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Realising our
Rural Potential
Action Plan for Rural Development

CLÁR 2017

Local Authority Measures

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in areas that experience disadvantage. The aim of CLÁR is to support the sustainable development of identified CLÁR areas with the aim of attracting people to live and work there. The funding works in conjunction with local/Agency and other Departmental funding programmes and on the basis of locally identified priorities. The programme which was effectively closed for new applications since 2009, reopened in a limited but very successful way, in 2016.

Funding Allocation for 2017

There is an allocation of €5million in total for 2017, of which, up to €4.25 million is available under 3 measures to be operated via Local Authorities for a range of School and Community projects.

Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures (€2m)

Measure 2: Play Areas (€0.75m)

Measure 3: Targeted Community Infrastructure Needs (€1.5m)

Timelines

Scheme launch	31 st March
Applications to be received by the LA	24 th April
Applications to be received by the Department	By May 5 th
Assessment and decisions, contracts	By May 31 st
Drawdown of 50% of funding	Sept/Oct (progress dependent)

Numbers of Applications

Up to a **total of 20 applications** between measures 1, 2 and 3, may be submitted by the Local Authority for consideration by the Department. Applications under measure 1 may include a number of elements at a single location (school or community facility) up to the maximum funding limit outlined in the measure.

The Department will select a number of projects in whole or in part and will take the proportion of the county that is within CLÁR into account in the decision making process (e.g. Clare has more than 120 District Electoral Divisions (DEDs) in CLÁR, whereas Wicklow only has 7).

Applications should be submitted on the relevant application form for each measure and relevant details inserted in the relevant template also.

Grant Payment arrangements

50% to Local Authority after partial completion

50% paid on completion of project

Detailed Measures

Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures

CLÁR 2017 will consider support for interventions that make the school/community facility environs healthier and safer for the children attending the schools, and for children and adults using the community facilities.

In this context the table below outlines the supports eligible for funding in CLÁR areas under this measure. The list below **is definitive** and based on the projects funded through CLÁR in 2016.

Type of Intervention	Possible Funding to be allocated
Erect pedestrian crossings in small towns and villages at schools/community facilities.	Max €22,000
Construction and upgrading of access footpaths next to schools or community facilities.	Max €30,000
Car Parking facilities to access schools or community facilities.	Max €30,000
Provision of Bus Shelters	Max €25,000
Provision of Public Lighting	Max €30,000
Overall max per project if there are a number of elements above included in applications for a single location	Max €50,000

Projects proposed to the Department by the LA's must be selected on the basis of:

- an application by a School/Community to the LA
- evidence that all necessary permissions are in place
- evidence where applicable that ownership/lease is in place
- full estimated costings (procurement not required at this point)
- evidence that match funding is in place where relevant
- clear evidence of need, and
- relevance to the LECF/other plan.

Rate of Aid

The scheme will provide up to 90% of the cost or the maximum amount outlined in the table above, whichever is the lesser. The remaining 10% or balance of the cost should be provided through Community/other resources with a minimum of 5% cash contribution from the School/Community.

Measure 2: Schools/Community Play Areas

In the context of the level of queries received post the implementation of the 2016 CLÁR scheme, it is proposed to run a specific Play Areas measure as part of the 2017 Programme. CLÁR 2017 will consider support for the enhancement of existing and/or the development of new School/Community Play areas.

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- evidence that all necessary permissions are in place
- evidence, where applicable, that ownership/lease is in place
- full estimated costings (procurement not required at this point)
- evidence that match funding is in place where relevant
- clear evidence of need, and
- relevance to the LECP/other plan.

Rate of Aid

A minimum grant of €5,000 and a maximum grant of €50,000 for projects will be available. The maximum grant payable will be 90% of the project cost or a maximum of €50,000, whichever is the lesser. The remaining 10% or balance of the cost should be provided through Community/other resources with a minimum of 5% cash contribution from the School/Community.

Measure 3: Targeted Community Infrastructure Needs

This aim of this measure is to provide support for small to medium sized Community based capital/infrastructure projects that don't qualify for other existing schemes. All applications must demonstrate that the project is **not** eligible for assistance under other existing schemes, show clear evidence of need, and benefit to the community.

