



June 2022

**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH  
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RE: REPORT TO COUNCIL ON ANTI-LITTER/  
ANTI-GRAFFITI AWARENESS GRANT 2022**

Dear Councillor,

Details of the Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme (ALAGS) were issued on the 11th May 2022 (Circular Letter LU 01 22) by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC). DECC provided a grant of €20,000 towards Kilkenny County Council. Kilkenny County Council provided a further €10,000 in the budget as required under the funding scheme.

A wide range of activities (linked to the Litter Management Plan) will be undertaken by the Council from this funding in 2022 including: anti-dog fouling campaign, 3 community murals and funding towards the Team Up to Clean Up, Together for Kilkenny community initiative. A balance of €11,885 is available to distribute to local communities for locally based projects. In this regard, the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant was advertised last March and 15 community applications were received.

The DECC provided guidelines on eligible projects (Circular Appendix 1) and they include: projects highlighting awareness of issues regarding dog fouling, plays, puppet shows, interactive workshops, art projects mainly aimed at schools, provision of anti-litter awareness materials, local advertising and projects/activities should seek to promote greater public awareness and education in relation to litter and/or graffiti.

The DECC circular reminded all Councils that grant aid for expenditure on large capital items are not eligible (e.g. Signage, Litter Bins.)

All applications were evaluated and the following grant allocations have been recommended by the evaluation committee (Bernadette Moloney & Deirdre Trait of the Environment Section). One of the main criteria is linkage/alignment with the Council's adopted Litter Management Plan. All applications have been assessed and 14 applications have met the grant criteria and are now recommended for approval as listed (attached). One grant application from Mullinavat Matters relates to a community mural. It lacked sufficient detail and further information has been requested. The Environment Section will work with this applicant to develop this project further and is committed to assisting the group to determine if this mural can be completed and if so, it will be funded separately, outside of the Community Grant Scheme.

Signed:   
**Denis Malone**  
A/Director of Services

**Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Community Grant 2022**

	<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Recommended Funding</b>
<b>1</b>	Castlecomer Tidy Towns Group	€500
<b>2</b>	Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club	€500
<b>3</b>	Bennettsbridge Tidy Towns	€1,500
<b>4</b>	Ballyragget Development Association	€1,500
<b>5</b>	Goresbridge Rural Development	€1,500
<b>6</b>	Inistioge Tidy Towns	€755
<b>7</b>	Spa Development Organisation Johnstown	€600
<b>8</b>	Lintown Hall Residents Association	€300
<b>9</b>	Kilkenny Aqua Canoe Club	€600
<b>10</b>	Paulstown Development Association	€1,500
<b>11</b>	Callan Tidy Towns Committee	€1,500
<b>12</b>	Thomastown Tidy Towns	€600
<b>13</b>	Lisdowney Development Association	€200
<b>14</b>	Tullahought Community Development Ltd	€300
	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>€11,885</b>