

# Ireland Community Investment Review

2022/23







# Foreword

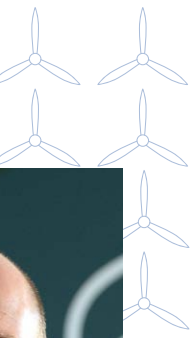
With the climate emergency and energy security at the top of the international agenda, SSE Renewables is proud of the part we're playing in Ireland's transition to renewable power. In the last year we've continued to produce huge amounts from our onshore wind farms across Ireland, while progressing the next wave of industry leading projects, both onshore and offshore.

We recognise that the transition is not just about our assets but also about the communities in which we operate. We remain committed to investing to ensure that Irish communities have what they need now and for the future. In 2022/23 SSE Renewables has donated over €1 million to local projects to invest in issues as diverse as inclusive sport to biodiversity centres.

SSE Renewables is committed to implementing industry best practice for our community funds. Our new Lenalea Community Fund is our first Irish fund to be developed based on the finding of community consultation with funding decisions being made by a panel of local people who will ensure the fund creates a lasting impact for communities.

As we build more renewable assets across Ireland, including Yellow River Wind Farm, we are ensuring that the country benefits from local, clean, resilient energy with a commitment to local supply chains to boost our economy. As part of this commitment, we will collaborate with communities to help them achieve their ambitions and support thriving, robust and prosperous communities across Ireland.

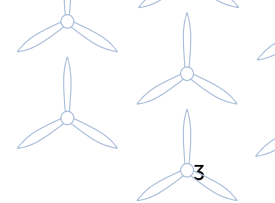
**Stephen Wheeler**  
Managing Director,  
SSE Renewables



Our community commitments are at the centre of our vision and mission. We commit to collaborating with communities over the lifetime of our assets and we know it is crucial we build strong relationships with local communities.

Over the past year the ambition of communities has continued to grow. The number of local groups applying for projects linked to the net zero transition is inspiring. We know that to achieve our net zero ambition we need the support of communities. Every insulation project and every electric vehicle charging point installed is helping Ireland to lead the way on achieving a clean, green future.

**Mark Ennis**  
SSE Ireland Chairman





# Funder's review

2022/23

€ **€1 million**  
awarded in 2022/23

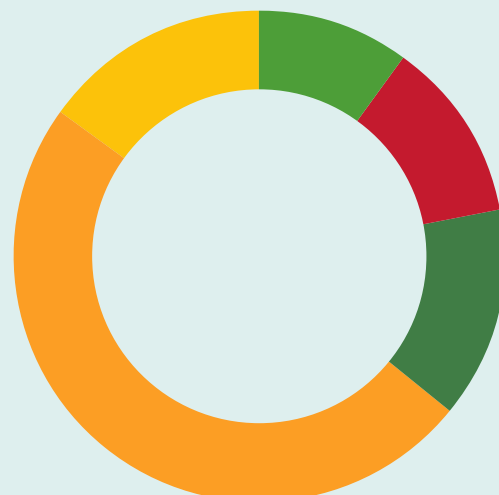
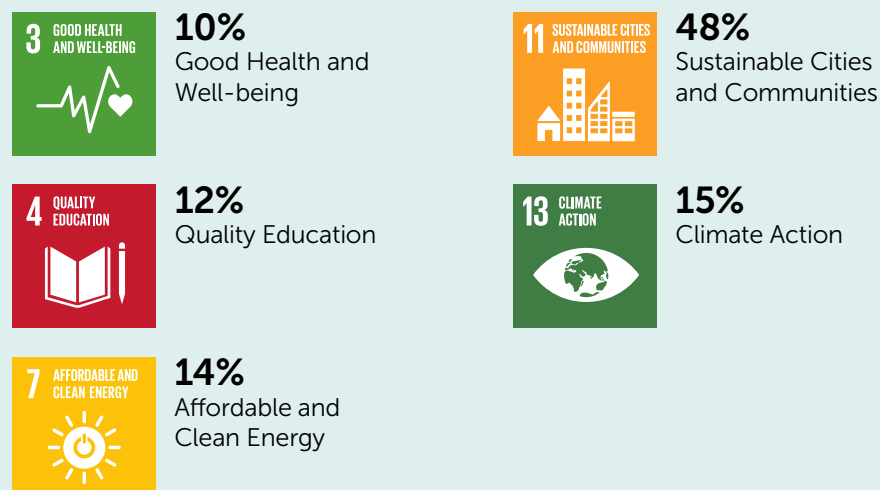
**377**  
community groups  
supported

**16** scholarships  
provided

€ **€11.4 million**  
total investment so far

**€51,000** value of scholarships  
awarded 2022/23

## Supporting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals



# Achieving our priorities

2022/23 has been a year of growth and development for SSE Renewables Community Funds. We have accelerated our delivery across all our provision including:

Lenalea Wind Farm – in line with industry best practice, we conducted a robust community consultation with local communities in 2022. The exercise enabled the local communities to inform the key priorities for the community benefit fund (see page 6).

Supporting a green future – an increase in applications from communities across Ireland looking to support the climate emergency from retrofit training (see page 10), solar panel installation to electric car infrastructure (see page 7).

Enhanced capability – we have enhanced our Irish community investment team to ensure we have the skills and experience to manage the growing ambition of our existing funds. The team now has considerable experience in community development, social impact and community consultation.

2023/24

## Priorities

Lenalea – we will launch the Lenalea Community Benefit Fund in June 2024. To support the introduction of the fund we will be delivering specialist induction training for the local panel and will hold information and capacity building sessions for the local community.

Yellow River – we will begin the community consultation for the delivery of the Yellow River Community Benefit Fund in 2023. This will enable the local residents to undertake a community needs assessment to identify the strengths and opportunities in the local area. We will also begin to take notes of interest to join the local panel.

New funding strategy – following feedback from applicants, we will be amending our funding strategy to focus on social impact projects. We will issue new guidance for applicants and implement a new scoring matrix focused on local priority criteria. The changes will enable the allocation of larger grants for social impact projects and the potential for multi-year funding.

Data Management - to enable the new team to deliver to their full capability we have procured a new data management system which will be implemented across our funds in 2024.





