



Comhairle Contae Chill Dara
Kildare County Council



Climate Innovation Fund 2025

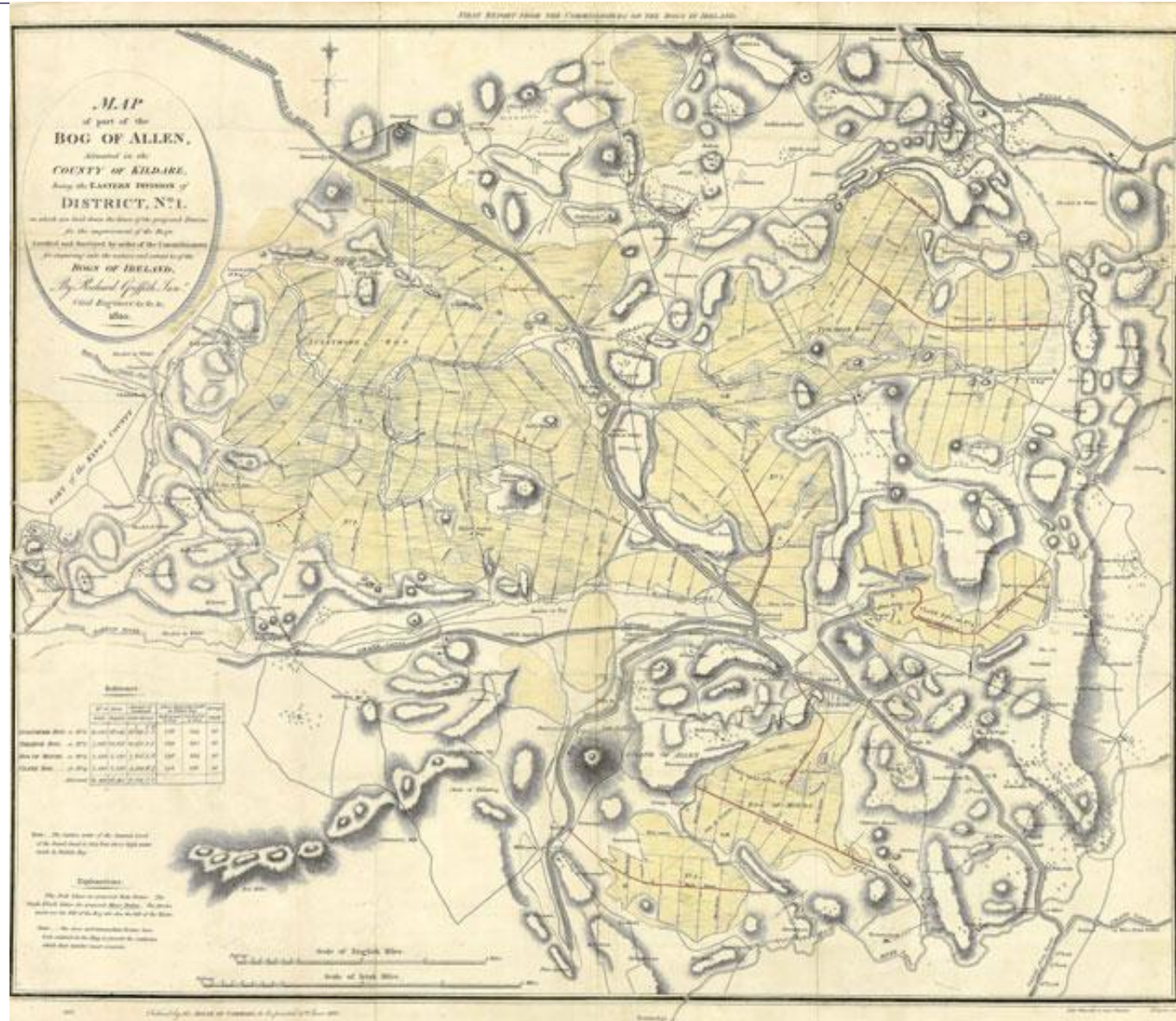
Information Pack



“Climate Innovation” in the 1810s

Richard Griffith's map plotting how to drain the bogs in north Kildare for flax (linen) production.

An early plan for a “carbon bomb”.





MyGug-

An anaerobic digester for home or small business- a recent example of innovation for climate action.



Kildare County Council launched this fund in 2022. The scheme is funded by the Local Property Tax and the support of councillors for the scheme is acknowledged.

The goal is to foster innovative climate solutions in the county of Kildare.

The scheme is aimed at community groups, SMEs, entrepreneurs, tradespeople, early-career researchers, education institutions and others active in the county.

Funding:

Funding is available per Municipal District as follows:

Naas €25,000, Celbridge/Leixlip €25,000, Athy €15,320, Clane/Maynooth €15,400, and Kildare/Newbridge €1,665.

Timeline:

- Applications Open: Now!
- Applications Close: Friday 25th of July
- Projects Start Date: Thursday 31st of July
- Interim report: Before or by Tuesday 30th September
- Final report: Friday 31st of October

We are interested in solutions for climate action that:

- **Address a research or practical gap in a process.**

Example: Creating real-time indoor air quality monitoring systems to reduce indoor air pollution.

- **Help make an evidence-based climate solution relevant to your community.**

Example: Displaying traffic data to promote sustainable transport options in the local community.

