

## City Centre Placemaking – Greening of the City Grant

Cork City Council values and supports the greening of Cork City and protecting and enhancing its unique biodiversity. Natural heritage and biodiversity is known to enhance the attractiveness of the urban environment, contributes to health and wellbeing of those working, living and visiting, and buffers noise as well as improving the air quality of the City. To that end a new grant scheme “City Centre Placemaking – Greening of the City” is being advertised under the Cork City Council Placemaking fund

This grant scheme is aimed at providing funding in the form of **small grants for businesses, institutions, local community-based groups and residents associations** who want to be involved in ongoing work that contributes to the greening of the urban streets and encourages biodiversity in the city centre. Funding of between €100 and €500 is available per grant. The Council may provide funding to the amount of 70% of the total cost subject to a maximum amount of 500 euro. (If a number of businesses/groups submit a joint application the funding will be assessed giving consideration to the number of joint applicants)

Examples of **eligible** activities include **planting window boxes, hanging baskets, outdoor areas, with pollinator friendly or edible plants, creating vertical green walls or parklets or food towers or installing bird or bat boxes or insect motels.**

For the purpose of this grant the City Centre is deemed to include the following areas

**Map Attached in Appendix 2**

### ***Why a green city?***

*A green city improves the environment, ensures rich biodiversity, reduces air pollution, ensures water storage, dampens noise and help cooling down in warm periods. Green is also essential for a climate-proof and sustainable environment. In addition, there is a positive effect on the health and social connections of people living, working and recreating in a green environment.*

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## PROJECT DETAILS

<b>A. Location of proposed project:</b> <i>(Please note that the project must be located within the City Centre Core Area; see map Appendix 2)</i>	
<b>C. Description of the proposed project:</b>	
<b>D. Total cost of project</b>	
<b>E. Amount of funding sought from Cork City Council</b>  <b>(The Council may provide funding to the amount of 70% of the total cost subject to a maximum amount of 500 euro. Funding will only be made available on the production of receipts)</b>	
<b>F. Please provide a full breakdown of the project costs, including details of activity, equipment and materials to be funded</b>	
<b>G. Provide details of how the project will be sustained and maintained after completion</b> <i>(if relevant)</i>	
<b>Proposed start and completion date of project:</b> <i>(Note the project must be completed in 2021)</i>	

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### SUPPORTING DETAILS

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Provide evidence of consent from the site owner where the project will take place. (If it is public space owned by Cork City Council, consent from the relevant directorate is required.)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Provide evidence of support for the project from the surrounding community/businesses</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Note:</p> <p>1) <b>If your project is selected for funding, proof of the following will be required before any funding is provided.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any required licenses or other consents</li> <li>• Insurance and public liability for the delivery of the project</li> <li>• A plan for compliance with any relevant Health and Safety regulations</li> </ul> <p>2) Acknowledgment of Cork City Council’s contribution to the funding of a project will be required in any publicity associated with the project.</p>

### CONTACT DETAILS

<b>Group Name (Name of Applicant)</b>	
<b>Contact Person:</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

The closing date for receipt of applications is August, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

## Appendix 1: Requirements

### 1) Ensure that the Planting/Greening item is in a public space.

### 2) Plant and maintain “pollinator friendly” planting.

Both providing planting/greening on the urban street and encouraging biodiversity are two key elements of this project. Planting is to be maintained at all times, and the majority (if not all) of this planting should be “pollinator friendly” as described in information available at <https://pollinators.ie/> The applicant will be responsible for planting, watering, and maintaining the plants.

### 3) Keep the Planting/Greening item clean.

Applicants are responsible for:

- Day-to-day removal of litter/debris and general tidying around the Planting/ Greening item
- Surface cleaning of the item as needed
- Removing any minor graffiti and notifying/requesting assistance from Cork City Council in the case of any significant incidents

### 4) Funding

The Council may provide funding to the amount of 70% of the total cost subject to a minimum amount of 100 euro and a maximum amount of 500 euro.

- The full 100% of the grant can be drawn down on completion of the project and only on producing the relevant eligible invoices/ receipts. These invoices/receipts must be originals or good quality legible emailed scans of same

### 5) Insurances

The applicant will maintain public liability insurance that indemnifies Cork City Council for a minimum of €6.5m against any third-party claims that could arise in respect of the day-to-day maintenance or planting of the planting/greening item as carried out by the applicant (i.e. responsibilities outlined in Item 3 above)

**6) Who can apply?**

Businesses, institutions, residents' associations and other community-based groups are eligible to apply.

**7) Private Land/Building**

If you are unsure who owns a land/building, the first place to start is to ask around in the neighbourhood. If you cannot determine who owns it, Cork City Council may be able to give further advice.

**8) Public Realm (Streets, Parks, Plazas, etc.)**

Use of public space requires the consent of Cork City Council.

**9) Provide evidence of support for the project from the surrounding community/ businesses.**

**10) Licenses or other consents**

Some projects in the public realm may require a public space licence, a xx licence, or in rare instances, planning permission. If you are uncertain, please ask.

**11) Health and Safety regulations**

This will include a plan for complying with any COVID regulations in effect at the time the project is carried out.

**Freedom of Information**

Applicants completing this form please note that information provided to Cork City Council may be disclosed in response to a request made under the Freedom of Information Act (1997 & 2003). However, every effort will be made to protect confidentiality particularly in relation to commercially sensitive material.

**Application forms can be obtained by contacting the following:**

Mary Mannix

Strategic Planning & Economic Development Section

Cork City Council, City Hall Cork, 021 4924034

or email to: [mary\\_mannix@corkcity.ie](mailto:mary_mannix@corkcity.ie)

Or can be downloaded at [www.corkcity.ie](http://www.corkcity.ie)

**Further information**

For further information groups can go to [www.corkcity.ie](http://www.corkcity.ie) or email [john\\_hayes@corkcity.ie](mailto:john_hayes@corkcity.ie) / telephone 021 4924115

**Pollinator Information**

Information, ideas, helpful tips and guides are available at [www.pollinator.ie](http://www.pollinator.ie) . You can also access the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2021, newsletters and resources on this website.

Cork City Council is a signed-up partner organisation to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.

[www.pollinators.ie/newsletters/](http://www.pollinators.ie/newsletters/)

[www.pollinators.ie/ideas-hub/](http://www.pollinators.ie/ideas-hub/)

[www.pollinators.ie/resources/](http://www.pollinators.ie/resources/)

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## Appendix 2: Map of City Centre

### Map

The City Centre is deemed to include the following areas:

