



20th May, 2022

Dear Councillor,

I enclose details of the applications evaluated and recommended for funding under the 2022 Amenity Grant Scheme.

Budget - The 2022 budget approved for Amenity Grants is €140,000.

Promotion - The Amenity Grant Scheme was advertised in the Kilkenny People on the 26th of January, 2022 and on the Council's website. An application form was also posted out to each of the previous year's applicants. The closing date for applications was the 25th March, 2022.

Applications:

- A total of 172 applications have been received;
- 1 application was ineligible as it did not meet with the objectives of the Amenity Grant Scheme;
- 1 application was transferred to the Council's Estate Management Grant Scheme;
- A total of 170 applications are therefore being recommended for approval as per the attached schedule.

Evaluation Committee - the applications were evaluated by the following:

- Claire Goodwin
- Lisa Bourke
- Cora Nolan

An evaluation of the applications was undertaken with reference to a range of evaluation criteria and category classifications (i.e. 15 categories A - O based on size of town or village, number of houses in the estate, etc). There was a slight increase in the award under the categories due to the slightly lower number of applications this year as compared to 2021 (181). The elected members agreed in 2021 to include insurance costs as an eligible expenditure item under the Amenity Grant Scheme; several applicants have included this cost in their applications.

I recommend the allocations as outlined on the attached schedule in the total amount of €139,465. The small balance remaining will cover the cost of advertising the Scheme.

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Sean McKeown,
Director of Services,
Planning, Economic & Environmental Services.

Amenity Grant Allocations 2022			
Group Name	Description of Project	Grant Award Recommended	Category
Kilkenny City MD			
Glendine Court Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€460.00	H
Glendine Heights Res Comm	Replanting of area adjacent to footpath	€750.00	J
Glendine Woods Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€460.00	H
Talbots Court Residents Committee	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Talbots Gate Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Talbots Grove Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€460.00	H
Melville Heights Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Springmount Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Dukesmeadows Res Assoc	Fence cleaning/repair	€750.00	J
Margaretsfield Mgmt Co Ltd	Replace/maintain shrubs	€900.00	K
The Weir Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Weirview Res Assoc	Planting - hedges, flowers, grass cutting	€1,250.00	L
The Grange, Dunningstown Road	Planting, Fencing, Signs	€460.00	H
Kilkenny Allotments/Community Gardens	Maintenance of allotment	€650.00	F
Rose Hill Court Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€460.00	H
St Canice's Parish Homes	Benches, planting, parasols	€460.00	H
Parcagowan Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€1,250.00	L
Kilkenny Great War Memorial Comm	Refurbishment of memorial	€650.00	F
Robertshill Res Assoc	Upkeep /purchase a shed	€1,450.00	M
Parkview/Parkview Drive Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Beech Park Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€500.00	I
Maiden Hill Res Assoc	Planting - tree, flowers	€150.00	H
Springfields Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Smithlands Court Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Sycamores/Aylesbury Res Assoc	Plant a wild meadow & insurance	€650.00	N
The Fairways Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Ayrfield Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
College Square Res Assoc	Landscaping	€750.00	J
Cashel Downs Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Clongowen Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€1,000.00	M
Ashfield and Ashfield East Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€1,450.00	M

Lintown Hall Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€1,600.00	N
Rose Hill Res Assoc	Cleaning of common areas & car parking spaces	€900.00	K
Rath Ullord Res Assoc	Directional/house number signs	€580.00	I
Richview Res Assoc	Grass Cutting, painting poles / railings	€750.00	J
Hillcrest Res Assoc	Maintain green area/hedges, rock	€460.00	H
The Paddocks & Breaghagh Place	Replace flower beds, add wild garden	€900.00	K
Mayfield Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
The Orchard Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Loreto Park Res Assoc	Develop and maintain green areas	€460.00	H
Rosewood Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Castlecomer MD			
Mill Family Resource Centre	Maintenance of allotment	€650.00	n/a
Riverside Park, Urlingford	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Togher Crescent Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Togher Lawns Res Committee	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Urlingford Tidy Towns	Town maintenance	€1,450.00	B
Urlingford Town Development	Lights at astro turf, insurance, rubbish bin	€1,450.00	B
Castlecomer Tidy Towns	Mower, fencing, planting	€2,300.00	A
Oakhill Res Assoc	Grass Cutting	€750.00	J
Deenview Inclusive Gardens	Equipment/planting	€650.00	F
The Acorns Lower Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
The Acorns Upper Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Ard Crann Res Assoc	Grass Cutting	€460.00	H
Deerpark Grotto Committee	Maintenance of grotto, cutting of grass verges	€650.00	F
Muckalee Grotto Restoration Committee	Rebuild entrance to cave, plants, lights	€650.00	F
Coon Tidy Towns & Heritage Group	Signage	€920.00	C
Clogh Moneenroe Playground Group	Mural at entry to playground	€690.00	E
Clogh Community Council	Purchase of lawnmower for Playground	€920.00	C
Cloneen Hurling Club	Purchase of equipment	€460.00	G
Moneenroe Community Council Ltd	Planting at Community Centre (room)	€920.00	C
Old School Crescent Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance & picnic benches	€580.00	I
Cois Bearbha Co-Op	Equipment/Maintenance	€650.00	F
Goresbridge Rural Development	Insurance costs	€1,450.00	B
Barrack St Residents Group	Purchase of Lawn mower	€580.00	I
Lower Grange Residents Group	Renovate machinery for planting	€580.00	I
Paulstown Comm Playground Group	Improvements to playground/parking	€690.00	E
Oaklawns Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J

