

# County Monaghan LCDC

## National Community Event

### May Bank Holiday weekend (4-6 May) 2019

#### Guidelines for Applicants

An Irish version of these guidelines is available on request

#### What is it about?

- The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Mr Michael Ring, TD, has announced the launch of a National Community Event, to be held for the first time over the May Bank Holiday weekend, 2019. Local communities are asked to come up with ideas for events in their areas. Events could be centred round food, sport, the environment or health and culture.
- The event is a celebration of the great spirit of community that exists across the country and an effort to help people who share communities to come together, get to know each other and deepen the sense of community in their area.
- Events will take place over the May Bank Holiday weekend (4-6 May) 2019. The days will be getting longer and the summer will be just upon us.
- The success of this initiative lies in having local communities coming together to plan events that will work best for their area. This celebrations belongs to everyone. We will not tell communities what they should do, events will be very much driven by communities. These could include themes around sport, history, baking, anything that will help neighbours to come together. It could be as simple as neighbours coming together for a cup of tea and a chat.
- The event is a chance for people to foster a sense of helping each other by coming together, not just on that day, but all year round. It's the chance for everyone to get know all members of their community, to reconnect with neighbours and have a celebration together that is open, inclusive and local.

#### Who can apply?

- Applications are welcome from community and voluntary groups, organisations and residents' committees within County Monaghan.
- Applicants may wish to register with Monaghan Public Participation Network.

To register your group contact <https://ppnmonaghan.ie/contact-us/> or 047 73750

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#### Important information

- Monaghan LCDC is committed to equal funding distribution throughout the county is so far as possible.
- Grants are expected to be in the €300-€400 but can be for less and in exceptional circumstances may be for more.
- It is intended to have at least one Irish language event in each LCDC area
- If you have any questions please contact 047 30500 ext. 1420.

#### How will applications be assessed?

- All applications will be individually assessed.
- Priority will be given to projects that reach out to those that are not already engaged in their communities; promoting accessibility; integration; social inclusion and environmental protection.
- Final decisions on all applications will be made by County Monaghan LCDC.

#### Who can't apply?

- Applications from individuals, commercial organisations and for-profit organisations.
- Applications from National organisations.
- Applications from community organisations based outside County Monaghan

#### How to Apply

- Guidelines and applications forms are available from the [www.Monaghan.ie](http://www.Monaghan.ie)
- Make sure that you have read the guidelines carefully and that your project is eligible for funding.
- **Tell us clearly what your event is about and how it will be a success.**
- Answer all questions in the application form.
- Support is available from staff in the Community Development Section 047 30500 ext 1420
- Submit completed application form/s before 5pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.
- **Late applications will not be accepted**

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**Acceptance of Grant Offer**

- Successful applicants must sign the Letter of Offer.
- The contract depends on the applicant complying with any Tax Clearance procedures, if required.
- Groups must keep proper records of expenditure to allow County Monaghan LCDC to carry out an audit of their activities.

**Completed application forms should be returned to:**

National Community Weekend Event Grant Scheme

Office of Community Development

Monaghan County Council

Glen Road

Monaghan

H18 YT50

or

[communitygrants@monaghancoco.ie](mailto:communitygrants@monaghancoco.ie)

***Closing date: 5pm, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019***