

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE
RATHKEALE MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2026**

**To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Municipal District of Adare-
Rathkeale**

Re: Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works 2026 - (SMDW)

Dear Councillor,

I wish to refer to previous discussions regarding the requirement to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works.

Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district members.

The SMDW is, in effect, a plan of works that prioritises and apportions the use, within each municipal district, of funding provided in the overall local authority revenue budget for particular purposes.

The SMDW in respect of the Municipal District should be formulated based on the amount of funding provided for maintenance and repair in the annual budget in respect of each relevant service division (e.g. housing, roads, amenities, street cleaning, drainage work, burial ground maintenance, etc).

Classification of items in the budget should largely determine what works and related expenditure are included in the SMDW but insofar as it may be necessary to make judgements in particular instances, it is considered that the term "maintenance" can include not only maintenance of the physical condition or fabric of items, but also more operational type matters such as grass cutting or tree pruning.

Within the level of funding available, details of the SMDW should be prepared on the basis of identified needs (taking account of relevant factors, for example, in the case of housing, age profile of stock) and priorities throughout the local authority area and taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This should be informed by details of relevant requirements which were considered in the formulation of the overall local authority budget. It will also be relevant to have regard to the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years.

It is emphasised that adoption of the SMDW per se cannot involve revision of the adopted budget.

It is essential to maximise return on investment by avoiding dilution of expenditure which could result from spreading allocations too thinly across the Municipal District each year. This could be minimised by taking a multi-annual approach where possible in the preparation of the SMDW.

Maximising value for money, overall effectiveness, and return from investment should also be a key objective in prioritising works and allocating available funding within each municipal district, along with the need to ensure appropriate balance in the allocation of resources as between urban and rural areas in the district.

Apportionment of funding on a thematic basis within the district over the life of the council could help to this end. For example, specific housing estate(s) in one location could be prioritised for refurbishment in year one, with a commitment to undertake works in another area in subsequent years. Similarly, where an overall local authority maintenance programme is drawn up for a particular purpose (say windows and doors in local authority dwellings) which might need to extend over a number of years, the required works would be reflected in relevant annual SMDWs.

Any maintenance type functions, for example, grass cutting, planting or other maintenance of open spaces, that are carried out by means of specific purpose grants for such purposes to community groups such as tidy towns committees can be provided for, as appropriate, through the SMDW.

The GMA, which is a budgetary element providing funding for discretionary expenditure at municipal district level to be decided by the elected members in respect of each municipal district, is separate from the “strategic” budgetary funding for maintenance and repair, the utilisation of which is to be determined in the SMDW.

The Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Municipal District of Adare Rathkeale is set out at appendix 1 attached.

The approval of the Members is sought for the Draft Schedule as presented.

Vincent Murray,
Director of Services.

Appendix 1

ADARE RATHKEALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT Road Works Schemes 2026	
Work Category	€
Restoration Improvement (RI) -Road Reconstruction	€2,675,000
Restoration Maintenance (RM) –Surface Dressing	€378,300
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM – Surface Dressing	€349,200
Drainage Grant	€180,000
General Maintenance (GM)	€1,059,660
Tar Patching (TP)	€369,950
Low-Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)	€132,000
General Municipal Allocation (GMA)	€ 280,800
Strategic Rehabilitation Regional Roads – R512	€410,000
Climate Change Adaption and Resilience Works	€250,000
Specific Improvement Grants	€400,000
Sustainable Travel Measures Grant (Active Travel)	€750,000
TII Major Scheme Foynes - Limerick	tbc
TII Major Scheme M20 Limerick- Cork	tbc
Total Defined MD Spending	€7,234,910

Brief summary of the above Work Categories and Allocations for the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District for 2026:

Restoration Improvement (RI) € 2,675,000

This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Improvement Grant (RI). This grant is for the road strengthening programme and caters for surface restoration, pavement overlay works and complete road rehabilitation works where existing pavements are structurally defective.

Restoration Maintenance (RM) € 378,300

This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Maintenance Grant (RM) for Surface Dressing Works only. This allocation will extend the life of the pavement and delay the development of potholes, thus protecting the investment in roads.

Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM) € 349,200

This is a specific allocation in 2026 under the Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant (SRM) for surface dressing works only. This allocation will extend the life of the pavement and delay the development of potholes, thus protecting the investment in roads.

Drainage Grant € 180,000

This grant may be used for the alleviation of road drainage problems either through new works or remedial measures. Minor works are planned at a number of sites in the Adare/Rathkeale District in 2025.