Applications will be accepted from established Community Groups via the Local Authorities. Projects will be selected on the basis of:

- confirmation and evidence that the proposal is not eligible for funding under any other publicly-funded schemes, having regard to the criteria for those schemes.
- evidence that all necessary permissions are in place, where appropriate
- evidence, where applicable, that ownership/lease is in place
- full estimated costings
- evidence that match funding is in place
- clear evidence of need and benefit to the community, and
- relevance to the LECP/other plan.

The applications selected for submission to the Department should be approved by the LCDC to ensure that there are no conflicts with the LECP/other local plans and other programmes e.g. SICAP, those run by the LEO's etc.



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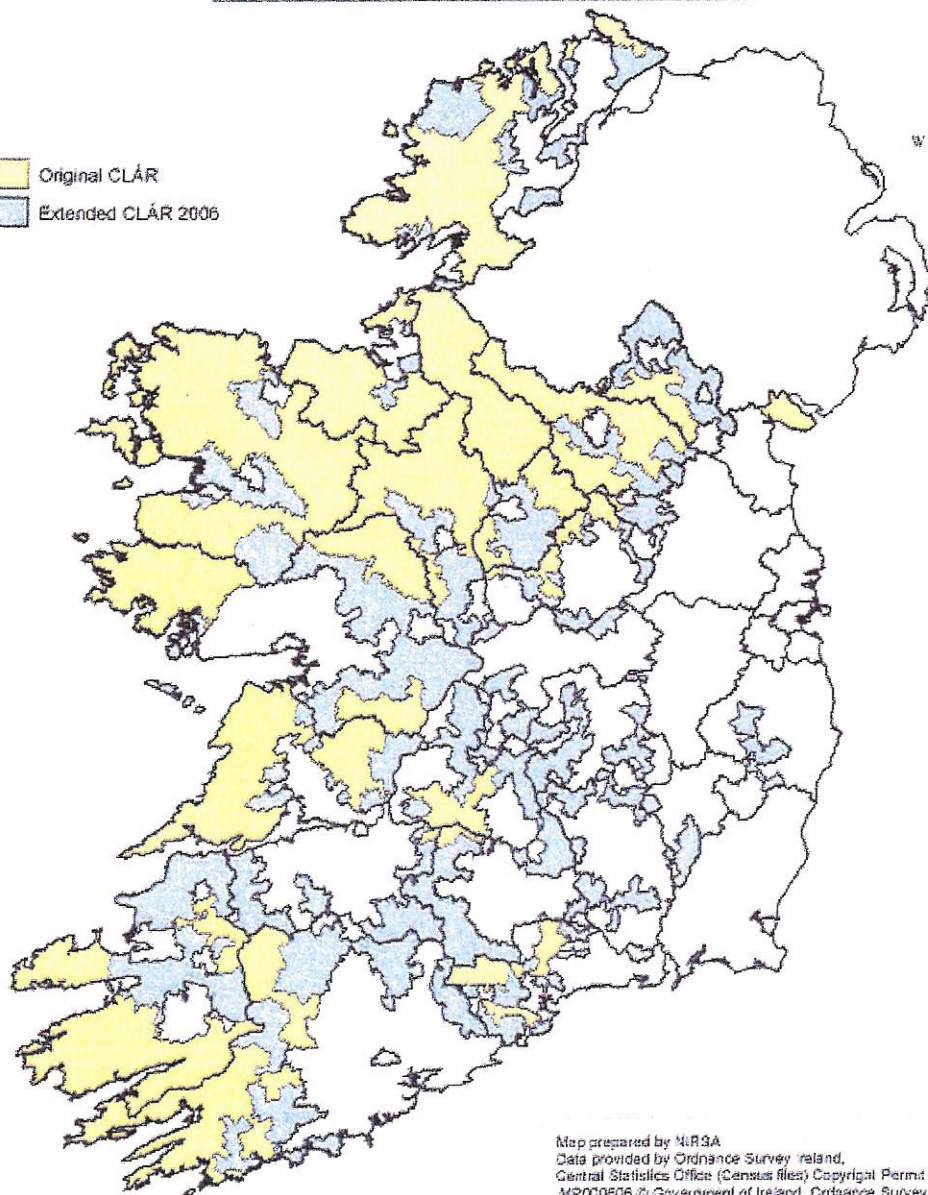
A minimum grant of €5,000 and a maximum grant of €50,000 for projects are available. The maximum grant rate will be 85% of the project cost or €50,000, whichever is the lesser. The remaining 15% or balance of the cost should be provided through Community/other resources with a minimum of 5% cash contribution from the School/Community