# Consulting with local communities

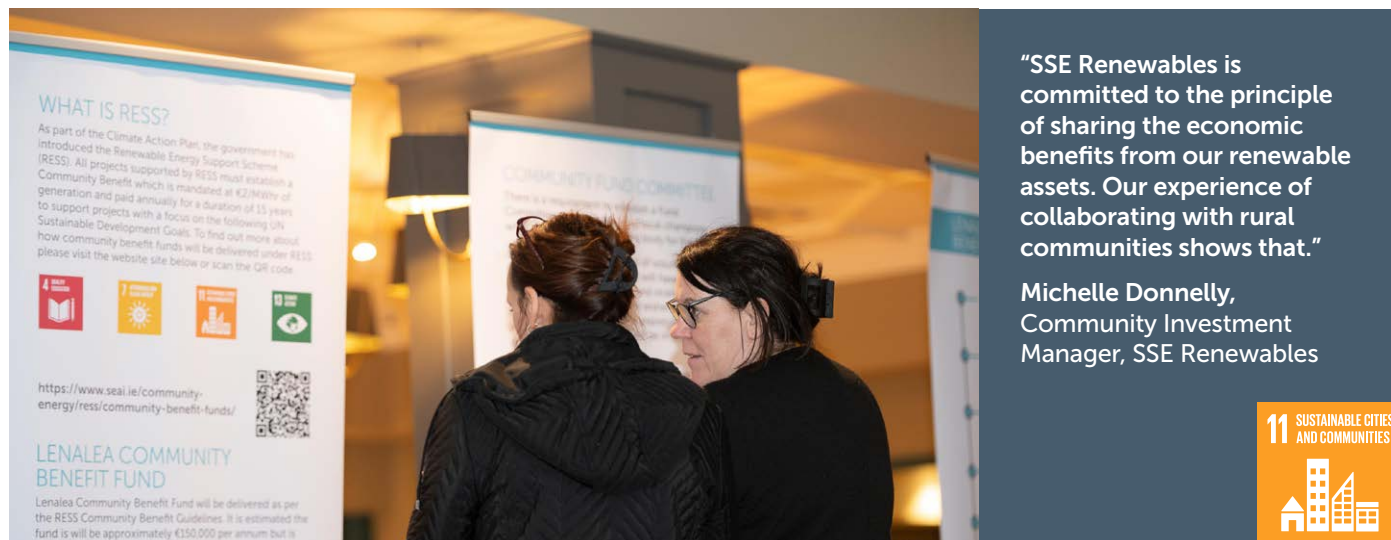
## Lenalea Community Fund

Lenalea Wind Farm is in the final stages of construction in central Donegal and will provide enough power for 20,000 homes. To prepare for the introduction of the Lenalea Community Fund we hosted two community consultation events in October 2022. The events were attended by over 50 people in Ballybofey and Letterkenny, the closest towns to Lenalea. They presented an opportunity for us to update local residents on the community commitments and discuss the mechanisms in place for the new fund. A detailed community needs assessment was completed to enable residents to express what they felt the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities in the local area are. This exercise identified a potential socio-economic opportunity from growing tourism activity in the region and identified a gap in provision for young people.



Based on the findings of the community needs assessment, two youth forums were hosted in Raphoe and Stranorlar to understand the ambition of young people in the area. Over sixty young people attended the forums and identified their key priorities for a wider range of sports and leisure activities. The young people also highlighted they often leave the area for work and further education and want more opportunities to remain within the local community.

Community consultation events and youth forums will continue across 2023 to help increase the awareness of the new fund in the local area and seek further opinions on local priorities.



# The future is electric



## Bunroe Community Enterprise Centre

Ireland has a target to have 945,000 electric vehicles on its roads by 2030. Achieving this target requires the infrastructure to support drivers, especially in rural areas. The community of Bunroe is currently ten miles from any publicly available electric chargers. To help locals and visitors, the Bunroe Community Enterprise Centre has installed a charger. Based beside the community centre, GAA club and football club the charger will enable people to charge while visiting the local amenities.

“In a rural area like Bunroe, people have to travel at least 10km to access an EV charging point. The provision of this charger has improved efficiency and reduced cost for our locals, it has attracted people to the area to avail of the charger and use other resources whilst waiting and most importantly it demonstrates our commitment and support towards achieving net zero.” Patsy Fitzpatrick, Volunteer, Bunroe Community Enterprise Centre.



**€2,500**  
donated from Cavan Monaghan Community Fund





## Supporting the most vulnerable

### Knockanure Community Development Association

Many communities have been impacted by the cost of living in the last year and the community funds have been available to ensure that key community services can continue to reach the most vulnerable. The meals on wheels service in Listowel supports over 130 residents each week. With the kitchen equipment reaching the end of its life, the community association faced increased costs to replace their steam oven. The donation from SSE Renewables helped to offset the increased cost and ensure the service continued to meet their health and safety requirements. The service is a vital element of support for isolated residents in rural areas.

**€2,000**  
donated from Dromada and  
Leanamore Wind Farms



"Our service provides consistency, reassurance and a social outlet for many of our isolated residents. Unfortunately for many this is the only social contact they have in the day so our team make the effort to have a chat whilst delivering the meals and ensuring the resident is fit and well. The additional equipment provided by SSE Renewables has ensured the quality of service is maintained which is something we pride ourselves on."

Nora Winter, Manager, Knockanure Community Development Association

## Supporting cultural tourism

### An Súcán Museum Trust

Supporting the culture and heritage of local communities is a key priority for the community funds in Ireland. The support for An Súcán Museum will help create the country's first national museum dedicated to the Irish language and the Gaelic revival. The museum project is designed to develop the remote Gaeltacht economy through cultural tourism as well as to support the preservation of heritage and the Irish Language in the Gaeltacht. The museum will support the Coláiste na Mumhan Irish College summer schools with relevant content. The donation from the community fund will help to enhance the visitor experience development and determine the content for the museum.

"Tá An Súcán buíoch as an dtacaíocht airgidis a fuarthas ó SSE Renewables le haghaidh an eispéireas cuartaíochta agus na háiseanna a fheabhsú don larsmalann Athbheochan agus Teanga na Gaeilge." Tim Twomey, Team Leader, An Súcán.



**€1,500**  
Coomacheo, Curragh and  
Coomatallin Community Fund

## Enhancing inclusive communities

### Bailieborough Swimming & Leisure Centre CLG

As communities re-opened after the pandemic, it made many community organisations consider how they enhance provision to be as inclusive and accessible as possible. Over 1,000 people use the not-for-profit leisure centre in Bailieborough, and the volunteers wanted to ensure people of all physical abilities could safely access the sport and leisure facilities. The funding enabled the committee to develop a wheelchair accessible changing facility, specifically designed to ensure that people can benefit from dignified and safe facilities within the centre. The facilities have been especially beneficial to the silver fins swim classes which instruct children with reduced mobility.

"This funding has allowed us to provide facilities to support our less able members and provides for them an opportunity to use the leisure centre in comfort through the space and privacy provided from the new wet room. Since installation we have already seen an increase in disabled users partaking in activities and hope this encourages more people to avail of our services" Mairead Galligan, Chairperson, Bailieborough Swimming & Leisure Centre



**€5,000**  
donated from Bindoo  
and Gartnaneane  
Wind Farms







**Excellence in low  
carbon training**

**€531,000**  
awarded in 2022/23

## Comhairle Ceantar na nOileán Galway Major Project Fund

To achieve meaningful and lasting climate action in Ireland we need to ensure households across the country achieve home energy upgrades. The requirement for home retrofits is at the centre of the country's climate priorities, including new national retrofit targets. To respond to this national requirement, there is a need for a significant upskilling of installers to meet the increasing demand for the improvements.

