

Waterways Ireland - Heritage in the Community Grants Programme

The Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan provides, for the first time, a strategic framework for the integration of built, natural and cultural heritage into the future management of our waterways.

Scheme Details

Status:	Grant Range:	Funding Source:	Cash Type:
Open	Up to €1,000 Up to €5,000	Statutory	Revenue

In support of the Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan 2016-2020 we are delighted to announce the Heritage in the Community Grants Scheme 2018 is now open for applications!

A fund of €20,000 has been allocated to assist community based heritage projects which compliment or fulfill the delivery of the Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan along the Barrow Navigation, Erne System, Grand Canal, Lower Bann, Royal Canal, Shannon, Shannon-Erne, and the Ulster Canal (Upper Lough Erne to Clones).

Eligibility / criteria

- Grants up to €1,500 / £1,200 are available.
- Applicants must fully complete and submit the Community Heritage Grant Scheme Application Form to Environment and Heritage Section, Waterways Ireland, Dock Road, Drewsborough, Scarriff V94 H7N1, Co. Clare. Applications can also be submitted by email to heritageplan@waterwaysireland.org.
- Successful applicants will receive a **Letter of Offer** and **Grant Agreement**.
- Grant applications received from Northern Ireland will be cross referenced against the NI Government Funding Database to inform decision making and successful applicants added to this register.
- Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified and feedback offered as to why their application did not receive grant aid. They will also be informed of the appeal process.
- The successful applicant must fully complete and return the Signed Grant Agreement with Waterways Ireland which will constitute a contract with Waterways Ireland.
- Any applicant assisted under the Scheme must indemnify Waterways Ireland against any claim, if applicable.
- Successful grant recipients may receive a part upfront payment (up to 50%) but this will be assessed on a case by case needs assessment i.e. where projects can be successfully initiated without grant aid, the full amount will be payable upon successful completion of the project.
- Monies will be paid through EFT to bank accounts with *cheques only issued in exceptional circumstances*.
- An interim report shall be submitted by 31 July 2018 which shall give a progress report on the project to date.
- If an interim report is not received Waterways Ireland may consider that the project is not progressing and funds will be subject to a defined claw back process.
- On completion of the project, recipients must provide a full project report on or before 26 October 2018 unless this is not possible due to the nature of the project. An extension to this deadline must first be agreed by a member of the Waterways Ireland's Environment and Heritage Section. Up receipt and satisfactory assessment of this completion report the remaining grant aid will be furnished.
- Applicants may choose to combine this scheme with other sources of grant aid. No double funding from Waterways Ireland will be allowed i.e. under the Waterways Ireland Sponsorship Programme.
- Assistance is provided on an application by application basis. Applicants may apply for and receive assistance each year. Receipt of a grant in one year does not automatically guarantee grant-aid during the following year.
- All funded activities must be located within the island of Ireland.
- Explicit recognition must be given to Waterways Ireland in any promotional material associated with the Project (copy of documentation depicting recognition) must be submitted with the final report.
- It would be preferable that the project be showcased during events such as Heritage Week, Biodiversity Week, European Heritage Open Days, etc.

How to Apply

Go to <https://www.waterwaysireland.org/Heritage-Grant> for more information and to download your application form. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is 31 January 2018 (by email or post).

Important Dates

Explanation of deadline	Reason	Date
<u>Deadline for applications</u>	Closing (temporarily)	31 Jan 2018

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Associated Topics: Built, Conservation, Cultural Heritage & Local History, Natural