Marble Court Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Paulstown Development Assoc	Upkeep of open spaces, purchase equipment	€1,450.00	B
An Choill Rua Residents Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Freshford Heritage Committee	Maintenance of village/ insurance	€1,450.00	B
Freshford.ie	Picnic benches for stretch tent	€650.00	F
Freshford Tidy Towns	Insurance costs and pollinator bed	€1,450.00	B
Freshford Development Association	Pollinator corridors - Childcare facility / School	€1,450.00	B
Clontubrid Village Group	Improvements to Millenium Garden	€920.00	C
Gathabawn Rural Development	Fencing in park & village	€920.00	C
Doheny Memorial Grotto	Refurbishment of grotto	€650.00	F
Ballyfoyle Community Group	Clean up - comm garden, old wall etc	€650.00	F
Ballyfoyle Active Retirement	Display unit - historical info & photos	€650.00	F
Glenvale Residents Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Ballyragget Playground Committee	Planting trees, bulbs. Repair fence at fairgreen	€690.00	E
Ballyragget Development Assoc	Planting to specimen trees	€1,450.00	B
Brookfield Res Assoc	Maintenance of equipment	€400.00	I
Castlewarren Cultural Development Group	Upkeep of Comm Building - repalace ramp	€920.00	C
Castlewarren Hall Committee	Planting - painting of hall outside & inside	€920.00	O
Conahy Ladies Club	Purchase pots & plants	€400.00	G
Spa Development Ass Johnstown	Planting, cleaning, seating /maintain st signs	€1,450.00	B
Tullaroan Development Assoc	Upkeep of walkway, planting, seating	€920.00	C
Dungarvan Residents Assoc	Planting & purchase of bird nesting boxes	€600.00	C
Abbeygrove Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Gowran Paddocks Residents Assoc	Grass cutting	€580.00	I
Gowran Development Association	Upkeep of village	€1,450.00	B
The Steeples Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Mill Road/Mill Lane Res Association	Upkeep of shrubs and public areas	€460.00	H
Bradog Way Residents Association	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Galmoy Community Group	Upkeep of village - powerwashing and planting	€920.00	C
Lisdowney Development	Repair stone wall, Hedge/Tree cutting	€920.00	C
Johnswell Development Committee	Purchase of ride on lawnmower	€920.00	C
Clomantagh Heritage Committee	Purchase of ride on lawnmower - graveyard	€920.00	C
Piltown MD			
Mullinabro Woods Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Kilmacow Sports Complex Ltd	Maintenace of complex and walkways	€460.00	G
Ard Glas Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€900.00	K
The Beeches Res Committee	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J