Comhairle Ceantar na nOileán received €110,000 to establish the Low Carbon and Sustainability Centre of Excellence in Casla. The centre will create new sustainable economic opportunities that will contribute to the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of the region by supporting the re-skilling of workers and supporting homeowners to complete improvements. They will provide skills in emerging retrofit technologies including solar PV, external wall insulation and ventilation. The project will train 280 professionals per annum and support the energy improvement of up to 10,000 local homes.

"In Galway, the waiting list for energy efficient home upgrades is nearly 2 years. Through the development of this training centre in Galway, timeframes for upgrades will be reduced with the project having the potential to impact over 30,000 individuals and in excess of 10,000 homes and contribute towards Ireland's net zero goal"

Patrick McHugh, Director Comhairle Ceantar na nOileán



## Ensuring inclusive sport



### Killannin GAA for All Galway Local Fund

It is important that all children can benefit from and enjoy sports activities. Killannin GAA for All supports children who have additional needs and enables them to participate in club activities in a safe, fun non-competitive environment. They help the young players to develop their physical, language, emotional and social skills. The sessions are facilitated by volunteers who have trained as special needs assistants and teachers, and they develop fun activities to provide the best experience at every session. The €2,500 donation has enabled the club to purchase new kits for the children and to grow their equipment range to support more age groups and abilities.

"Our club came about to address a necessity to include children who have additional needs within our community and allow them to participate in club activities in a safe, fun non-competitive environment. Our aim is to help our players develop their physical, intellectual, language, emotional and social skills. The funding towards additional equipment allows a variety of games and enables us to give them the best experience at every session."

Cola Murphy, Killannin GAA for All committee member



## Galway Scholarship Fund

Since 2018 we have partnered with University of Galway to offer scholarships to their students. John Hannon, Director of Student Services outlines why scholarships are an important part of the universities support offering.

### How do scholarships help the university achieve your aims?

The University of Galway run a variety of scholarship programmes to help make third level education easier to access. The main reason we run scholarship programmes is to offer deserving students the opportunity to pursue their educational goals and dreams. The provision of scholarships encourages diversity and inclusion and helps develop a talent pipeline in a variety of disciplines which closely aligns with our values and aims. Our vision at University of Galway is to be a driver of transformational change for our people, our region, and our world. Through the provision of financial support, we are enabling and empowering students to advance the critical roles required to deliver sustainable development.

### Why are scholarships important for your students?

Scholarships provide financial support for students to help pay for their university degree. These funds enable students to obtain a third level education they may not have access to otherwise. At the University of Galway, feedback from recipients is that the funding allows them to prioritise their studies over part-time work and relieves financial pressure for parents and carers. Being awarded such a prestigious scholarship instils a sense of pride in the recipients and they are encouraged to pass all exams to maintain the scholarship support.

### How do you determine who gets a scholarship?

With the Galway Wind Park scholarship distance from the windfarm is the key criteria to ensure those nearest the site are recognised. The weighted criteria are distance, STEM and then we look at the application and if they have any outstanding academic or personal achievements.



# Funding Awards 2022/23

## The Cavan and Monaghan Community Fund

The Cavan and Monaghan Community Fund distributes wind powered funding on behalf of Gartnanane, Mullananalt and Bindoo Wind Farms. The fund awarded c.€122,000 in 2022/23 to community groups within 20km of the wind farms.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
All Saints Church Doohamlet	Support to install car park lighting & drainage.	3,000.00
Ashfield Parish Church	Support to repoint the back wall of the church for conservation and energy efficiency reasons.	2,000.00
Aughnamullan Sarsfield GAA	Support to develop a walking track.	2,000.00
Bailieborough Community Assoc	Support towards tree planting project.	2,500.00
Bailieborough Swimming & Leisure Centre CLG	Support to install wheelchair accessible changing facilities.	5,000.00
Bawnboy Tidy Towns	Support to purchase additional equipment to increase members playing time and allow additional members to join.	2,000.00
Board of Management St. Felim N.S.	Support towards car park upgrades.	3,500.00
Bunnoe Community Enterprise Centre	Support to install EV charger.	2,500.00
Carrickallen Development Association	Support towards public lighting project.	3,000.00
Clones Town FC	Support to install PVC panels.	1,500.00
Clontribret GAA	Support to install floodlighting.	1,500.00
Cootehill Branch - Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann	Full funding for the 16th Gerry Whelan Memorial Weekend as part of Cootehill traditional festival.	1,500.00
Cootehill Presbyterian Church Committee	Support to the purchase of a digital piano to include music as part of the range of activities available for all.	1,000.00
Corcaghan Community Playgroup CLG	Support to solar PV panels.	2,000.00
Corcaghan National School	Support to track lighting.	2,500.00
Corduff Raferagh Community Association CLG	Support to upgrade fire alarm.	3,000.00
Crosskeys N.S.	Support to lighting project.	2,000.00
Cuilcagh Ramblers	Sponsorship.	1,000.00
Darley National School	Full funding to purchase a community defibrillator and cabinet.	2,000.00
Dernakesh Church (Chapel of Ease) Maintenance & Support	Support to window replacement for vestry.	1,000.00
Doohamlet Community & Resource Centre CLG	Support to chairs and tables.	3,000.00
Doohamlet O'Neill GFC	Support to lighting project.	3,000.00
Drumcorrin National School	Support to rewiring of old classroom.	1,400.00
Drumgoon Camogie	Support to coaching.	1,000.00
Drumgoon Community Centre Co-Operative Society Ltd	Support to solar panels.	1,500.00
Drumgoon Gaelic Football Club	Full funding to finish lighting project.	3,500.00
Drumgoon Hill Old Graveyard	Support to signage.	1,500.00
Drumgoon LGFA	Support to extra equipment.	721.00
Drumhowan Community Group	Support to replacement windows	2,200.00
Drung Senior Citizens	Full funding for annual programme of events for the club.	1,000.00
East Knockbride Community Hall	Support to the purchase and installation of baby changing, first aid and catering equipment.	2,000.00
Fingers & Toes Childcare	Support to recycling bins.	1,500.00

