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# **LIMERICK REGENERATION**

## **ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTERVENTION FUND 2026**

### **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

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# 1 - Introduction

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Limerick City and County Council is pleased to invite applications for innovative programmes to support social and economic development in Limerick's Regeneration Communities through its Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF). The ESIF fund supports the original vision set out in the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan (LRFIP) to create "safe and sustainable communities of opportunity where people of all ages enjoy a good quality of life, a decent home and a sense of pride about their place". As Regeneration progresses post-2023, the programme is committed to the aim "*to break the cycle of disadvantage and enhance the resilience of the communities (socially, economically and physically)*" across the four regeneration areas and in other areas of disadvantage in Limerick City. The allocation for 2026 ESIF is **€1.5 million**.

Read the guidance document carefully, and contact the ESIF Team (details below) with regards to any queries you might have.

## Important Notices for the 2026 ESIF Call

- **Please note that the Economic & Social Intervention Fund Grant process is specifically linked to the Limerick Regeneration Programme and funding is currently only available for 2026.**
- **As stipulated by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, funding must be spent by 31 December 2026 and all completed paperwork must be returned by 31 March 2027. All grant-aid that has not been spent by 31 December 2026 will not be available for drawdown.**
- Submissions will only be considered for projects that fall outside the remit of other Departments or where the project identified is a pilot project and in need of once-off seed funding.
- This year, each applicant organisation can only submit an application for a **maximum of four projects** in total **across all themes**.
- New projects will be considered only after decisions have been made on projects that received grants in 2025 ESIF.
- Eligibility criteria for projects, applicants, and costs vary by theme. Details can be found in Sections 2 and 3.
- Applications will only be accepted via [mypoint.limerick.ie](https://mypoint.limerick.ie). Email or paper submissions will not be assessed.

## Key dates

Event	Date and Time
Applications open on <a href="https://mypoint.limerick.ie">mypoint.limerick.ie</a>	Monday, 22 September 2025, 9:00 AM
Applications close	Wednesday, 8 October 2025, 12:00 Noon

**All applications must be submitted via [mypoint.limerick.ie](https://mypoint.limerick.ie)**

**Late applications will not be accepted**

## Contact Details

Any queries in relation to the application process 2026 and / or requests for information or support in preparing your applications should be directed to:

- Email: [ESIF@limerick.ie](mailto:ESIF@limerick.ie)
- Telephone: 061 557 560

## 2 - Fund Overview

The Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF) is a critical instrument to help address disadvantage in Limerick City. ESIF is incorporated into the Limerick Regeneration Programme administered by Limerick City and County Council. ESIF is delivered on a yearly basis, subject to funding by the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage. It supports the development of innovative projects that fill service and policy gaps, with the ultimate goal of scaling and mainstreaming locally developed responses to disadvantage.

Social and economic regeneration are delivered across five themes in the Limerick Regeneration Programme:

- Community Development & Safety
- Education & Learning
- Health, Wellbeing, & Ageing Well
- Employability & Work
- Families & Youth at Risk



Details on the objectives under each theme are available in the [Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan](#)<sup>1</sup> (LRFIP).

The ESIF aims to deliver on these objectives in the four regeneration areas of St. Mary's Park, Moyross, Southill, and Ballinacurra Weston, as well as other Very and Extremely Disadvantaged areas of **Limerick City** as defined under the [POBAL HP Deprivation Index](#)<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.limerick.ie/sites/default/files/media/documents/2017-05/limerick\\_regeneration\\_framework\\_implementation\\_plan\\_small\\_version.compressed.pdf](https://www.limerick.ie/sites/default/files/media/documents/2017-05/limerick_regeneration_framework_implementation_plan_small_version.compressed.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://data.pobal.ie/portal/apps/sites/#/pobal-maps>

## 2026 Economic and Social Intervention Fund Call

**This year, applications are invited for project types requested under each theme’s call for Expressions of Interest only.** Exceptions may be made at the sole discretion of the relevant subcommittee for proposals of exceptional merit. Please contact the ESIF team to discuss such project proposals in advance of your submission or for any queries related to your project.

