



# Grant Aid Guidance Notes

**Funding for the enclosed Grant Aid Streams covers the period  
1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021**

**Grant Aid Call Opening Date:**  
15 January 2020

**Grant Aid Call Closing Date:**  
Thursday 6 February 2020 @ 5.00pm

<b>Drop In - Grant Aid Information Sessions for Funding Streams will be held in the following locations:-</b>		
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tara Centre, Omagh	Tuesday, 21 January 2020	4.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Enniskillen Library	Thursday, 23 January 2020	4.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Officers will be in attendance at the Information sessions located throughout the district. If you are unable to attend an information session, Council Officers will be available by appointment to provide information. Please make sure you contact an officer well in advance of the closing date to avoid disappointment. Officer contact details are listed under each Grant Aid Stream.

Before submitting an application, groups are recommended to contact the relevant department to discuss the application.

**These Grant Aid Guidance Notes should be read in conjunction with Fermanagh & Omagh District Council's Grant Aid Code of Practice, which is available to download on the Council's website. <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/funding-and-grants/>**

<b>Name of the Programme</b>	<b>Irish in the Community</b>
<b>Programme Dates</b>	<b>Funding covers the period: 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021</b>
<b>Brief Description</b>	<p>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council wants to support projects, activities and groups that will actively contribute to enhancing the cultural life of the district.</p> <p>Through this grant scheme the council wants to open up opportunities for people to experience high quality access to the Irish Language.</p> <p>Applications must be about a project or an activity that takes places within the district.</p> <p><b>Applicants are advised to contact an officer to discuss their application prior to submission.</b></p>
<b>Programme Specific Criteria</b>	<p><b>Sample Programmes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitator led conversation circle for beginner and intermediate level learners in target language.</li> <li>• One day intensive courses</li> <li>• Programme exploring literature or songs in target language</li> </ul> <p>These sample programmes are for illustration only, groups will not be restricted to these formats.</p> <p><b>Eligible Expenditure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme with a minimum of 16 teaching hours (5 hrs per tutor for a one day intensive course)</li> <li>• Venue Hire</li> <li>• Learning resources</li> <li>• Facilitator (maximum contribution £25 per hour)</li> </ul> <p>Applications will be assessed against the potential of the project to contribute and enhance the cultural life of Fermanagh and Omagh District through the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engaging Communities – (weighted at 50%)</li> <li>- Strengthening the Sector – (weighted at 50%)</li> </ul> <p>Your proposed project must address and score against at least one of the two priorities.</p> <p><b>Engaging Communities</b> - we mean that the proposal must include some kind of active participation (audiences are not active) such as classes, workshops or a masterclass. It might be with a community of interest (e.g. young people) or the wider community.</p> <p><b>Strengthening the Sector</b> - we mean the Irish Language sector in the district. This is likely to mean addressing gaps in provision (e.g. geographical, format), collaboration with others and supporting the delivery of the Community Plan priorities (quality of life, Early Years, families, environment, Older People, health &amp; well-being).</p>

<b>Average Grant Amount</b>	Irish language Conversation circle £250 Irish language Classes with facilitator £500 One day Irish intensive Irish Language Course £500
<b>Responsible Service Area / Match Funder</b>	Arts and Heritage / Council Funding
<b>Contact Information for applicant support purposes</b>	<p>Applications can be discussed with the following officers:</p> <p>Fiona Crudden, Irish Language Officer (Policy and Planning) Kevin Goodwin, Irish Language Development Officer</p> <p>By telephone Fermanagh and Omagh District Council 0300 303 1777</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:fiona.crudden@fermanaghomagh.com">fiona.crudden@fermanaghomagh.com</a> or <a href="mailto:kevin.goodwin@fermanaghomagh.com">kevin.goodwin@fermanaghomagh.com</a></p>