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Gallonray House - Little Rays Afterschool	Support to purchase outdoor equipment for afterschool children, to help promote healthy active lifestyle's.	1,000.00
Kill Community Alert	Support to hold a senior citizens Afternoon Tea Dance as part of the annual programme of events.	1,500.00
Kill Parents Association	Support to develop a sheltered area which will provide cover from the elements and act as an outdoor classroom.	2,000.00
Kill Shamrocks GAA	Support to extend and alter the walking track and associated lighting.	4,500.00
Killinkere Development Assoc	Support towards tree planting project.	2,500.00
Killygarry GFC	Support towards an energy efficient LED lighting project for the club.	4,500.00
Kilmount Presbyterian Church	Support to dryline 52m2 of the worst affected gable wall of the church which acts as a focal point for the rural community.	2,000.00
Knockbride GAA	Full funding for gym equip.	2,000.00
Knockbride National School	Support towards bus car park.	3,000.00
Knockbride Parish (Bailieborough)	Support towards senior citizens programme.	1,000.00
Knockbride Parish Church Shercock	Support to purchase a community defibrillator.	1,200.00
Laragh Sports Partnership	Support towards a Biodiversity Centre.	2,500.00
Latton O'Rahilly GAA Club	Support towards a lighting project.	3,500.00
Lower Lavey Community Group	Support towards hall repairs.	1,650.00
Maudabawn Community Alert	Support towards Senior Citizens programme.	1,500.00
Mountainlodge Defibrillator Assoc	Support to purchase portable training equipment.	2,500.00
Rainbow Kids Playgroup CLG	Support to purchase extra equipment.	1,000.00
Scoil Éanna	Support to purchase outdoor lighting and laptops.	3,500.00
Shercock Sport & Recreational Facilities	Support towards a lighting project.	2,500.00
St. Mark's Church Kill	Support to restore the main entrance door of the church for conservation and energy efficiency reasons.	1,500.00
St. Michael's National School Cootehill	Full funding for a well being programme.	1,200.00
St. Oliver Plunkett Community Preschool	Support to purchase new portacabins.	2,500.00
St. Patricks National School Castletara	Full funding to purchase one themed playhouse for the outdoor classroom for role play learning.	1,150.00
St. Patrick's School Shercock	Support to refurbish the original old school shelter for conservation purposes as well as the creation of a fit for purpose outdoor classroom.	3,000.00
Tullyvin Tidy Towns	Support to purchase a park bench & bird boxes.	2,000.00



# Coomacheo & Curragh Wind Farm Community Fund

The Coomacheo and Curragh Community Fund awarded c.€96,000 in 2022/23 to community groups within 20km of the wind farms.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Ballinagree National School	Contribution towards outdoor garden classroom.	€2,000
Ballinagree Scarecrow Festival	Contribution towards Ballinagree Scarecrow festival.	€1,000
Ballymakerra Tidy Towns	Contribution towards the green area clean up at St. Gobnait's Terrace.	€1,000
Ballyvourney Tidy Towns	Contribution towards Ballyvourney tidy towns programme.	€1,000
Banteer Community Sportsfield Ltd.	Contribution towards the installation of 10KW Solar PV & Battery System.	€2,000
Carriganima Childcare Centre	Contribution towards floor covering replacement for the centre.	€2,500
Carriganima National School	Contribution towards purchasing retractable goal post for the plating pitch.	€2,500
Cloghoul More Equestrian	Contribution towards arena flood lights for life skills programme in evenings and winter months.	€2,500
Cloghoul National School	Contribution towards the installation of 12KW Solar PV System.	€5,000
Clondrohid Community Recreational Facility Ltd.	Contribution towards security system for the grounds.	€2,500
Coiste Bailte Slachtmhare Cúil Aodha	Contribution towards village Christmas lights campaign.	€1,000
Ballyvourney & Ballymakeera Tidy Towns - Coiste Crann na nÓg	Contribution towards a community gathering space with seating around Crann na nÓg, a large tree carving sculpture.	€2,370
Comhaltas Cosanta Chúil Aoda	Contribution towards installing a safe pathway to the pitch.	€3,000
Comhlacht Tithe Sóisialta agus Forbairt an tSuláin Teoranta	Contribution towards a cold room for the Meals on Wheels service.	€3,000
Aghinagh GAA	Contribution towards purchasing storage containers for the club.	€3,000
Cumann Peil Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaid	Contribution towards the installation of 6KW Solar PV System.	€2,000
LTV Services Ltd.	Contribution towards phase 2 of digitising 150 VHS tape recordings of historical community events.	€2,000
Scoil Náisiúnta Reidh na nDoirí	Contribution towards installing an interactive whiteboard screen in the school.	€1,500
Gairdin na Spraoi Playground Committee	Contribution towards upgrade of playground to create a safe inviting space for families.	€2,000
Scoil Náisiúnta Baile Mhúirne Board of Management	Contribution towards the purchase of 160 banqueting chairs for Halla Baile Mhúirne community hall.	€2,500
Hollymount National School	Contribution towards outdoor garden classroom.	€1,000
Kilcorney National School	Contribution towards replacement energy efficient windows.	€2,000
Linn Snamha Chúil Aoda	Contribution towards running costs of the community swimming pool.	€3,000
Millstreet & District housing Association	Contribution towards replacement energy efficient windows for a sheltered housing project.	€5,000
Millstreet GAA Club	Contribution towards the development of playing and training pitch.	€2,000
Millstreet Men's Shed	Contribution towards the purchase and installation of a 20ft x 8ft greenhouse for a "grow your own" programme.	€2,500
Millstreet Parish Church	Contribution towards a graveyard restoration and enhancement project.	€1,000
Millstreet Pitch & Putt	Contribution towards the purchase of a maintenance equipment storage shed.	€1,500
Presentation National School	Contribution towards the installation of external wall insulation.	€5,000
Coiste Forbartha Béal Átha 'n Ghaorthaidh CLG	Funding to commission a conservation, management and interpretation plan for Rath Ghaiscigh (fort of the hero) ring fort.	€1,880

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Scoil Mhuire Boys National School	Contribution towards energy efficient floor insulation to improve comfort for Ukrainian students using the language room.	€2,500
Rylane Community Park Association	Contribution towards LED floodlighting for the pitch for evening and winter usage.	€2,000
Board of Management Rylane National School	Contribution towards outdoor garden classroom.	€2,500
Board of Management Scoil Abán Naofa	Contribution towards upgrading interactive whiteboard screens in the school.	€2,000
Scoil Chúil Aodha - Barr d'Inse	Contribution towards the development of a 35x25m astro-turf pitch.	€3,500
St. John's GAA	Contribution towards groundworks and electrical works for floodlights project.	€2,000
Peileadóirí an tSuláin - Sullane FC	Contribution towards the purchase of a ride-on mower for pitch and tidy towns maintenance.	€1,800
Coiste Forbartha Béal Átha 'n Ghaorthaidh CLG	Contribution towards the visitor experience development for an Súcán Museum.	€1,500
Taispeantas Baile Mhúirne / Cúil Aodha	Contribution towards running costs of the annual Ballyvourney Coolea agricultural show.	€1,000
West Muskerry AC	Contribution towards the installation of energy efficient, low consumption, electrical heating system for the sports hall.	€2,000
Irish Community Air Ambulance	Contribution towards equipping an Emergency Medical Response (EMR) vehicle.	€5,000
Millstreet Community Hospital	Operators fund - sponsorship.	€1,000



# Coomatalin Wind Farm

The Coomatalin Community Fund awarded c.€13,000 in 2022/23 to community groups within 20km of the wind farm.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Cox's Hall	Contribution to replacement doors.	€2,000
Drinagh Rangers	Contribution to car park lighting project.	€2,000
Dunmanway Community Sports Hall	Contribution towards landscaping.	€2,000
Rebel Mountain Bike Club	Contribution to bike trails.	€1,200
Sacred Heart Church	Contribution to solar lighting project.	€2,000
St. Mary's Badminton Club	Contribution to Insurance costs.	€700
St. Mary's Senior School	Contribution towards special needs playground equipment.	€1,200
Drinagh Community Association	Contribution towards signage & wild flowers.	€1,000
Drinagh National School	Fundraiser for Crumlin Hospital.	€1,000



# Corneen Wind Farm

The Corneen Community Fund awarded c.€8,600 in 2022/23 to community groups within 20km of the wind farm.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
St. Mogue's College	Funding for phase 1 of the development of a wellbeing garden in the school for all students and teachers to use.	€1,500
St. Aidan's National School	Funding to develop a sensory garden within the school garden workshop project.	€2,000
St. Mogue's National School	Funding to complete phase 1 to replace fluorescent tube light fittings with energy efficient LED lights in the classrooms.	€1,500
Krafty Kidz Community Childcare	Contribution towards the purchase of additional educational toys to promote children's knowledge of diversity and equality within their community.	€800
Daisy Hill House and Gardens	Funding to insulate the community development and horticultural project shed to improve energy efficiency and extend duration of use.	€1,500
Bawnboy Tidy Towns	Funding to purchase and install a water but rainwater harvesting system to maintain the plants and flowers in the village.	€400
Newtowngore National School	Contribution towards replacing 23 fluorescent tube light fittings with energy efficient LED lights.	€900



# Kingsmountain & Dunneill

The Kingsmountain and Dunneill Community Fund awarded c.€32,000 in 2022/23 to projects within 20km of the wind farms.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Dromore Villa FC	Sponsorship for club event.	350.00
Dromore West Central NS	Support to install 50m2 of soft play area.	3,000.00
Dromore West Community Council	Support to renovate a disused indoor toilet into an accessible, family friendly toilet with access from outside. Renovation includes insulation, energy-efficient lighting and heating, along with water-efficient plumbing and sanitary ware.	3,000.00
Dromore West Village Enhancement Committee	Support to install LED decorative lighting on Dromore West water tower as a beacon for various social initiatives throughout the year.	2,000.00
Easkey Community Council CLG	Support to replace 18 x oil radiators in Easkey Community Centre with thermostatically controlled electric radiators.	1,000.00
Eoghan Rua Ladies Football Club	Support to purchase equipment to deliver skills training for young girls in the parish of Easkey, Enniscrone & Castleconnor.	1,000.00
Killeenduff N.S.	Support to install benches/seating, a play kitchen, and create a mural facilitated by an artist working alongside the children in the outdoor learning space. Items will be made from recycled plastic materials that are environmentally friendly and able to withstand the inclement weather conditions.	2,000.00
LEAP Project Easkey	Support to construct a stone finished shelter wall along the shoreline at Munnellys cove in Easkey - shelter for sea swimmers, surfers, families and elderly, a camouflage for bird watchers and a focal point for erecting a lifebuoy.	2,000.00
Mayo Beekeepers' Club, Ballina	Support to install 3 further hives to enhance the apiary in Dunneill.	600.00
Owenbeg National School	Support to install outdoor classroom & sensory area with raised beds and benches from sustainable recycled products.	2,000.00
Screen Dromard Community Care	Sponsorship.	300.00
St. Marys NS	Support to purchase safe, durable and secure goal posts as a replacement for old goalposts.	1,200.00
St. Farnan's GAA Club	Support to run a series of talks and information sessions, delivered by experts, accessible to parents, young players and adult surrounding big social issues; gambling, addiction, mental health, suicide, drug abuse.	1,500.00
St. Farnan's GAA Club	Sponsorship.	250.00
St. Farnan's LGFA	Sponsorship.	1,000.00
St. Farnan's LGFA	Support to replace old underage goal posts from new safety compliant set.	2,000.00
St. Joseph's NS	Support to install 2 in-ground basketball posts with ground sleeves, composite backboards, rear board and all associated costs, in existing tarmacadam area.	2,000.00
St. Marys Church	Support towards upgrade works; repair roof, electrical upgrades and draft exclusion works.	2,000.00
Templeboy Aughris Rural Action TARA	Support to purchase Defibrillator, wall-mounted container, auxiliary installation works on Beach Bar with signage and community training.	2,000.00
Templeboy Foroige Club	Support to purchase equipment, a foldable pool table and bean bags for the club house for use by the club members.	1,000.00
West Sligo Athletics Club	Support to install energy efficient lighting along a full eight lane running track, which will be freely accessible to the local community, and the newly formed athletics club West Sligo AC.	1,000.00
West Sligo Young at Heart Club	Support to provide 5 focal points to the year, day outing to the Country Life Museum in Turlough, coach to Kilmovee Tea Dance, host its own Tea Dance, attend a Tea Dance is held in Ballina, hold the clubs Christmas party.	500.00
Western Gaels Hurling Club	Support to purchase additional equipment to increase the quality of training and increase participation at all age groups, across all clubs from Castleconnor to Templeboy.	500.00

# Knockastanna Wind Farm

The Knockastanna Community Fund awarded c.€14,600 in 2022/23 to community groups within 20km of the wind farm.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Bilboa National School	Sponsorship.	500.00
Cappawhite National School	Support to develop an Astro-turf pitch.	3,000.00
Cullen Lattin AFC	Full funding to purchase an Astro-turf brush, maintenance equipment for the Astro-turf pitch.	1,200.00
Cullen Village Tidy Towns Committee	Full funding to purchase a leaf blower to keep the streets in the centre of the village clean and tidy and safe for the community.	400.00
Curreeny Community Hall	Support to install an energy efficient heating system.	2,500.00
Doon GAA Club	Support to resurface the walkways and carpark making it safe for all users.	1,500.00
Kilcommon Community Council	Support towards the cost of repairs, maintenance and weather proofing of the community hall and surrounding garden amenity.	1,500.00
Knockbrittas Foilmahonmore Residents Assoc	Support towards the cost to maintain the local platform tourist attraction including cutting and trimming hedges and ditches, planting shrubs and flowers and painting seats.	2,050.00
Multiple Myeloma Ireland	Sponsorship.	500.00
Sean Treacy GAA Club	Support to install energy efficient security cameras along walkways and the grounds to ensure the area is safe for all to use.	1,500.00