DED AREAS IN CLÁR AREA FOR COUNTY CAVAN

002 Bailieborough, Co. Cavan	033 Munterconnaught, Co. Cavan	065 Kill, Co. Cavan
003 Carnagarve, Co. Cavan	034 Virginia, Co. Cavan	066 Killashandra, Co. Cavan
004 Crossbane, Co. Cavan	035 Ardue, Co. Cavan	067 Killykeen, Co. Cavan
005 Drumanespick, Co. Cavan	036 Arvagh, Co. Cavan	068 Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan
006 Enniskeen, Co. Cavan	037 Ashfield, Co. Cavan	069 Knappagh, Co. Cavan
007 Killinkere, Co. Cavan	038 Ballintemple, Co. Cavan	070 Larah North, Co. Cavan
008 Kingscourt, Co. Cavan	040 Ballymachugh, Co. Cavan	071 Larah South, Co. Cavan
009 Lisagoan, Co. Cavan	041 Bellananagh, Co. Cavan	072 Milltown, Co. Cavan
010 Mullagh, Co. Cavan	042 Belturbet Urban, Co. Cavan	073 Moynehall, Co. Cavan
011 Shercock, Co. Cavan	043 Bruce Hall, Co. Cavan	074 Rakenny, Co. Cavan
012 Skeagh, Co. Cavan	044 Butler's Bridge, Co. Cavan	075 Redhill, Co. Cavan
013 Taghart, Co. Cavan	045 Canningstown, Co. Cavan	076 Springfield, Co. Cavan
014 Termon, Co. Cavan	046 Carrafin, Co. Cavan	077 Stradone, Co. Cavan
015 Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan	047 Castlesaunderson, Co. Cavan	078 Tullyvin East, Co. Cavan
016 Ballymagauran, Co. Cavan	048 Cavan Rural, Co. Cavan	079 Tullyvin West, Co. Cavan
017 Bawnboy, Co. Cavan	049 Clonervy, Co. Cavan	080 Waterloo, Co. Cavan
018 Benbrack, Co. Cavan	050 Cootehill Rural, Co. Cavan	081 Derrylahan, Co. Cavan
019 Bilberry, Co. Cavan	051 Cootehill Urban, Co. Cavan	082 Derrynananta, Co. Cavan
020 Carn, Co. Cavan	052 Corr, Co. Cavan	083 Dowra, Co. Cavan
021 Diamond, Co. Cavan	053 Corraneary, Co. Cavan	084 Dunmakeever, Co. Cavan
022 Doogary, Co. Cavan	054 Crossdoney, Co. Cavan	085 Eskey, Co. Cavan
023 Kinawley, Co. Cavan	055 Croskeys, Co. Cavan	086 Killinagh, Co. Cavan
024 Lissanover, Co. Cavan	056 Cuttragh, Co. Cavan	087 Teebane, Co. Cavan
025 Pedara Vohers, Co. Cavan	057 Denn, Co. Cavan	088 Tuam, Co. Cavan
026 Swanlinbar, Co. Cavan	058 Derrin, Co. Cavan	089 Drumlumman, Co. Cavan
027 Templeport, Co. Cavan	059 Drumcarban, Co. Cavan	090 Kilcogy, Co. Cavan
028 Tircahan, Co. Cavan	060 Drumcarn, Co. Cavan	091 Kilgolagh, Co. Cavan
029 Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan	061 Drung, Co. Cavan	092 Loughdawan, Co. Cavan
030 Castlerahan, Co. Cavan	062 Graddum, Co. Cavan	093 Scrabby, Co. Cavan
031 Kilbride, Co. Cavan	063 Grilly, Co. Cavan	
032 Lurgan, Co. Cavan	064 Kilconny, Co. Cavan	

National CLÁR Region

 Original CLÁR
 Extended CLÁR 2006



0 15 30 60 90 120 Kilometers

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