- **Involves reimagining or reviving an old technique or method that is beneficial to reducing the impacts of climate change.**

Example: Restoring a hedgerow to promote biodiversity and storing carbon.

- **Involves providing a service or solution based on any open-source data sets available.**

Example: Using available biodiversity datasets to promote conservation efforts.

Key details

- Development of prototypes/proof of concept is permissible.
- Grant payment terms are €1,000 upfront, the balance upon proof of spend, with €500 of grant retained until final report is submitted.
- Both climate mitigation and adaptation proposals are eligible.
- Biodiversity projects may also qualify.
- Assessment is a competitive process so clear project proposals with tangible benefits will be assessed positively.

To apply, lead applicants must :

- Be **based in Kildare** (work or resident)
- **Be formally established** (Consortium with other individuals / organisations can be formed)
- Be registered with the **Kildare Public Participation Network**
- Have **planning permissions** / consents in place **where relevant**
- Public **procurement rules** apply

If successful, applicants will need to provide:

- Bank Account Details
- Evidence of adequate insurance
- Receipts and proof of payment

Project Criteria



30%

Quality of Climate Adaptation & Mitigation Technique:

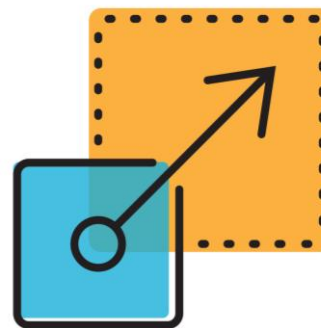
Well thought out, detailed, will it work?



30%

Innovation:

How does it offer something new to climate solutions?



15%

Impact & Scalability: Learnings shared?



15%

Collaboration & Communication: Involvement of community partners + comms strategies

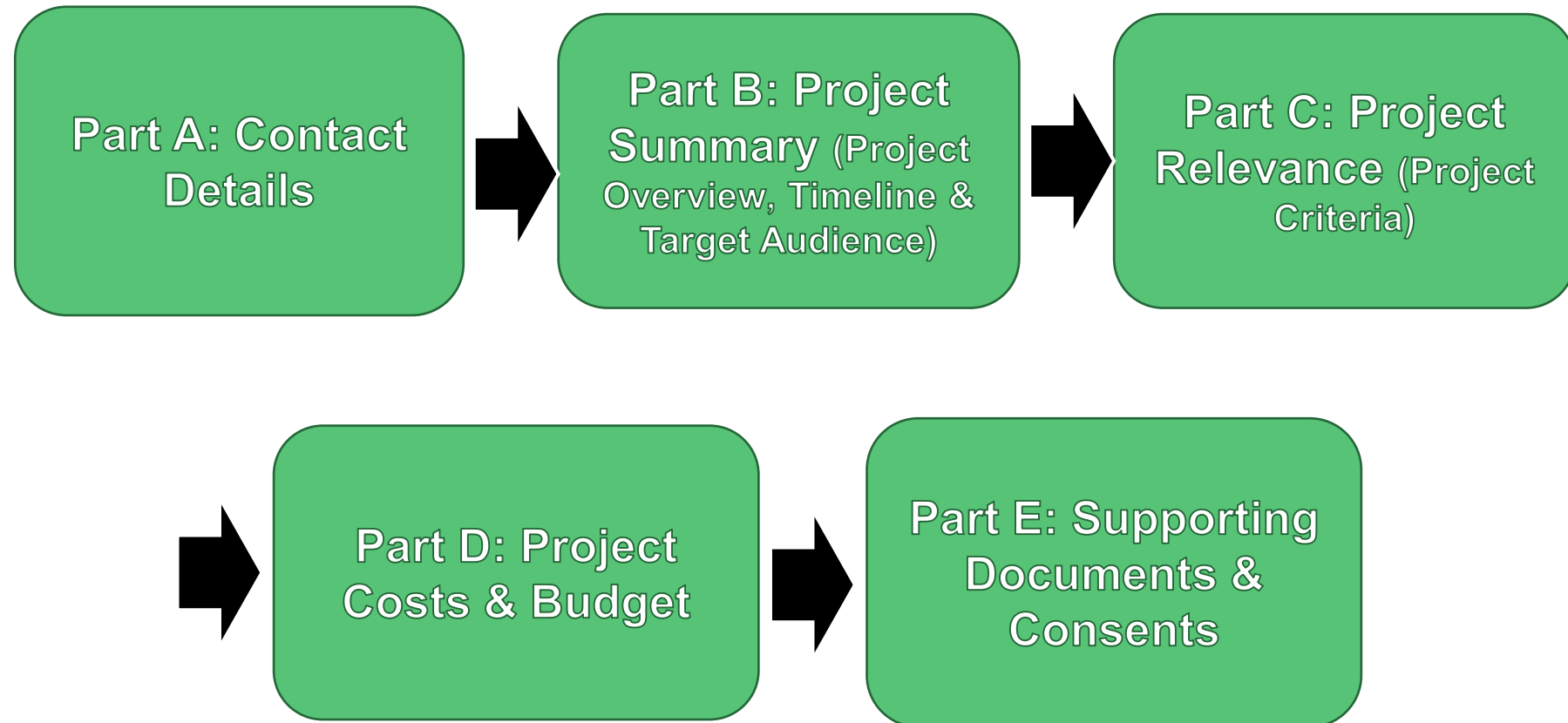


10%

Value for Money



Application Process





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