# Meentycat Wind Farm

The Meentycat Community Fund distributes wind powered funding on behalf of Meentycat, Meentycat Extension and Culliaagh Wind Farms. The fund awarded c.€69,000 in 2022/23 to community groups within 20km of the wind farms.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Admiran Group Sewerage Scheme	Support towards safety enhancements.	1,000.00
An Chéad Chéim	Support to purchase a water heater.	1,000.00
Ash Meadow Community Group	Support towards fencing project.	1,500.00
Ballybofey & Stranolar Men's Shed	Support towards insulation.	1,500.00
Ballybofey & Stranorlar Tidy Towns	Support to purchase equipment.	1,000.00
Ballybofey and Stranorlar Chamber of Commerce	Support towards a rainwater harvesting project.	1,000.00
BASICC	Support towards Christmas lights campaign.	500.00
Buthall Tennis Club	Sponsored walk.	615.00
Cappry Residents Group	Support towards a planting project.	1,000.00
Cappry Rovers	Sponsored walk.	1,000.00
CLG Ghleann Fhinne - Glenfin GAA	Support towards a lighting project.	6,000.00
CLG Glenfinn GAA	Sponsorship.	1,000.00
Convoy ABC Boxing	Sponsored walk.	720.00
Convoy Community & Environmental Committee	Support towards composting workshops.	1,500.00
Crossroads Community Christmas Lights	Support towards Christmas lights campaign.	1,000.00
Curragh Athletic FC	Support towards a lighting project.	2,500.00
Donegal Down Syndrome	Sponsored walk.	783.00
Drumkeen Community Childcare	Support to install an outdoor play area.	2,000.00
Drumkeen United FC	Support towards a lighting project.	3,500.00
Finn Valley Ladies Football Club	Sponsored walk.	1,600.00
Finn Valley Rugby Club	Sponsored walk.	1,009.00
Finn Wheelers Cycling Club	Support towards safety equipment.	1,500.00
Gairmscoil Chú Uladh	Support towards a lighting project.	2,500.00
Gleann Fhinne Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Rathaiochta	Support to install solar panels.	1,500.00
Glencovitte National School	Sponsored walk.	1,320.00
Gleneely National School	Sponsored walk.	1,320.00
Glenswilly GAA	Support to install floodlighting.	4,000.00
Glenswilly NS	Support towards a lighting project.	2,500.00
Kilteevogue Parish (Parochial) Committee	Support towards an insulation project.	2,000.00
Meenglass Church of Ireland	Sponsored walk.	573.00
Nort West Shotekan Karate Club	Sponsored walk.	990.00
Planet Youth	Sponsored walk.	342.00
Red Hughs GAA Club	Sponsored walk.	1,000.00
Robert Emmets CLG	Support to install new energy efficient windows.	2,000.00
S.N. Cholmcille Bailena Finne & Naionra	Sponsored walk.	636.00
S.N. Taobhoige	Sponsored walk.	1,320.00
Scoil Bhride	Sponsored walk.	1,320.00
Sean Mac Cumhailís GAA Club	Sponsored walk.	1,200.00
Setanta Hurling Club	Sponsored walk.	909.00

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
St Columbas Ballylast NS	Support towards a wellbeing programme.	1,000.00
St Ninian's, Convoy Parish Church	Support towards a lighting project.	1,500.00
St. Mary's GAA Club	Sponsored walk.	468.00
St. Patrick's National School	Sponsored walk.	1,320.00
Stranorlar Presbyterian Church	Sponsored walk.	950.00
Swilly Seals Letterkenny Association	Sponsored walk.	1,200.00
The Green Community Group, Convoy	Support towards landscaping.	1,000.00
Three Rivers Badminton Club	Support to purchase equipment.	1,000.00
Twin Boxing Club	Sponsored walk.	1,000.00
Welchtown National School	Sponsored walk.	1,320.00

# Richfield Wind Farm

The Richfield Community Fund awarded c.€19,500 in 2022/23 to community groups within 20km of the wind farms.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
St. Annes NS Rathangan	Support to develop a safe play area for children with special educational needs and additional learning needs.	€2,000
Mayglass School - St Fintan's NS	Support to replace unsafe, inefficient doors with safe, energy efficient doors.	€2,000
Kilmore Quay Community Development Association	Support to purchase fridges x 3 for the meals on wheels programme.	€2,000
Wexford Sub Aqua Club	Support to 1. Operational costs to run training courses to increase membership of the club €6095, 2. to replace access door fro disability access, energy efficiency, protection against elements €3750.	€2,000
Kilmore United Soccer Club	Support to purchase and install energy efficient hand dryers and Training pitch lights.	€2,000
Kilmore GAA	Support towards installing floodlights on a new Astro pitch currently under development.	€4,000
Rathangan Church - Parish Council	Support to replace carpark light with energy efficient LED lights.	€1,000
Kilmore Parish	Support to replace indoor and outdoor lights with energy efficient LED lights.	€1,000
St. Anne's GAA Club Rathangan	Support to install 2 No. column net poles with ball stopping safety net to club room end of our junior playing pitch with a 100watt LED spot lights to the top of each pole.	€1,000
Rathangan Senior Citizens Housing Association CLG	Support to install energy efficient safety lighting for the entrance and car parking at the McCall Centre.	€1,000
Kilmore NS	Support to finish the Astroturf project for school.	€1,500