**Submissions will only be considered for projects that fall outside the remit of other Departments or where the project identified is a pilot project and in need of once-off seed funding.**

For 2026, the call for all five themes will be issued at once. **Each organisation can only apply for a maximum of four projects.** Section 3 outlines organisation and cost eligibility under each theme. The following table details eligible projects under each theme.

**Please note that new projects will be considered only after decisions have been made on projects that received grants in 2025 ESIF.**

**Under the theme of Community, all Centres funded under ESIF 2025 may apply for up to €50,000 under Running Costs applications.**

### ESIF 2026 Calls for Expressions of Interest

Theme	Eligible Project Types
Community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Running costs for Community Centres<sup>3</sup> including overheads and management costs. This will be a competitive call with one allocation per geographical area of urban disadvantage in the City.</li><li>2) Projects in which Community Centres <b>partner with community-based organisations</b> in order to:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Support community participation and civic engagement in the regeneration communities through locally run events, initiatives and programmes.</li><li>b) Promote empowerment, pride and leadership in the communities.</li><li>c) Promote and support community safety from a community development perspective.</li></ol></li></ol>

<sup>3</sup> Community Centres are public locations where a broad range of members of a community gather for group activities, social services and support, public information, playing sports, taking courses, or any other purpose which serves the community.

Education & Learning

- 1) From pre-primary through third level, FET, and community education
  - a) Support transitions from one level of education to the next
  - b) Parental / familial support and inclusion
  - c) Development and implementation of specific programmes within the further education sector to address disadvantage within the Regeneration areas
  - d) Innovative continuous professional development for teaching staff (e.g. trauma- and compassion-informed approaches and other best practice)
- 2) Primary and secondary
  - a) Wraparound services that include other service providers such as youth services and mental health and other therapeutic service providers, particularly at second level.
  - b) Anti-Bullying Programmes, for instance to address parental support and cyber-bullying
- 3) Secondary
  - a) Allocation of resources to support the retention of pupils in mainstream education, coming up to and after the completion of state exams. These supports may include, but are not limited to: signposting, mentorship, and individual guidance into third level courses and pathways into employment
  - b) Provision of school transport for second level pupils that have been identified as particularly vulnerable and facing attendance challenges. Linking in with existing community bus services is encouraged

Health, Wellbeing & Ageing Well

- 1) Step-down services for clients completing addiction treatment programmes (whether community or residential), such as:
  - a) The development of a panel of practicing psychotherapists contracted to connect with clients during the treatment programme. Therapeutic supports (e.g. personal development or psychotherapy where practicable) should ideally begin a relationship with the practitioner which can then continue when the client completes the programme / returns to the community. **Any applicants under this point, please contact the ESIF office in advance of application submission.**
  - b) Community-based supports, programmes, and activities, particularly at the weekend.
  - c) Drug and alcohol-free after-hours café onsite at existing service providers.
- 2) Services and programmes to address isolation and loneliness among older residents, particularly on weekday evenings and over the weekend, including programming that connects older residents with existing opportunities.

*If your project includes **psychotherapeutic or psychological services**, please see Appendix 1 for guidance regarding those services.*

Families & Youth at Risk

- 1) Out-of-school activities that demonstrate a whole-of-family approach for ages 5-9
- 2) Evening, weekend, and holiday provision for young people ages 10-15
- 3) Programmes that facilitate youth-led activities for 16-18 year olds

Priority will be given to organisations and projects that engage and integrate the most disadvantaged and marginalised groups within the target areas.

