



Brigid 1500 Community Grant Scheme 2023

Guidance Notes

Kildare County Council is delighted to announce the launch of Brigid 1500 Community and Cultural Grant Scheme for projects to take place between 31st January 2023 to 31st December 2023. Brigid 1500 offers a unique opportunity to celebrate the life and legacy of Brigid of Kildare whose influence has had a truly global impact; spanning our local communities, county and far reaching across the globe.

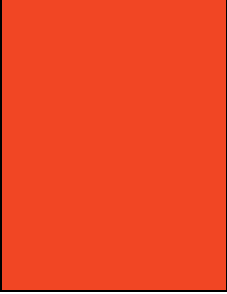
To celebrate Brigid 1500, Kildare County Council is co-ordinating a host of exciting and diverse projects honouring all aspects of Brigid's life and influence. Brigid has many different legacies; religious, historic, cultural, artistic, symbolic, inspirational and feminist and her name is closely associated with nature, biodiversity, folklore, emigration and peace. The inclusion of a Community Grant Scheme offers a key opportunity for local communities to get involved in the celebrations in a variety of meaningful and creative ways.

Applications from all aspects of the story of Brigid are welcome, promoting inclusion and celebrating the increasing diversity of the Kildare community.

Applications are invited for funding awards ranging from €1,500 to €15,000 for events and projects to take place in 2023.

Who can apply?	<p>The scheme is open to community groups, clubs and other relevant organisations delivering projects in partnership with local communities. The scheme wishes to support applications from a range of different groups and age cohorts.</p> <p>The activity must take place in Kildare.</p>
What can be funded?	<p>Funding is available for a range of activities and projects that celebrate Brigid 1500. Examples of projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events such as performances, talks, workshops, walks, tours etc., • Festivals, • Biodiversity projects, • Other activities that have a strong link to Brigid 1500.
What is not eligible?	<p>Funding is not available for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generic running costs (such as heat, light, staff), • Improvements to private land that has no public access/benefit, • Spend on alcoholic beverages, fines, legal costs, penalty payments,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital projects and infrastructural projects e.g. plaques, building restoration, monuments. • Commercial organisations. In general, cost of items for resale are ineligible.
Additional Requirements	<p>Activity/ Project must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide good value for money, • Be inclusive, appropriate and respectful in theme and approach, • Be in accordance to current Health and Safety guidelines. • Be organised at community level and encourage participation from the community, • Be accessible to diverse audiences and participants, • Be feasible project based on realistic financial basis, • permission must be obtained prior to application and evidence of permission supplied if (a) involving sites or locations in private ownership (b) requires the participation of a community group. • Take place from 31st January 2023-31st December 2023.
Criteria for assessment	<p>Criteria for assessment will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance to Kildare’s Brigid 1500 programme 2023 • The level of community participation and extent of local contributions to the proposed project, • The use of innovations or imaginative approaches, • The capacity to carry out the proposed project, • The quality of the application, • Value for money. • Final Approval of the grant will be given by Kildare County Council.
What are the requirements if my application is successful?	<p>All recipients must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a bank or credit union account (post office accounts cannot be used). Recipients must provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SWIFT and IBAN number, - Banking statement with name of group on it. • Submit receipts for all items and full costs. Any unspent monies must be returned to Kildare County Council, • Provide a full project report which must include a statement of income and expenditure upon completion of the project. Please note that funding up to €5000 is payable in advance. Awards exceeding €5000 will be paid subject to provision of project report and receipts, • Recognition must be given to Kildare County Council in any promotional material associated with the project. Please submit copy of documentation when submitting final report, • Provide marketing information to enable promotion via Brigid 1500 programme, • Any organisation assisted under the scheme must indemnify and continue to indemnify Kildare County Council against any claim,

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- Comply with any statutory obligations regarding the delivery of events/activities,
 - No double funding from Kildare County Council sources will be allowed. Groups can choose to combine this scheme with other sources of grant aid or sponsorship.
 - All successful applicants will be required to sign and verify Terms & Conditions agreement before commencing the project.