



Grants & Supports for Local Climate Action in Kilkenny 2025

Compiled by Kilkenny County
Council's Climate Action Office


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Going Green



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What can I learn from this leaflet?

This leaflet was compiled by Kilkenny County Council's Climate Action Office. The aim is to provide information on how climate action can be undertaken at local level into the grants listed within.

Climate action means making changes big and small to slow down global warming and keep people and nature safe for the future. This includes reducing energy use, and using clean renewable energy sources i.e. wind and solar, reducing pollution by using sustainable transport, planting trees and protecting biodiversity. There are lots of grants available, please refer to our website.

Contact the Climate Action Office at climate@kilkennycoco.ie

Hints & Tips

Energy

- Aim to reduce energy use in community buildings, home and workplace by installing energy efficient lighting and heating.
- Consider installing energy saving initiatives and invest in renewable energy sources.
- If you are embarking on a project is your contractor using sustainable products that have a reduced environmental impact?



Waste

- Can you recycle your waste (food waste to garden compost).
- Donate your unwanted items to a new home (i.e community library, charity shop)



Travel

- Consider using public transport, car-pooling with neighbours or can you travel by bike or walk instead? These changes can have positive effects on your personal health, result in less pollution and reduces reliance on fossil fuels.
- If buying goods or services, please try and shop local to cut down on unnecessary carbon emissions.

Water

- Install a water refill station in your local area which will reduce using single use plastic bottles and reduce littering.
- Install a rainwater harvesting butt in your garden or at your local community building to use in your garden during dry weather and for car washing.



Food

- Start growing some of your own food or source your food from local, sustainable suppliers.
- Can you choose a plant based food option?

Biodiversity

- Introduce an area in your garden, workplace or community as a pollinator friendly area.
- Create a biodiversity trail or plant native hedging and trees which will provide a natural habitat for wildlife and sequester carbon. <https://biodiversityireland.ie/>

Art materials

- Choose art materials made from natural pigments, organic ingredients, and biodegradable materials and buy local. Incorporate recycled paper, reclaimed wood, and found objects into your artwork. Be responsible and properly dispose of hazardous materials and set up recycling stations for paper, plastic, and metal waste.
- Consider how art can support ecological balance and community well-being.

Kilkenny County Council is committed to a greener future and Green Public Procurement is high on the agenda of our Climate Action Plan.

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Grants

Community Climate Action Grant

Energy, Travel, Food & Shopping, Waste & Recycling, Biodiversity

Climate Action Office:
<https://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/services/environment/climate-action/>
climate@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794350

Amenity Grant

Green areas, Nature trails, Planting for wildlife, Community tree planting

Parks Dept.:
amenitygrants@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794441



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

Walkways, Cycleways, Active travel, Planting for wildlife, Community tree planting

Parks Dept.:
parks@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794441

Community & Cultural Facilities Capital Scheme

Community facilities, Open spaces, Walkways, Parklands, Community Hall upgrades, Community gardens, Community library

Community Dept.:
community@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794920



Local Enhancement Programme

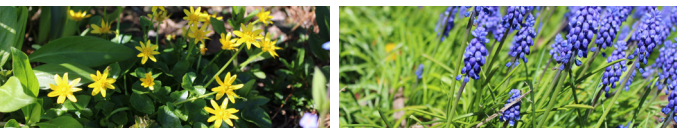
Facility improvement/renovation, heating, lighting and external windows and door upgrade

Community Dept.:
cora.nolan@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794931

CLÁR Programme

Community facilities and walkways

Community Dept.:
community@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794920



Town and Village Renewal

Remote working hubs, Community gardens, Rain gardens, Nature based solutions, Community tree planting

Community Dept.:
community@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794920

Estate Management Grant

Planting for wildlife, Nature based solutions, Rain gardens

Housing Dept.:
ciara.kelly@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794428



Graveyard Grant

Planting for wildlife and pollinators

Environment Dept.:
deirdre.traite@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794470

Energy Efficiency Grant

Improving energy efficiency and reducing waste measures for businesses following on from a Green for Business Report, GreenStart Report or a SEAI Energy Audit.