Employability  
& Work

- 1) Job readiness programmes that provide pre-employability support, including mentorship, personal and soft skills development
- 2) Early interventions, particularly projects that:
  - a) Provide encouragement and inspiration towards future employment for children and young people
  - b) Involve working with parents, schools, and relevant community based organisations
  - c) Provide post-secondary support to young people transitioning into training or the labour market, including, but not limited to, mentorship, coaching, and one-to-one employability supports

## Decision Process

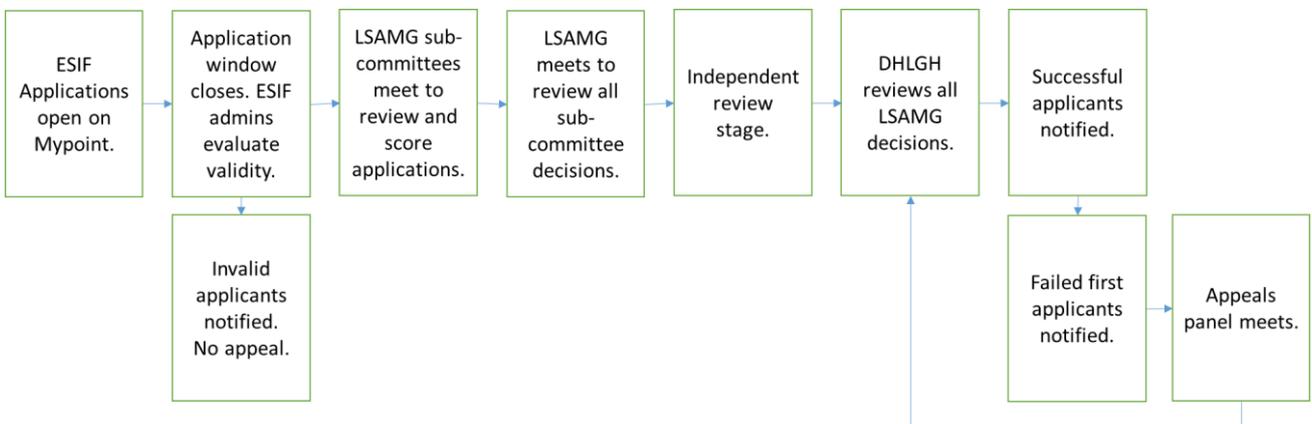
When your application is received by Limerick City and County Council by the submission deadline, it will be screened to check that it is: **(i) fully completed and (ii) all supporting documentation is provided.**

**Applications that are not fully compliant based on the screening (i.e., not complete, ineligible under call criteria, or supporting documentation missing) will be deemed “Invalid”. Late applications and invalid applications will not be considered for funding in 2026. These applications cannot appeal.**

All compliant applications will be forwarded to the relevant Subcommittee of the Local Strategic Advisory & Monitoring Group (LSAMG). The subcommittees will review and evaluate all applications within six weeks of the closing date for applications. Applications will be reviewed for eligibility, evaluated and scored based on the selection criteria set out below.

The subcommittees will recommend applications suitable for funding and the amount of grant to be awarded. The decision-making process will be reviewed by an Independent Verification Panel before being forwarded to the LSAMG for endorsement. All grants endorsed by the LSAMG are sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage for final approval.

### 2026 ESIF Decision Processes



Applications that are not recommended for funding by the LSAMG will be deemed “Unsuccessful”.

## Decision Notification & Service Level Agreement

Applicants will be informed in writing of the decision from the selection process – i.e., grant “Approved” or “Unsuccessful”. Successful applicants will be required to sign and return a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Limerick City and County Council within **two weeks** of the approval date. The Service Level Agreement will specify the amount of the grant awarded, the purpose of the grant and terms and conditions associated with it.

Feedback can be provided to those applications that were not successful. There is an appeal process in place for **valid, completed** applications that were “Unsuccessful”. Decisions on appeals are final.

## Award Criteria

This section lists the requirements of all eligible projects as well as the criteria for assessment.

### Requirements

All applications must clearly demonstrate the following:

1. Strategic alignment with the objectives of the Limerick Regeneration Programme as set out in the [LRFIP](#)<sup>4</sup>.
2. That the applicant organisation acts to support LRFIP objectives in Very and Extremely Disadvantaged areas in Limerick city and that the projects applied for target the relevant needs within target communities.
3. Engagement with other stakeholders, including other education providers, community based organisations, and statutory agencies such that the applicant organisation acts as an integrated part of the community.
4. Focus on achieving positive outcomes for the target regeneration areas or groups.
5. Capacity to design, plan and implement a service / project.
6. Capacity for project management, governance, financial management and monitoring progress and results being achieved.
7. Sustainability of the project. This includes capacity to complement other government programmes, attract other public or private funding and / or generate own income and add value to existing government initiatives and programmes.