General Maintenance € 1,059,660

General maintenance covers a wide range of works such as verges and drainage, cleaning water channels, street cleaning, opening inlets, signage, elimination of localised flooding, junction maintenance, dealing with accidents, oil spillages, storms, emergencies and general repairs to roads and footpaths.

Tar Patching (TP) €369,950

Regular tar patching is necessary to prevent the deterioration of the road surface and substructure and in the interest of road safety.

Strategic Rehabilitation Regional Road Grant (SRRR) € 410,000

The **SRRR** (previously known as the Former National Road Rehabilitation Grant (**FN**)) supports the rehabilitation of selected strategic rural regional routes (including former national roads reclassified prior to 2016) with a poor condition rating.

Low-Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)**€ 132,000**

The 2026 allocation provides funding to enable low cost safety improvement works on non-national roads to be carried out. The criteria for approval and grant allocation are based on accident data along with inspection of sites and discussions between the local authority and the Regional Road Safety Engineer. There are currently 3 schemes in the Adare/Rathkeale District.

Community Involvement schemes**€716,232**

A Grant of €716,232 has been allocated to Limerick City and County Council. Limerick City and County Council is currently identifying schemes to be undertaken in 2026.

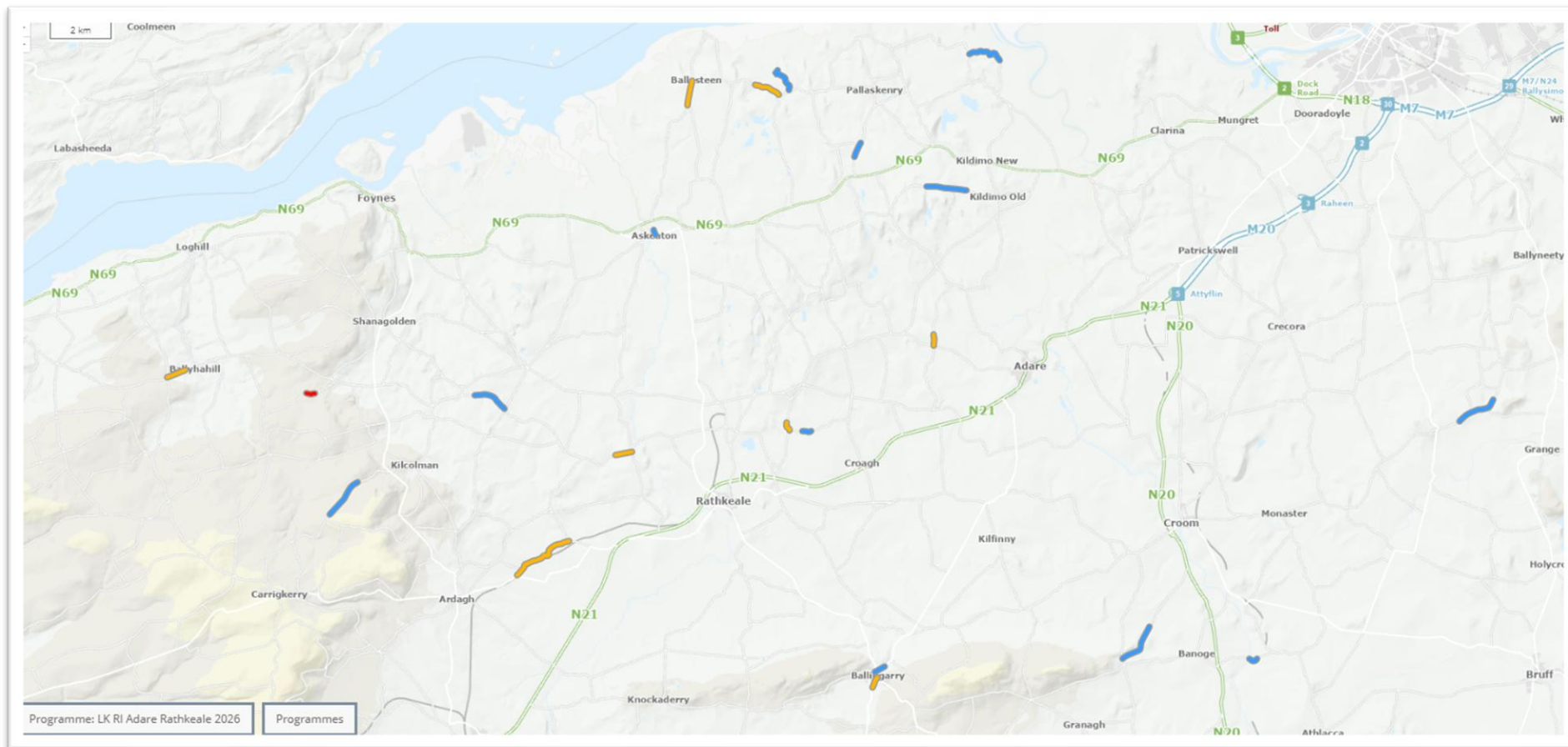
Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)**€752,442**

The Department for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG) introduced ringfenced funding for LIS in 2020 and proposes to continue to operate this scheme in 2026. The 2026 allocation for Limerick City & County Council is €752,442. It is anticipated that three schemes will proceed in the Adare Rathkeale District in 2026.

General Municipal Allocation (GMA)**€ 280,800**

This allocation has been agreed at Municipal District level.

2026 Road Reconstruction Programme (RI)



2026 Road Surface Dressing (RM)



Regional Roads Road Reconstruction Allocation €577,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
R512	Sheehan's Cross to Grange	1460	€410,000
R-519	Ballingarry to Ballynarooga Overlay	371	€166,950
Total		1,831	€576,950

Local Roads Road Reconstruction Allocation €2,508,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost
L-1227	Ballyhahill Village West Overlay	640	€332,800
L-1252	Low Road Ballingarry Overlay	360	€179,010
L-6056	Skehanagh to Coolybrown (RI)	2250	€189,000
L-6123	Lisbane (RI)	1150	€120,750
L-1219	Kilcool to Gortroe	545	€62,784
L-8035	Shauntraude	365	€43,800
L-1201	Galway to Ballysteen	810	€87,480
L-1201	Ballynacourty to Washpool Cross (RI)	870	€102,595
L-8605	Coolrus Road	1840	€186,300
L-8027	Curraheen to Cappagh	305	€33,626
L-1201	Ballynacourty to Castletown	985	€111,059
L-6131	Paintball Road (RI)	290	€28,710
L-8041	Ballinacarriga (RI)	1300	€109,200

L-6161	Churchview Askeaton	200	€27,000
L-6072	Grouse Lodge	1400	€117,600
L-8028	Curaheen	295	€33,188
L-8019	Morenane to Anhid	1450	€304,500
L-1416	Rosstemple Bridge to GAA	300	€60,750
L-1142	Poultaloon to Loughlanstown	1375	€160,325
L-1202	Ballyshanickbane	500	€87,500
L-8036	Old Kildimo to Curraghchase (RI)	1300	€130,022
Total		18,901	€2,508,000

Local Roads Surface Dressing Allocation €378,300			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
L-1206	Old Court	625	€21,313
L-8041	Ballinacarriga (RM)	475	€10,973
L-6131	Paintball Road (RM)	300	€7,425
L-1201	Ballynacourty to Washpool X (RM)	750	€22,688
L-8036	Old Kildimo to Curraghchase (RM)	450	€11,138
L-6111	Fleanmore	2750	€64,281
L-6013	Shanpallas to Don Bosco	550	€15,125
L-6123	Lisbane (RM)	450	€12,375
L-1218	Ballykenry to Gortroe	900	€28,436

L-6058	Tinys X to Blue Hall	2300	€65,780
L-6002	Beag to Beag Castle	1850	€50,875
L-6132	Stonyman X to Ballingarrane	850	€25,500
L-1209	Chawkes X to Grannagh	1400	€42,350
Total		13,650	€378,258

Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Local Roads Surface Dressing Allocation €349,200			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
R-523	R523 to Amogan Beg	2100	€51,975
L-6141	Ballyea to Gearys	1200	€46,800
L-1142	Loughanstown to Hunting Lodge	1750	€48,125
L-5082	Ballynagarde to Williamstown	2500	€61,875
L-1408	Kilpeacon, Crecora	1550	€49,019
L-1410	Tooreen to R516 Junction	1600	€52,144
L-6147	Evegallahoo to Carrowgar Rd	1700	€39,270
Total		12,400	€349,208

Drainage Works Allocation € 180,000		
Road No.	Description	Total Cost €
L-6056	Skehanagh to Coolybrown, Rathkeale	€15,000
L-6123	Lisbane, Ballysteen	€25,000
L-8019	Pullagh, Croom	€15,000
L-1229	Ballyhahill	€45,000
L-1208	Kilmacow, Kilfinny	€40,000
L-1410	Manister, Croom	€40,000
Total		€180,000

Low-Cost Safety Improvement Schemes (LCSI) Allocation €132,000		
Road No.	Description	Total Cost €
L-1227	Vehicle Restraint System, Ballyhahill Eastern approach	€70,000
L-1142	Sheehan's Cross, Rochestown	€50,000
L-1213	Graigue, Rathkeale	€12,000
Total		€132,000