Local Enterprise Office:
john.mulcahy@leo.kilkennycoco.ie 056 7752662

Creative Ireland

Creative projects which promote good environmental practices, Biodiversity, Areas of heritage importance

Arts Office:
creativeireland@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794338

Cruinniú na nÓg

Use of sustainable practices, recycled materials, and non toxic products, Promote biodiversity

Arts Office:
creativeireland@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794338

Historic Structures Fund

Enhancement, Refurbishment and Reuse of historic structures

Planning Dept.:
planning@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794010



Community Monuments Fund

Care for and maintenance of monuments and building resilience to the impacts of climate change

Heritage Dept.:
heritage@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794923

Festival Grants Scheme

Use of sustainable practices, recycled materials, and promotion of good environmental practices

Tourism Dept.:
festivalgrants@kilkennycoco.ie 056 7794011

National Grants

Community Connect Grant

Promote biodiversity, Circular economy

Community Foundation Ireland:
www.communityfoundation.ie/apply-for-funding/

Community Heritage Grant

Habitat restoration, Sustainable management of invasive species, Improving energy efficiency in heritage buildings.

Heritage Council:
mail@heritagecouncil.ie 056 7770777

Heritage in Schools Programme

Biodiversity education

Heritage Council:
mwalsh@heritagecouncil.ie 056 7770777

Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership

Encourage active travel to reduce pollution and emissions

Kilkenny Recreation & Sports Partnership:
info@krsp.ie 056 7794991



Sports Capital Programme

Measures in facilities to improve energy efficiency and reduce water consumption, Reduce waste, Promote use of sustainable modes of travel

Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport:
www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie

Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF)

Measures in facilities to improve energy efficiency

Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport:
<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-tourism-culture-arts-gaeltacht-sport-and-media/>

Community Climate Engagement and Awareness

Helping communities to spread the message of community-led climate actions

Department of Environment, Climate & Communications:
www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-the-environment-climate-and-communications/

Community Centre Investment Fund

Measures in facilities to improve energy efficiency, Community Centre upgrades

Department of Rural & Community Development:
www.gov.ie/en/service/fec91-community-centres-investment-fund

GAA Green Club Programme

Facility improvement measures to reduce energy and water consumption, Promote use of sustainable transport, support biodiversity

Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA):
<https://learning.gaa.ie/GreenClub>

Small Grants and Events Scheme

Nature based solutions, Rain gardens

Local Authority Waters Programme:
<https://lawaters.ie/small-grants-and-events-scheme>



Home Energy Upgrade Scheme

Energy efficiency measures using One-Stop-Shop service

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland:
www.seai.ie/grants/home-energy-grants/



Better Energy Homes and Solar PV

Insulation, Heating controls, Heat pump, Solar PV

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland:
www.seai.ie/grants/home-energy-grants/

Warmer Homes Scheme

Energy efficiency measures for householders in receipt of certain welfare payments

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland:
www.seai.ie/grants/home-energy-grants/



Electric Vehicle Grant

Purchase of EV and installation of EV charging point

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland:
www.seai.ie/grants/electric-vehicle-grants/

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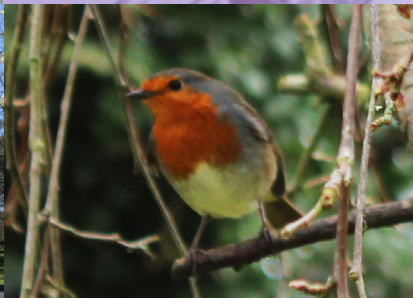
Making community buildings more energy efficient

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland:
www.seai.ie/grants/community-grants

Business Grants

Making your business more energy efficient

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland:
www.seai.grants/business-grants



Join the Kilkenny Going Green Network

Join our Kilkenny Going Green network to hear about the latest grants, advice, and supports, and to follow Kilkenny County Council's climate action journey.

If you would like to join our monthly newsletter mailing list, have any queries or wish to contact the Community Climate Action Officer, please email **climate@kilkennycoco.ie** or phone **056 7794350**.

Follow us on Instagram @Kilkennycoco and Kilkenny County Council on Facebook.

Website: <https://kilkennycoco.ie/eng/services/environment/climate-action/>

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