The chart on the following page shows the weighting of the assessment criteria that will be used in the evaluation of applications. In order to be awarded a grant, applications must achieve a minimum score of 50 out of 100.

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<sup>4</sup> [https://www.limerick.ie/sites/default/files/media/documents/2017-05/limerick\\_regeneration\\_framework\\_implementation\\_plan\\_small\\_version.compressed.pdf](https://www.limerick.ie/sites/default/files/media/documents/2017-05/limerick_regeneration_framework_implementation_plan_small_version.compressed.pdf)

## ESIF 2026 Decision Criteria Marking Scheme

Criteria	Marking
Quality of the Project Proposal, including evidence that it meets Requirements as set out above  (For <b>Community Theme</b> : Quality and Range of the Community Centre Services provided)	30
Evidence of Innovation / Addressing of a Gap in Service Provision (including offering evening and weekend where required)	20
Evidence of Engagement and Partnership with Other Stakeholders  (For <b>Community Theme</b> : Evidence of Leadership in the Community)	20
Sustainability & Governance (e.g., match funding, joint commissioning - especially by public agencies)	20
Costs and Value for Money	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## 3 - How to Apply

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All applications for the ESIF 2026 Call **must** be submitted via [mypoint.limerick.ie](https://mypoint.limerick.ie). **Paper or email submissions will not be accepted.**

The deadline for submission is 12 Noon on Wednesday, 8 October 2025. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

The sections below include important information on eligible organisations and costs, as well as what paperwork is required at the stages of application and award acceptance.

### Completing the Mypoint Application

You must complete all sections and questions on the application form. Please be as concise as possible. Be sure to save your application as you go along so that your entries are not lost.

**Ensure all actions and costs presented fit the eligibility criteria;** that you include a statement / brief description of needs and that you state how your project will impact on regeneration communities / specific groups targeted in the social regeneration.

**Clearly describe what the application will do,** stating what it sets out to achieve and the activities to be completed. Clearly state how the project fits the eligible project types listed on pages 5-6 above.

**Specify how you will measure the outputs to be achieved** – e.g., you will record the number of people taking up a specific service or programme such as an after-schools' service or a counselling service, attendance at local community events, number of users from regeneration areas of community / sports / recreation facilities; number and / or area covered by local area clean-up schemes, etc.

**Specify how you will measure the outcomes to be achieved.** These are the benefits expected to happen for the target communities / population as a result of the funding. You should specify a small number of the key outcomes that are relevant to your project(s) application. This level of planning will help in monitoring your own progress in relation to objectives set and in the completion of the ESIF Monitoring Form, which you will be required to submit to LCCC in the year after you have received the funding.

**In the Project Funding & Spend Details section, ensure that you present funding expected to come from other sources and name those sources.** Clearly state if such funding has been secured. Limerick City and County Council reserves the right to verify amount of funding to be provided by other partners.

**Your Board or decision-making structure must approve your application prior to submission.** This should be evidenced in an extract from your Board / Management Committee minutes submitted as one of the

supporting documents with your application or a letter signed by the applicant organisation's chief executive officer/ manager / chairperson stating that funding is being sought from ESIF.

Prior to submission, go through the **Checklist of Supporting Documentation** (page 20 below) to ensure that all required documentation is submitted with the completed application form.

## Eligibility

Eligibility requirements for applicants as well as eligible costs vary by theme. The sections below outline details for each.

### Applicant Eligibility

The chart below lists eligible organisation types for lead applicants in the ESIF 2026 Call by theme.