Climate Change Adaption & Resilience Works Allocation €250,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
L-1416	Banogue GAA- Phase 1		€250,000
Total			€250,000

Specific Improvement Grants Allocation €400,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
518/520	Lees Cross		€400,000
		Total	€400,000
Active Travel Measures Allocation € 750,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
L-1421	Croagh Village Active Travel Scheme		€477,000
L-1252	Ballingarry Low Road		€273,000
		Total	€750,000.00

Housing Maintenance

Limerick City & County Council (LCCC) manages an expanding social housing portfolio, which currently amounts to 6,320 properties (31st December 2025). This amount includes leases, Mortgage to Rents and Vacant housing stock. The range of properties is extensive, which is emphasised by the fact that over half the Council’s housing stock was built before 1985.

66% of the entire housing stock is located within the Metropolitan District. The remaining 34% of housing stock is located between the Newcastle West (11%), Adare-Rathkeale (9%) and Cappamore-Kilmallock (14%) Districts.

In each municipal district area, direct labour crews respond to the needs of tenants. All requests are added to the Dynamics CRM System and assigned to the area maintenance team for action.

Total Dynamic (CRM) requests for Housing Maintenance during 2025 was 14,264 cases, with

- 69.8% of all cases received in the Metropolitan area
- 10% of all cases received in Newcastle West area
- 7.7% of all cases received cases received in the Adare-Rathkeale area¹²
- 12.5% of all cases received in the Cappamore Kilmallock area

Housing repairs are carried out based on need and budgetary constraints. Repairs are categorised into emergency, urgent and routine. Examples of each are listed below and please refer to the Tenant’s Handbook for additional details.

Emergency Repairs (within 24 Hours)

Fire	Water Leaks	No Electricity	No Mains Water
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Urgent Repairs (within 1-5 Days)

Blocked Flue in Open Fire	Blocked Foul Drains	No Hot Water	No Heating
Faulty Sockets	Faulty Switches	Faulty Storage Heater	Faulty Door Entry System
Banister or Hand Rail Loose or Detached	Storm Damage	Partial Loss of Water Supply	Unsafe Floor Boards or Stair Treads

Routine Repairs (within 1-6 Weeks)

Other Electrical Works	Other Joinery Works	Plaster Works	Other Plumbing Works
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Budget Allocation 2026

Adare Rathkeale Municipal District 585 Properties (9% of housing stock)

Works Budget (non-pay)	2026
Maintenance	€333,353.40
Re-lettings	€127,008.00
	€460,361.40

Housing Maintenance - Planned Works

Planned Maintenance / Heating Systems Replacement – city and countywide

In 2024 Limerick City & County Council commenced an extensive boiler servicing and upgrade programme under Planned Maintenance. In 2025 1,897 dwellings had their heating system serviced, and repaired where necessary, at a cost of €606,090.60.

This project is being managed by the Housing Refurbishment Team.

Planned Maintenance works were completed on 8 units under the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DoHLGH) 2025 Planned Maintenance Programme, along with 1,079 Stock Condition Surveys. The nature of the works included providing new chimneys, windows, doors and roof repairs. This resulted in funding allocations of €196,478.

Voids/Pre-lettings – city and countywide

Voids and Pre-lettings continue to be undertaken in each municipal district area as vacancies arise. Each Housing Area Engineer and Area Foreman manages these refurbishment works. The units are delivered via a mix of direct labour crews and contractors, to ensure units are returned to Allocations section in an efficient manner.

A total of 86 void units were completed in 2025, which resulted in funding allocations of €891,000.00 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DoHLGH).

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Project – city and countywide

The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP) 2025 provides for the deep retrofit of existing social housing stock and is funded through the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The dwellings are retrofitted to achieve a minimum BER rating of B2 where the fabric of the building is upgraded, and energy efficient heating system is installed. Works were completed to retrofit 63 occupied housing units with €2,123,970.45 being recouped from the Department; The units are spread across the four Municipal Districts.

Parks & Landscaping

General

The Council manages twenty six play amenities which include Playgrounds, Multi-Use-Games Areas and Skate Parks, nineteen Public Parks, eleven Outdoor Gym & Fitness sites and nine Walking Amenities that are managed directly by Limerick City and County Council.

The Parks & Landscaping Team carries out a wide range of functions in relation to parks and open spaces. These works include tree pruning, grass cutting, hedge trimming and maintenance and landscaping works. Grass cutting takes place between March and October with cuts on a two weekly cycle. During the Autumn and Winter period, works are concentrated on tree pruning and planned and responsive works.

