



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

Grant Aid Guidance Notes

**Funding for the enclosed Grant Aid Stream covers the period
1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022**

Grant Aid Call Opening Date:
16 February 2021

Grant Aid Call Closing Date:
23 March 2021 @ 5.00pm

Before submitting an application, groups are recommended to contact the relevant department to discuss the application. Officers are available to assist with any queries you may have regarding your application or the criteria. 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 over leaf.

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/>

Grant Aid - for Older Persons Groups

On this occasion Older Persons Groups must apply directly through the Council for this funding

Name of the Programme	Irish in the Community
Programme Dates	Funding covers the period: 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022
Brief Description	<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. Applications must be about a project or an activity that takes places within the district.</p> <p>If the project / activity is unable to take place in a venue due to COVID 19 restrictions. Alternative online costs will be considered.</p> <p>Applicants are advised to contact an officer to discuss their application prior to submission.</p>
Programme Specific Criteria	<p>Sample Programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short courses or more sustained courses in your area. • One day intensive courses • Programmes exploring literature, songs, sport etc. in Irish. <p>These sample programmes are for illustration only, groups will not be restricted to these formats.</p> <p>Eligible Expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme with a minimum of 16 teaching hours (5 hrs per tutor for a one day intensive course) • Venue Hire • Learning resources • Facilitator (maximum contribution £25 per hour) <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"> - Engaging Communities – (weighted at 50%) - Strengthening the Sector – (weighted at 50%) <p>Your proposed project must address and score against at least one of the two priorities.</p> <p>Engaging Communities - 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>Strengthening the Sector - 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 & well-being).</p>

	<p>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is keen to support opportunities for children and young people to access Irish within their local communities.</p> <p>Please ensure to provide as much information as possible in your application.</p>
Average Grant Amount	<p>Irish language Conversation circle £250; Irish language Classes with facilitator £1000; One day Irish intensive Irish Language Course £500</p> <p>Please note a tutor must be external to the organisation / group.</p>
Responsible Service Area	Arts and Heritage / Council Funding
Contact Information for applicant support purposes	<p>Applications can be discussed with the following officers: 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>By email: fiona.crudden@fermanaghomagh.com or kevin.goodwin@fermanaghomagh.com</p>