#### Eligible Organisation Types

Theme	Eligible Organisation Type
Community	Community Centres <sup>5</sup>
Education & Learning	NCS-registered Early Years Services, Primary and Secondary Schools with a Department of Education Roll Number, Third Level Institutions, the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, and community centres
Health, Wellbeing & Ageing Well	Non-profit community based organisations, statutory agencies, and education institutions
Families & Youth at Risk	Non-profit community based organisations, statutory agencies, and education institutions
Employability & Work	Non-profit community based organisations, statutory agencies, and education institutions

### Ineligible Organisation Types

The following organisation types are not eligible to apply under any theme:

- For-profit organisations
- Private Individuals
- Sole Traders

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<sup>5</sup> Community Centres are public locations where a broad range of members of a community gather for group activities, social services and support, public information, playing sports, taking courses, or any other purpose which serves the community.

## Project Costs

**All costs must be directly related to the actions / project described in the application form.**

All costs must be verifiable with evidence of payments provided when submitting progress reports detailing expenditure. Expenditure must be verified with copies of receipts, bank statements, staff payment records, procurement processes, invoices, copies of pay slips and expenses claims, etc. See the cost breakdown and verification section below for more details on how to verify each type of expense.

Limerick City and County Council reserves the right to conduct an independent audit of all expenditures of an approved project.

**As stipulated by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, funding must be spent by 31 December 2026 and all completed paperwork must be returned by 31 March 2027. All grant-aid that has not been spent by 31 December 2026 will not be available for drawdown.**

Requests for any carryover of funding from year-to-year will not be granted.

## Eligible Costs by Theme

The chart below details eligible costs by theme. Details on what is included within each cost category follows. For any queries about whether your project's costs are eligible or what category they belong to, please contact the ESIF team at [ESIF@limerick.ie](mailto:ESIF@limerick.ie).

Use the table on the online application to detail the cost breakdown of the project. **Please note that in the event the granted amount is less than the amount applied for, the grant must be spent across the categories proportional to the initial application.** If your organisation requires a breakdown other than that applied for, written approval must be received from LCCC Regeneration Directorate in order to draw down the funds.

### Eligible Costs by Theme

Theme	Community	Education & Learning	Health, Wellbeing & Ageing Well	Families & Youth at Risk	Employability & Work
Operating Costs	✓				
Staff Costs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Programme Costs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Room Hire	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Professional Services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promotion & Publicity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Equipment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

### *Operating Costs*

**Eligible under Community theme running costs only.** (Exceptions may be made in extenuating circumstances. Please contact the ESIF team for guidance.) Includes services and materials not associated with a specific project, but necessary for the overall running of the organisation. Eligible core expenses include:

- Utilities (such as gas, electricity, etc.)
- Insurance
- Security
- Ongoing buildings maintenance, pest control and cleaning
- Fire protection services
- Rubbish removal
- Printing and printers

Receipts and bank statements will need to be provided for all of the above in order to receive the second installment of the grant.

### *Staff Costs*

Staff costs refer to salary payments to staff employed by the applicant organisation or partner organisation, i.e. individuals for whom the organisation pays PRSI. Staff costs are **only eligible** for projects where the staff member's **main activity links directly with the delivery of the targeted project**. Staff costs may be applied for **one full-time staff equivalent per project**, to be filled by either one or a maximum of two employees.

**NB** – Contracted professionals delivering programmes fall under programme costs.

Consideration may be made for more employees in exceptional circumstances. These will be considered by the Subcommittee on a case by case basis. In addition, accommodation will be made for more staff members in cases where the posts are seasonal hires for projects that begin and end within 2026.

Applications that can demonstrate co-funding for staff costs are preferred.

**Please note that ESIF is only available for 2026 and is not a long-term source for employment purposes.**

At the time of application, please submit a job description for each post applied for. In order to draw down funds, employee names and contracts will be required, as well as payslips and bank statements.

Projects that include psychotherapeutic services will require documentation to demonstrate that practitioners are recognised by and affiliated with one of the following bodies: Irish Association of Humanistic & Integrative Psychotherapy (IAHIP), Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (IACP), or organisations within the Irish Council for Psychotherapy (ICP). See Appendix 1.

