



SICAP Small Grant Local Community Groups 2025

Notes for Applicants

The 2025 Small Grants Scheme under the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is open to community and voluntary groups in the Cork City area who are working to promote social inclusion and address disadvantage.

The purpose of the grant must be in line with the objectives of the programme and there must be a clear outcome in line with SICAP objectives under Goal 1.

Goal 1 of SICAP aims to empower communities to identify and respond to their own needs. It is concerned with the principles of participation, empowerment, capacity building, and collective action, and is underpinned by a community development approach.

Goal 1 is underpinned by current policy, which emphasises the importance of inclusive community engagement, empowering communities to address social exclusion, and social enterprises as a key vehicle for community development and providing employment opportunities to disadvantaged groups.

These grants are intended to help community and voluntary groups who support SICAP target groups:

SICAP Target Groups:		
People living in disadvantaged communities	People impacted by educational disadvantage	People living in jobless households or households where the primary income source is low-paid and/or precarious
People who are long-term unemployed	People with a criminal history	Refugees
International Protection Applicants	Disabled People/People with Disabilities	Heads of One-parent Families
Travellers	Roma	

SICAP Focus Areas:		
Older people (aged 65+ Years) in isolation ²⁵	Refugee and migrant rights and integration	Climate action and the just transition
Addiction	Homelessness	LGBTQI+
Youth (Aged <18 Years)	Gender	

Maximum Grant Allowable €2,500 per group
All grants are subject to funding available.
One grant per group

Closing Date for receipt of Applications

17.00 Friday 23rd May 2025

The following criteria will apply:

- The minimum grant will be €500. The maximum grant will be €2,500.
- Closing date for applications will be 17.00 Friday 23rd May 2025
- All project activities must be completed, and all grant funds fully expended, by 30th November 2025.
- All groups will need to ensure their tax affairs are in order.
- Supporting documentation, including invoices, delivery dockets etc. should be retained for a period of 6 years to facilitate verification checking by Cork City Partnership.
- Groups receiving funding will be recorded as a beneficiary of SICAP on the Programme's IRIS database.

Grants can be used to fund the following types of activities:

- Community events that have a clear link to SICAP target groups and SICAP outcomes, such as supporting health and wellbeing, lifelong learning, employment supports and community integration.
- Small-scale capital items that will improve and enhance the function of the LCG and its work.
- Small-scale capital items that have a higher cost than €2,500 and where there is evidence that match funding is in place.
- The delivery of a training programme on good governance structures within local community groups.
- The development of a community strategic plan to engage with other funders and stakeholders.

Grants cannot be used to fund the following types of activities:

- Salaries/Travel and subsistence for employees or board members of the applicant group.
- Funding for on-going running costs incurred by LCGs for example rent, insurance, electricity, phone costs and office maintenance.
- Grants should not duplicate other sources of local funding by funding the same costs.
- Where relevant alternative funding is available to a particular sector, these groups will be ineligible.

Assessment of applications for funding

Cork City Partnership will assess applications based on the information supplied on the application form. If you would like further information, please email bbarry@partnershipcork.ie

Please note that there is a limited budget in place for these grants, so funding is not guaranteed. It is likely that applications will be shortlisted.

The applications will be assessed in line with the following key considerations:

- Clear identification of need
- Focus on SICAP target groups/focus areas
- Provision of clear and accurate costings
- Fits within the criteria

Email or post completed application forms to:

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- **We estimate a 4 week turn around to get back to Local Community Groups.**

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