# Limerick and North Kerry Fund

The Limerick and North Kerry Community Fund distributes wind powered funding on behalf of Dromada, Athea, Tournafulla 1&2, Rathcahill and Leanamore Wind Farms. The fund awarded c.€199,000 in 2022/23 to community groups within 20km of the wind farms.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Abbeyfeale Men's Shed	Support towards the Shed running costs.	500.00
Abbeyfeale Community Alert	Support towards public security lights for the elderly.	1,000.00
Abbeyfeale Community Council	Support towards a biodiversity park training centre.	3,000.00
Abbeyfeale RFC	Support to install a heating system.	1,000.00
Abbeyfeale United	Sponsorship.	500.00
Abbeyfeale United FC	Support to resurface the club carpark.	1,000.00
Athea Community Arts Group	Full funding for a craft programme.	500.00
Athea Community Text Alert	Support towards Community Alert scheme.	2,000.00
Athea Drama Group	Support to install stage lighting.	1,500.00
Athea Fleadh Cheoil Committee	Sponsorship.	500.00
Athea GAA Club	Support towards a lighting project.	5,000.00
Athea Community Council	Support to upgrade lights and doors for Athea Library.	2,000.00
Athea National School	Support to replace old astra turf play area in the school.	5,000.00
Athea Tidy Towns	Support to enhance the Carrigkerry Rd entrance into Athea.	2,000.00
Athea United AFC	Support to install a walkway around the pitch.	4,000.00
Ballybunion Community Centre	Sponsorship.	500.00
Ballylongford GAA	Support to install spectator fencing.	5,000.00
Ballylongford Playground	Support to install a playground.	4,000.00
Ballylongford Tarbert CCE	Support to purchase instruments.	500.00
Ballylongford Tidy Towns	Support to install solar lights for Ballylongford.	3,000.00
Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann Teampall an Ghleanntain	Support to purchase instruments.	1,000.00
Con Colbert Community Hall	Support to repair the hall roof.	4,000.00
Dromcollagher Broadford GAA	Sponsorship.	1,000.00
Duagh Sports & Leisure Complex	Support to install car park lighting.	4,000.00
Feohanagh Castlemahan Resource Centre	Multi Annual Payment towards community centre upgrade.	10,000.00
Fleadh Cheol a Mumhan 2023	Sponsorship.	500.00
Fr Casey's GAA - Abbeyfeale	Support to replace external doors.	2,000.00
Glantine FC	Support towards a lighting project.	3,000.00
Glengurt National School	Support to purchase a storage shed.	5,000.00
Kantogher Development Group C/O Ashford Raheenagh Tidy Village Group	Support towards Christmas lights campaign.	1,000.00
Kantoher Development Group Clg	Support to install a kitchen.	4,000.00
Killeedy Camogie Club	Support towards a coaching programme.	2,000.00
Killeedy Defibrillator Group	Support towards training courses.	1,000.00
Killeedy Eco Park - Kantoher Development Group	Full funding to develop the 13 acre outdoor wildlife Park and walk ways.	8,900.00
Killeedy GAA	Support to install training lights.	1,000.00
Killeedy Hall Management Committee	Support to connect the hall to the parish sewage system.	1,000.00
Killeedy Youth Club	Support towards a lighting project.	1,000.00
Knockanure Community Development Assoc CLG Moyvane	Support towards a meals on wheels programme.	2,000.00
Knockanure National School - Scoil Chorp Christ	Full funding for sensory room lighting.	1,300.00

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Knocknasna National School Abbeyfeale	Full funding to install sandboxes.	1,200.00
Lenamore National School	Support to resurface areas around the school.	8,000.00
Lenamore Rovers	Support to upgrade dugouts.	2,500.00
Loch a Ghé Wren Boys	Support towards hall renovations.	1,000.00
Meenkilly National School	Support to insulate the school.	3,000.00
Monagea Bord a Óg	Support to purchase goal posts.	1,500.00
Monagea GAA	Support towards a lighting project.	5,000.00
Monagea LGFA	Support to upgrades toilet.	5,000.00
Monagea National School	Full funding for fencing near pedestrian crossing.	6,000.00
Mountcollins AFC	Support to install a new 160m safety green panel fence around 2 sides of the pitch where there is an embankment.	1,500.00
Mountcollins Community Centre	Support to install a kitchen.	2,000.00
Moyvane Development Association	Support towards Christmas lights campaign.	1,000.00
Moyvane Knockanure Parish	Support towards a lighting project.	1,000.00
Moyvane LGFA	Full funding to run ar coaching programme.	600.00
Muintir na Tire Templeglantine	Support towards insurance and running costs.	2,000.00
Multiple Myeloma Ireland	Sponsorship.	500.00
Noonan Christmas Lights	Sponsorship.	500.00
Scoil Mhuire gan Smál	Support to purchase air purifiers.	1,500.00
Scoil Naomh Ide Ashford National School	Support to replace doors.	2,000.00
Southwest Road Races Athea Ltd.	Support to purchase safety equipment for the motorcycle race in Athea.	1,250.00
St. Bridgids National School	Support to purchase a sensory shed.	5,000.00
St. Ita's AFC	Support towards pitch drainage project.	1,000.00
St. Olivers National School Ballylongford	Support to install fire doors.	5,000.00
Strand Community Development	Support towards a wildlife park.	2,000.00
Tarbert Bridewell CLG	Support to purchase equipment.	1,000.00
Tarbert Comprehensive School	Support to resurface the play area.	2,000.00
Tarbert Development Association	Support to purchase a weeding machine.	1,000.00
Tarbert LGFA	Support to purchase equipment.	500.00
Tarbert National School	Support to purchase equipment for the school outdoor area.	3,000.00
Temple Ógs Preschool	Full funding for a wall mural for the preschool.	1,000.00
Templeglantine Community Development CLG	Support to relocate the recycling bins in Templeglantine.	2,500.00
Templeglantine Community First Responders	Support to install an AED.	3,000.00
Templeglantine GAA	Support to install a security camera system.	2,000.00
Templeglantine National School	Support to install a heating system.	3,000.00
Templeglantine Tidy Towns	Support to install planting around the grotto.	500.00
Tom & Eileen O'Connor - Xmas Crib	Sponsorship.	500.00
Tournafulla & District Vintage Club	Support to purchase games and equipment for the show.	1,000.00
Tournafulla Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann	Support to wards running costs.	1,000.00
Tournafulla Defibrillator Group	Support to deliver training programme and maintain the defibrillators.	1,000.00
Tournafulla GAA	Support towards a lighting project.	10,000.00
Tournafulla Sustainable Living	Support to install solar lights & garden equipment in communal garden.	4,000.00
Tournafulla Tidy Towns	Support to install solar lighting in a communal garden.	4,000.00
West Limerick Singing Club - Abbeyfeale	Support towards festival running costs.	2,000.00