### *Programme Costs*

Costs associated with specific project programming, such as events, classes, or service supports. Eligible costs include:

- Programme-related contractors, e.g. tutors, trainers, therapists
- Materials, such as stationery, flip charts, art supplies
- Event premises rental
- Catering or other provisions (e.g. tea, coffee, snacks)
- Travel costs directly related to programme delivery, e.g., bus & train tickets, bus hire for transporting participants

Receipts and bank statements will need to be provided as proof of payment in order to receive the second installment of the grant.

For any programme-related travel, dates and reasons for each trip will need to be detailed.

### *Room Hire*

Does NOT include charges for use of organisation's own premises.

Bank statements will need to be provided for as proof of payment in order to receive the second installment of the grant.

### *Professional Services*

For services provided, including e.g., legal fees, audit fees, business planning consultants.

Applications for work by external consultants will require **the submission of three quotes**, with the exception of audit fees.

Bank statements will need to be provided as proof of payment in order to receive the second installment of the grant.

### *Promotion and Publicity*

Includes communications costs, such as leaflets, advertising in traditional & social media outlets, as well as web design and web maintenance costs. This does NOT include salaries for internal marketing or communications staff.

Three quotes will be required at the time of application.

Bank statements will need to be provided as proof of payment in order to receive the second installment of the grant.

### *Equipment*

Tools and other items needed for the running of the project. Eligible costs include, for instance:

- Electronics (e.g., phones, laptops, computers, cameras)
- Kitchen and other appliances
- Furniture
- Tools, garden / environmental equipment (e.g., pickers, lawnmowers)
- Clothing / uniforms

**Three quotes must be provided** for all equipment at the time of application in order for the application to be deemed valid.

Receipts and bank statements will need to be provided as proof of payment in order to receive the second installment of the grant.

### *Other Costs*

Includes only costs directly associated with the project. Please contact the ESIF team for guidance and eligibility.

## Ineligible Costs

An indicative list of ineligible costs is as follows:

1. Overhead / operating costs – with the exception of Community Centres applying under the Community Theme. (Exceptions may be made in extenuating circumstances. Please contact the ESIF team for guidance.)
2. Travel that is not directly related to programme delivery (i.e. no travel for e.g. conferences, meetings, continuing professional development)
3. Subsistence payments
4. Retrospective costs – i.e., prior to 2026
5. Costs for staff, activities, equipment that are already paid for in full by statutory and public funding
6. Staff costs in the organisation unrelated to the objectives of the funding
7. Costs associated with preparing the application
8. Costs of room / venue hire of one's own premises
9. Capital costs for buildings refurbishment
10. Costs related to private or unfunded pensions
11. Costs of gifts, donations and alcohol
12. Activities of a party-political nature
13. Redundancy costs
14. VAT costs (where VAT can be reclaimed from Revenue), fines / financial penalties, costs of legal disputes, pre-existing financial deficits
15. Funds to build up reserves of the organisation

Where the applicant is unsure as to whether costs can be covered by the grant, they should contact Limerick City and County Council, ESIF staff at the email address above.

## Submission Document Checklist

At the time of application submission, please be prepared to upload the following:

Document	Requirement
Copy of applicant's most recent bank statements (3 months)	✓
Child Safeguarding Statement	For projects involving young people under the age of 18
Three quotations for each professional service and item of equipment required	✓
A job description for all Staff Posts supported by ESIF	✓
Copy of applicant's most recent insurance certificates	✓
Health and Safety Statement	✓
Demonstration of Board/ Management approval of ESIF 2026 application	✓
Memorandum of Articles of Association	Only required for organisations that are registered as an LLC with applications totalling €10,000 or more
Evidence of Partnership Agreement	From all partners in a joint application
Letter / agreement or Memorandum of Understanding stating the participating organisations' agreement to participate in the project, approved and signed by the Chair/Secretary of the Board of Directors, or supervisory or management committee of all partnering organisations	All partnership-based organisations
Documentation to demonstrate that projects that fall outside the remit of other Departments or where the project identified is a pilot project and in need of once-off seed funding.	Where relevant

## 4 - What to Expect if Your Application is Successful

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### Service Level Agreement & Conditions Associated with the Grant

If your application is approved, in whole or in part, you will be informed of the decision. The applicant organisation (the grantee) will be required to sign and return the Service Level Agreement to Limerick City and County Council.