Hollybrook Res Assoc	Grass cutting and landscaping	€750.00	J
Abbey Park Res Assoc	Climate adaptation project, grass cutting	€1,250.00	L
Estuary Woods	Estate Maintenance	€450.00	H
Christendom Estate Residents Group	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Clover Meadows Estate	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Arbournmount Residents Association	Estate Maintenance	€460.00	H
Bellfield Residents	Estate Maintenance	€1,450.00	M
Ferrybank Allotment Project	Purchase of plants equipment for sensory garden	€650.00	F
Owning Care for the Elderly	Enhancement of approach area to carpark	€650.00	F
Owning Development Group	Powerwashing, planting	€920.00	C
The Meadows Res Comm	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Banagher Court Estate	Estate Maintenance	€900.00	K
Clonmore Hall Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Kildalton Close Assoc	Estate Maintenance - no's 13 - 25	€460.00	H
Piltown AFC	Planting to enhance entrance /driveway	€460.00	G
Keep Piltown Tidy	Upkeep of village	€1,450.00	B
Pil River Park	Upkeep of Park	€690.00	E
Tullahought Community Development Ltd	Upkeep of village	€920.00	C
Kilmoganny Tidy Towns	Hedge planting on Hill Road	€920.00	C
Windgap Tidy Towns	Remove invasive species from loop walk	€920.00	C
Turkstown Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€920.00	C
Mullinavat Town Team -Mullinavat Matters	Upkeep of Village	€1,450.00	B
Bigwood Res Assoc	Upkeep of Village - planting, repair walls	€920.00	C
Residents Club Cooleigh	Grass cutting	€460.00	H
Sinnotts Cross Monument Committee	Insurance	€450.00	F
Listerlin Tidy Towns Group	Community Sensory Garden	€920.00	C
St Moling's Holy Well	Insurance and upkeep of the well site	€520.00	F
Callan-Thomastown MD			
Friars Hill Residents	Estate Maintenance	€460.00	H
Berkeley Lawns Res Comm	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Maudlin Court Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance, purchase machinery	€750.00	J
Thomastown Tidy Towns	Benches, plant wild flower area	€2,300.00	A
Thomastown Community Centre	Upkeep of Marshes Street & carpark	€920.00	C
Thomastown United AFC	Wood edging along walkway	€460.00	G
The Greens, Thomastown	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Brookfield Res Assoc	Planting and painting of fence	€580.00	I
Hazelbrook Res Assoc	Estate maintenance	€460.00	H

Ballyhale Development Assoc	Flowers, Shrubs, Plants and Insurance	€1,450.00	B
Graigenamanagh Men's Shed/ Comm Garden	Fencing, planting, re gravel paths, clean up	€650.00	F
Graigenamanagh Hall Ltd	Maintenance of equipment & purchase extra	€405.00	O
Graigenamanagh Tidy Towns Group	Flowers, Lawnmower, Insurance	€2,300.00	A
Skeoghvosteen Rural Development Group	Upkeep of village	€920.00	C
Skeoghvosteen Community Complex	Install 4 Age Friendly seat along walking track	€460.00	G
Inistioge Tidy Towns	Maintenance of public areas and comm garden	€1,450.00	B
The Rower Street Committee	Upkeep of Village	€920.00	C
Rosbercon Parish Hall & Sports Centre	External repairs to hall	€920.00	O
Bennettsbridge Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€1,450.00	B
Ennisnag Church & Community	Maintenance of roadside approaches - church	€800.00	C
Lawusfields Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Chapelview Residents Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Stoneyford Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€920.00	C
Stoneyford Development Assoc	Comm Facility upkeep/replacement of tractor	€920.00	O
Stoneyford History & Heritage	Heritage Garden, railings, fire box, seating	€650.00	F
Kells Tidy Towns	Insurance and upkeep of village	€1,450.00	B
Bridgetown Management (Oldtown)	Estate Maintenance	€460.00	H
Kells Region Economic Enterprise	Purchase of new lawnmower	€1,000.00	B
Priory Grove Residents	Fencing of wildflower beds	€460.00	H
Clonkil Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Kingscourt Community Group	Estate Maintenance	€580.00	I
Bolton Woods Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€750.00	J
Bolton Res Assoc	Estate Maintenance	€460.00	H
Callan Tidy Towns	Ticket Office Project - restoration	€2,000.00	A
Callan Handball & Racquetball Club	Installation of Pedestrian Gate	€460.00	G
Kyleva Pond	Maintenance of pond and approach	€650.00	F
Knocktopher Development	Flowers & pots around the village	€900.00	C
Dunnamaggin Development Group	Create a Remembrance Walk	€800.00	C
Gairdin an Ghorta	Insurance, planting equipment	€650.00	F
Hunter's Wood Resident's Association	Powerwashing, weed control, bark at entrance	€450.00	H
Danesfort Cross Community Group	Maintenance of green space, trees, stone wall	€920.00	C
		€139,465.00	

Criteria Used for Amenity Grant Awards 2022

The following criteria was used to allocate the awards to the wide variety of application types received: -

Category	Description	Amount
A	District Town Tidy Towns Group	€2300
B	Large Village Tidy Towns Group	€1450
C	Small Village Tidy Towns Group	€920
D	Individual street in a village	€276
E	Park / Playground	€690
F	Community Garden/Allotment/FRC/Grotto	€650
G	Sports Clubs (full public access without membership fee)/Other clubs	€460
H	Housing estate under 20 houses	€460
I	Housing estates 21 - 50 houses	€580
J	Housing estates 51-100 houses	€750
K	Housing estates 101 -150 houses	€900
L	Housing estates 151-200 houses	€1250
M	Housing estates 201 – 250 houses	€1450
N	Housing estates over 251 houses	€1600
O	Community Centre/Parish Hall	€920