# Galway Wind Park

Galway Wind Park is a joint venture with Greencoat Renewables. The fund awarded c.€500,000 in 2022/23 to localised projects, large scale transformational projects and runs an annual scholarship programme to support third level students within 15km of the wind park with their tuition fees.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
32nd Galway Menlo Scout Group	Support to purchase tents and sports equipment.	3,000.00
An Garrai Gabhainn Residents Association	Support to install a pollinator green areas for the community.	2,000.00
Barboró International Festival	Support towards a lighthouse project for schools.	3,000.00
Barna GAA Club	Sponsorship.	200.00
Bearna Forbacha Aonaithe	Support towards the pitch development.	6,000.00
Carroe Men's Shed	Support to purchase a storage shed.	3,000.00
Clann Resource Centre	Support to purchase a wind breaker for the garden.	2,400.00
Clann Youth Development Group	Support towards integration activities for local youths.	1,600.00
CLG Spidéal	Sponsorship.	400.00
Clonbur Community Council	Sponsorship.	400.00
Club Judo An Cheathrú Rua	Support towards the provision of Mother & Daughter defence courses.	2,000.00
Coiste an Chillian	Support to purchase computer and AV equipment.	1,500.00
Coiste Ceantair Tuairíní	Support to purchase language translation iPads.	1,250.00
Coiste Currachaí an Spidéál	Support towards the festival.	2,000.00
Coiste Fhéile an tSrutháin	Support towards the festival.	2,500.00
Coiste na Halla Teoranta	Support to replace windows and doors.	6,000.00
Coiste Pairc Spraoi Leitir Mór	Support to install seating and picnic facilities in the playground.	2,200.00
Coiste Pobail Ceantar Seanapeisteen	Support to purchase LED lighting & fire extinguishers.	3,500.00
Corrib Athletics - Killannin Community Centre	Support towards equipment upgrade.	1,500.00
Corrib Baby & Toddler Group	Support towards training and workshops.	1,500.00
Corrib Basketball Club	Sponsorship.	400.00
Corrib Basketball Club	Support towards running costs.	3,500.00
Corrib Computer Training	Support to deliver workshops and camps.	3,000.00
Corrib Mask Search & Rescue	Support to purchase an inshore rescue boat.	4,500.00
Corribdale Grounds Committee	Support towards a feasibility study.	2,500.00
Cuman Peil na Maigh Cuilinn	Support towards a mindfulness programme.	2,500.00
Cumann Peile Naomh Anna Leitir Moir	Sponsorship.	500.00
Domestic Violence Response Oughterard	Support to deliver a wellness programme.	5,000.00
Doon East Enhancement Committee	Support to complete a shared walkway.	20,000.00
Down Syndrome Hub Moycullen	Full fund to develop touch, type, read and spell IT programme (TTRS).	3,000.00
Energy Society	Sponsorship.	500.00
Fionndraiser	Sponsorship.	1,500.00
Flying Fifteen Connemara	Support to purchase of a safety boat.	4,000.00
Forbairt Pobal Maigh Cuilinn	Support towards a lighting project.	1,200.00
Forum Connemara CLG	Support towards and education programme for youths with additional needs.	2,000.00
Friends Lif	Sponsorship.	1,000.00
Galway Mountain Rescue	Sponsorship.	500.00
Galway Mountain Rescue	Support to purchase mobile Wi-Fi and signal booster equipment.	1,330.00

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Horse Connects	Support towards horse skill equine courses for the vulnerable & disabled.	4,000.00
Joyce Men's Shed	Support towards energy efficient heating & equipment upgrades.	2,000.00
Killannin GA Club	Support to deliver a programme for children with special needs.	2,500.00
Marginalised Residents of Doon	Support towards ringfort restoration project.	4,500.00
Mary Carroll	Sponsorship.	400.00
Moycullen Conference SVP	Support to support vulnerable people in the area.	4,000.00
Moycullen Girl Guides	Support towards IT and AV equipment.	929.00
Moycullen Heritage	Full funding to replace 5 bilingual A3 Heritage Trail Signs.	2,000.00
Moycullen Hurling & Camogie Club	Support to purchase additional equipment.	2,000.00
Moycullen Meals on Wheels	Support towards a meals on wheels programme.	2,500.00
Moycullen Parents & Toddlers Group	Support to purchase equipment and furniture.	2,000.00
Moycullen Tidy Towns	Support towards a pollinator garden.	2,400.00
Naionra an Chnoic Tír an Fhia	Support to purchase catering equipment.	2,500.00
Oughterard Active Retirement	Support towards the provision of a training programme.	2,100.00
Oughterard AFC	Sponsorship.	300.00
Oughterard Anglers & Boatmen's Assoc	Sponsorship.	1,000.00
Oughterard Anglers & Boatmen's Assoc	Support towards a feasibility study.	2,049.00
Oughterard Christmas Lighting	Support towards Christmas lights campaign.	2,000.00
Oughterard Festival Committee	Sponsorship.	500.00
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Oughterard Golf Club	Sponsorship.	300.00
Oughterard Golf Club Ladies Committee	Sponsorship.	250.00
Oughterard Leisure Centre	Support toward energy efficiency upgrades.	4,000.00
Oughterard Meals on wheels	Support towards the provision of services.	3,000.00
Oughterard Men's Shed	Support towards a new assembly bench, tools & materials.	2,500.00
Oughterard Rugby Club	Support to purchase a storage container.	2,000.00
Oughterard Senior Citizens	Support towards a senior citizens programme.	1,000.00
Oughterard Show Society	Support to run the festival.	7,000.00
Oughterard Tidy Towns	Support to purchase hanging baskets, water butts and equipment.	1,500.00
Oughterard Youth Club	Support towards the provision of a training programme.	3,500.00
Peter Tierney - Hospice Fundraiser	Sponsorship.	500.00
Radharc na Mara Primary School	Sponsorship.	500.00
Rosscahill Cillin Restoration	Support towards restoration work.	1,400.00
Rosscahill ICA	Support towards a rush making programme.	1,400.00
Rosscahill Tidy Town	Support towards a public lighting project.	4,000.00
Rosscahill Tidy Towns	Support to install flowerbeds.	2,500.00
Safe Fence Ltd	Sponsorship.	247.95
Scoil Bhaile Nua	Support to purchase equipment and provision of an after school programme.	3,000.00
Scoil Cholmain Tuairíní Moycullen	Support towards an outdoor classroom canopy.	3,000.00
Scoil Muire Parents Association	Support towards an after school programme.	2,000.00
Scoil Náisiúnta Colmcille	Support towards an outdoor classroom.	3,000.00
Sonas Senior Citizens	Support towards a senior citizens programme.	4,000.00
Tar Isteach Playground	Support towards playground upgrades.	2,500.00
Venture Out Wilderness Project Clg	Support towards a youth environmental programme.	2,000.00
Oughterard Golf Club	Funding towards solar panel installation.	10,000.00



COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Marginalised Residents of Doon East	Completion and extension of the Doon Rosscahill Woods forestry trail. Last Year 900m of trails was completed and they wish to extend another trail to enhance the walking area.	40,000.00
Oughterard Sports & recreation Partnership	Build a grass amenity area to be used as a multi purpose recreation area to allow the playing of sports camping and training of multiple sports.	40,000.00
Doon East Enhancement Committee	Complete the final phase of the Rosscahill Killannin Community Pavement Scheme, which will provide a safe footway/cycleway from Doon East to Rosscahill. The completed footway will safely connect most of the parish of Rosscahill.	103,836.59
Comhairle Ceantar na nOileán	Funding towards Contribution to energy upgrades.	110,000.00





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