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**TO: The Mayor, Priomh Chomhairleoir and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council**

**Limerick City and County Council Draft Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme**

**I attach herewith the updated Limerick City and County Council Draft Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme as recommended by the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

**I recommend that Members adopt this Grant Scheme.**

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**Hugh McGrath, A/Director of Services  
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,**

Limerick City and County Council

# DRAFT Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme



# Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme

- €50,000 Revenue Budget has been secured for 2025.
- Grant Scheme is payable to Land Owners/Groups of Land Owners towards the cost of Hedge Cutting after the works have been undertaken.
- Minimum Length of Road Network to be incorporated in any application is 5km. Where both sides of a road need attention, the length to be included in the grant application will be doubled (assuming owners of both sides of road are included in application).
- €50 per km towards the Cost of Hedge Cutting during the Cutting Season **ONLY - 1<sup>st</sup> September - Last day of February.**
- Land owners are encouraged to join together to make one application.

# How will the Grant be Administered

- Applications will be administered centrally but managed via the District Office.
- Signature(s) of each landowner along the length of road/road network, consenting to the cutting of the hedgerow, to which this application refers will be required.
- For the purpose of this scheme, no hedge cutting shall take place until a valid application is received and approved by LCCC. Where hedge cutting does take place without the prior approval of LCCC, a grant will not be awarded to the applicant.
- To facilitate assessment of all applications, a map is desirable indicating the roads that are proposed to be included in the scheme. Any application submitted without the required accompanying map identifying the roads to which the application refers will be returned.
- The Councils adjudication of grant sum to be allocated on foot of an application shall be final.

# How will the Grant be Administered

- No grant will be paid out until the Council is satisfied that all hedge/tree cutting required along the network proposed in the application is completed to the required standard.
- It is a matter for applicant/communities to ensure that the contractor to be engaged is appropriately insured, has their competence assessed, is compliant with current Health and Safety Regulations, to confirm to the Council that these compliance requirements have been satisfactorily verified and to give the relevant Municipal District Office at least 7 days notice of intention to carry out the works.

# Clare County Council Scheme

- Clare County Council Scheme
  - €50 per km (subject to minimum 5km)
  - No. of applications last Cutting season - 48
  - Total Amounts allocated in Grants - €18,000
  - Average Grant - €375
  - Average Grant km - Circa. 7.5
  - Where both sides of a road need attention, the length to be included in the grant application will be doubled (assuming owners of both sides of road are included in application).

# West Cork Scheme

- Cork County Council - Municipal District of West Cork ONLY
  - Total Budget - €20,000
  - Encourage Larger Applications from Community Groups/Multiple Land Owners  
eg. Islands Submit single Application
  - Average Grant of circa €1,000 (representing 20km of Road Network)
  - Scheme in operation since 2019 and has grown year on year.

# DRAFT Application Form

- LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
- Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme
- DRAFT Application Form

## 1. Applicant Details

- Name of Applicant/Group: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location and Description of Proposed Work

- Road/Road Network Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate townlands, nearest town or village, and attach a map if required)
- Approximate Length of Road/Road Network (km): \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of landowners/residents affected: \_\_\_\_\_
- Description of hedges/trees to be cut and reason for cutting: \_\_\_\_\_



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## 3. Consent and Permission

- I confirm that all relevant landowners have consented to this hedge cutting work.  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_
- I confirm that I (or the group) will be responsible for ensuring the work is carried out in compliance with all Health & Safety regulations and in accordance with the requirements set out by Limerick City and County Council.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Scheme Terms & Conditions

- The proposed hedge cutting must take place only during the period **permitted by law** and within the timeframe designated by Limerick City and County Council for the Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme.
- The work must comply with any additional guidelines or conditions set out by **Limerick City and County Council**.

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- The Council reserves the right to inspect the site before and after completion of works.
- The Council's **adjudication of grant allocation** will be final.
- No payment will be made until the Council is satisfied that the work has been completed to the required standard.

## 5. Applicant Declaration

- I/We hereby apply for the Hedge Cutting Grant under **Limerick City and County Council**. I/We certify that all information given above is accurate and that I/we will comply with all terms and conditions of the scheme.

Signatures:\_\_\_\_\_