The 2026 allocation for Parks and Landscaping for the Adare Rathkeale District is €15,879. A separate budget of €70,126 is provided for the grass cutting contract, providing up to 16 cuts in excess of 20 hectares. Of this budget, a grant of €6,000 is provided to the local CE scheme for grass cutting in Askeaton and a grant of €8,000 to the CE scheme in Rathkeale. The Council have identified some grass cutting areas which will be maintained in accordance with the All Ireland Pollinator Plan within an area and contain signage. The Parks Team manage response & reactive maintenance to the district's housing estates taken in charge which include small landscaping and tree surgery works.

Parks

There are three Parks in the Adare Rathkeale District, Adare Park which is managed by the Council Parks Team, Rathkeale and Croom Parks are managed by the community. There are two play amenities which include Askeaton Leisure Centre Playground and Rathkeale Multi-Use-Games-Area, both managed by the Council Parks Team.

Proposed works

- The continued upkeep and maintenance of Adare Park to a high standard by direct labour
- Surfacing of entrance roadway in Adare Park and lighting
- Additional landscaping works in Adare Park at entrance roadway
- Upgrade works to gazebo in Adare Park
- Maintain Green Flag Status at Adare Park
- Tree surgery and maintenance as required throughout the District
- Adare Manor Fields Road landscaping works
- Maintenance works to the existing tennis court in Rathkeale Community Park

- Ryder Cup Flower bed planting with Tidy Towns along main access routes

Tree Surgery

- Desmond Drive (Adare) Tree Reduction
- Adare Town Park

Tree Planting

- Adare Park (3 no. Trees)
- Rathkeale Community Park (Tree Week Tree Planting)
- Supply of 1000 no. whips to Adare Manor Fields (Tree Week)
- Supply of 1000 no. whips to Adare Golf Club (Tree Week)

Playgrounds

There are eight playgrounds in the district, the majority of which are community playgrounds, the Parks Team manage Askeaton Leisure Centre Playground and Rathkeale Multi-Use-Games-Area. Inspections are carried out quarterly and repairs carried out as required.

Cemeteries

There are 267 cemeteries in Limerick, approximately one third of these are used for the purchase of new burial plots. There are 78 cemeteries in the Adare Rathkeale District including closed burial grounds.

Municipal District	No. of Burial Grounds
Metro	40
Adare/Rathkeale	78
Newcastle West	47
Cappamore/Kilmallock	102

The 2026 revenue budget allocation for the Adare Rathkeale district is €89,000. This funding will be utilised to provide the following works:

Ballingarry (Church of Ireland) Graveyard, Ballingarry	Repair Damaged stone boundary Wall
Clonagh, Rathkeale	Repair damaged stone boundary wall
St. Joseph's Rathkeale	Repair damaged walls & footpath
Knockpatrick, Shanagolden	Repair damaged footpaths
Askeaton Friary, Askeaton	Repair damaged stone boundary wall
St. Nicholas (New) Adare	Removal of dumped spoil

There is an annual budget of €45,000, provided as grant aid to community groups across Limerick who wish to develop a new burial ground in accordance with the adopted burial ground strategy. Technical assistance is provided to any community that expresses an interest. The decision on grant aiding is made in accordance with the findings in the Burial Ground Strategy.

An application is being made under the 2026 Community Monument Funding Stream 1 re Capital Works for Glenogra Church.

Recycling Facilities

Bring Banks

There are 65 no. bring banks in the City and County. The 2026 budget for the operation of the bring bank contract is € 250,000. The budget provides for collection and cleaning around all sites.

Civic Amenity Sites

There are three Civic Amenity Sites in Limerick, Mungret, Newcastle West and Kilmallock. The three sites are operated by a Contractor. The 2026 budget for the operation of the three Civic Amenity Sites is €426,000.

Other Environmental Schemes

Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Improvement Grant & Competition 2026

Limerick City & County Council again invites applications for the Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Improvement Grant & Competition 2026.

This grant scheme aims to assist with Environmental Improvement works undertaken by non profit making organisations working within Limerick City and County areas.

The Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Improvement Grant is 50% funded by the JP McManus Charitable Foundation. The Limerick Going for Gold Competition prize fund is 100% funded by JP McManus Charitable Foundation.

Grant Scheme for Maintenance of Open Spaces in Housing Developments for 2026

Limerick City and County Council will again invite applications for the Grant Scheme for Maintenance of Open Spaces in Housing Developments for 2026. This Scheme is designed to assist residents in the maintenance of open spaces in their estates by providing funding towards grass cutting.