Successful applicants must do the following:

- i. Acknowledge the funding from the Economic and Social Intervention Fund, Limerick City and County Council in all public documents associated with the approved project
- ii. Comply with public procurement guidelines and be able to demonstrate this (e.g., quotations sought, services tendered, etc.)
- iii. Comply with good practice in recruitment and employment contracts (e.g., staff positions advertised, job description, remuneration specified, skills and competency criteria, recruitment properly executed, employment contracts in place)
- iv. Complete the final report and monitoring form required by Limerick City and County Council to verify implementation and expenditure and submit this with supporting documentation (e.g., invoices, receipts, and payroll data)
- v. Payments to successful applicants

Payments will be made in two instalments and at the discretion of Limerick City and County Council (e.g., for larger-scale projects) in three instalments. The total amount of schedule for payment will be specified in the Service Level Agreement (SLA).

#### **There will be no advance payments.**

The first payment is subject to previous years' grants being finalised, the submission of a signed SLA, the submission of vouched expenditure (i.e. monies must be spent **before** any portion of the grant may be drawn down) and any further required documentation).

The second instalment will be paid once the full amount of the grant has been spent down. In order to draw down the second instalment, all financial returns and vouched expenditure must be submitted along with the final report and monitoring form.

The checklist below details which documentation is needed prior to initial drawdown:

## Drawdown Document Checklist

Document	Up to €9,999	€10,000 and greater
<b>Proof of payment as detailed in the Project Costs section above</b>	✓	✓
<b>Memorandum of Articles of Association</b>	Organisations registered as a Limited Liability Company	Organisations registered as a Limited Liability Company
<b>Copy of applicant's most recent audited or certified accounts (must have been completed within the last two years: 2023 or 2024)</b>	N/A	✓
<b>Copy of contracts of employment for staff posts supported by ESIF 2026</b>	✓	✓
<b>Documentation to demonstrate that practitioners are suitably qualified and hold relevant accreditation</b>	Required for successful applicants before drawdown for projects that include psychotherapeutic services or psychological services - see Appendix 1	Required for successful applicants before drawdown for projects that include psychotherapeutic services or psychological services - see Appendix 1
<b>Tax Clearance Access Number (TCAN) or Copy of Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)</b>	✓	✓

## Appendix 1 – Psychotherapeutic and Psychological Service Guidelines

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Any applications for projects that include psychotherapeutic or psychological services must demonstrate that practitioners are suitably qualified for their posts and hold relevant accreditation. In addition, details about the implementation of the project must include details of how the applicant organisation will ensure appropriate clinical supervision of practitioners.

**Any projects that include psychotherapeutic services must demonstrate that practitioners are recognised by and affiliated with one of the following bodies:** Irish Association of Humanistic & Integrative Psychotherapy (IAHIP), Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (IACP), or organisations within the Irish Council for Psychotherapy (ICP). **Candidates must also be a fully accredited member of one of the following:** IAHIP, IACP or ICP.

It is recommended that any psychotherapist working with people recovering from addiction limit their addiction-related practice to sixteen hours per week. In addition, the following qualifications and attributes are recommended:

- Hold a Masters Degree (Level 9) in Psychotherapy.
- Have five years' experience of working with traumatised clientele such as those affected by child sexual abuse, sexual/physical/emotional abuse.
- Experience of working with clients affected by addiction and having complex needs.
- Ability to work collaboratively as part of an interdisciplinary team.
- A passion for working with the vulnerable within society and displaying a passion towards social justice and inclusion.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and IT skills.
- The ability to manage a caseload of clients whilst adhering to professional code of ethics.
- Experience of working both in 1:1 and within group settings.
- Capable of providing a safe, supportive and non-judgmental environment to allow for clients to heal and grow.
- Consult with and provide colleagues, if necessary, with psychological guidance where appropriate on clients.
- Capable of working holistically and from a dialogical perspective inclusive of a Mind, Body and Spirit approach.
- Willing to travel between different locations, therefore having access to own transport would be desirable.