Chairperson sign the application or is the Secretary also ok to sign- is this an issue if people cannot do an electronic signature?

Chairperson or Secretary or Treasurer can sign. On a separate piece of paper, sign your name and write your name in block capitals underneath the signature.

- Take a photo and scan the document or scan the signed piece of paper.
- Upload as document to the application.

Then insert the name, on the application form in the relevant box and date.

Do I need to register on Sligo County Council's Online Portal?

Yes, go the Sligo County Council website navigate to online Portal and create an account. A 'how to' is on our website.

Is there any way to view previous applications as the information entered is the same as last year?

Yes, you can log into an existing account on the online portal using the same email address (preferably a group email not personal) and you will be able to review your previous applications under 'My Requests'.

Is funding only given after purchase is made or can funding be received to make the purchase?

Yes, funding is only given after the purchase, as a receipt is required to drawdown the funding.

Do you need a full bank statement < 3 months old or just the header part to show name, date BIC/IBAN?

You will need to have a bank account or other institution account in the name of the organisation (not personal account) at time of claim/drawdown. If your group has not applied for a community grant previously or the details of the group or bank account have changed, please email LEP2025@sligococo.ie for further information.

Can you tick and apply for capital and current in the online application form on the same application.

Yes, select 'both' in the online application process.

Our Bank Statements are in the name of our treasurer, I am the Chairperson and will be putting in the application.

Bank statement must be in the name of the group applying for the funding. The bank statement may show a personal name and address for postal purposes, but the account name must be visible on the header and be the exact same name as the applicant organisation.

How much previous grants information - over what period - 2, 3 4 years

We require any grants from 2018 to date.

What is the max costs eligible for funding in current /operating costs?

Maximum current funding available for a group is €500.

What is the max capital funding available?

Category 1 capital funding is for up to a €1000

Category 2 capital funding is for up to a €5000

Please note these are maximum amounts and your organisation maybe offered a lesser amount.

Could an organisation make one application for current funding and one application for capital works.

Yes.

Is Eircode ok for location?

No, it must be the XY Co-ordinates as this is what is required by the Department.

Is there a separate Grant for a Women's group or what category do they come under?

This time there is no separate category for the Women's Groups, but they can apply under any of the three categories available.

Can you apply for capital funding under Category 1 and Category 2?

No, you can only apply for Category 1 or Category 2.

Does the equipment need to be brand new, or can it be second hand?

You need to provide 3 quotations for the same item so it might be difficult to achieve this for second hand items.

Also, as per Department guidelines items purchased must be usable for a minimum of 5 years, therefore items would have to be in sufficiently good condition to remain usable for this period.

Can I complete my application in different stages?

Yes, you can save a draft at any stage and continue the application at another time (you will need to be signed into the online platform using the same email address and password to continue your draft).

Does an on-line "screen grab" with a price suffice as a quotation for a capital item?

Yes, as long you have the company name in the 'screen grab'. We need to ensure that you have 3 quotes from different suppliers.

Do I need to register with Sligo PPN?

Yes, you can register your organisation at www.SligoPPN.com when inputting your PPN please do so in the following format: SLIGOPPN-12345.

How will I be notified of the grant application decision?

Successful groups will be notified by email with a letter of offer which will detail what the grant is to be used towards. Any variations from this will not be covered by the grant unless a request for a Change of Scope/Use, is submitted. This must be requested in writing to LEP2025@sligococo.ie and approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development prior to the commencement of works/purchase of equipment. Requests for Change of Scope/Use, must be submitted before Wednesday 30th September 2025.

Do I need to wait for confirmation of funding?

Groups cannot proceed with works/purchases until they receive confirmation from Sligo County Council of the outcome of their grant application. This will not be until late May 2025 until after the Ministers Press Release.

Closing date for applications is 4pm on Friday 21st February 2025. For any other queries please email LEP2025@Sligococo.ie or call Community and Tourism on 071 911 4427.