



# SICAP Small Grant Scheme for Local Community Groups 2021

## What is SICAP?

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (**SICAP**) 2018 – 2022 provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.

## What are SICAP Small Grants 2021?

**SICAP Small Grants 2021** are now available for applications for funding, to support projects that target the most marginalized groups or issues in disadvantaged areas in our county. This round of funds are aimed at supporting groups to deliver social inclusion activities, and support for Men's and Women's Sheds (both new and existing)

*Only projects which comply with the strategic thematic areas outlined in the SICAP Programme 2018 – 2022 under Goal 1 can only be considered. Please see our website [www.sligoleader.com](http://www.sligoleader.com) for further details.*

## Priority

Priority will be given to projects that support

- development activities for SICAP target groups etc.
- community groups and organizations that are directly responding to the need of women and men's development activities throughout the county, including the support for men's and women's sheds.



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**Note:** Grants cannot be used to supplement other grant applications and we cannot accept application for the same items associated with other funding applications.

## What can be funded?

Grants can be used to fund the following types of activities:

- Community activities that have a clear link to SICAP target groups and SICAP outcomes, such as supporting health and wellbeing, lifelong learning, employment supports and community integration.
- Funding to women's groups, men and women sheds, homework clubs, youth work initiatives, after-school programmes delivered by LCGs etc. are eligible as long as the funding is allocated to a specific activity that focuses on SICAP target groups and is linked to an action in the SICAP annual plan.
- Small scale capital items to facilitate social inclusion activities.

## Terms and Conditions

- The project must benefit the residents in a disadvantaged area or a target group under the **SICAP** Programme.
- The information supplied by the applicant group /organisation must be accurate and complete.
- Misinformation may lead to disqualification and/or the repayment of any grant made.
- All information provided in respect of the application for a grant will be held electronically. **SLPC** reserves the right to publish a list of all grants awarded on its website.
- The Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by the Department, Sligo Local Authority, Sligo LCDC and **SLPC**.
- The application must be signed by the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the organisation making the submission.
- It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that it has proper procedures and policies in place including appropriate insurance where relevant.



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- Applications must be on the relevant form.
- Evidence of quotations must be provided to **SLPC** at time of application.
- Evidence of expenditure, receipts /invoices must be retained and provided to **SLPC** at time of payment.
- A project evaluation report must be submitted to **SLPC** on completion of the project or spend.
- **SLPC**, Sligo LCDC and the Department's contribution must be publicly acknowledged in all materials associated with the purpose of the grant.
- The minimum grant available is €150 up to a maximum of €1,500.
- Generally, no third party or intermediary applications will be considered.
- Breaches of the terms and conditions of the grants programme may result in sanctions including disbarment from future grant applications.
- Only one application per LCG
- This is a limited fund and priority will be given to groups that directly support the more marginalized within our community, and who are not in receipt of funding from other sources.
- Grants should not duplicate other sources of local funding by funding the same costs e.g., from the Local Authority, Leader, the Community Enhancement Programme etc.

### How can I apply for support under the fund?

The initial Tranche of fund has a closing date of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 1:00pm. To apply simply complete and return the attached application form by email to [communications@sligoleader.com](mailto:communications@sligoleader.com)

### When and how will I be notified of the funds that our group has been allocated?

A member of the SICAP team will contact you as soon as possible to discuss your needs and the most practical way in which the fund can provide support to your community group. We will then send you an email to confirm:

- The amount of funding that we can allocate in support of your community groups response.



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- The expense items that we will agree to fund.
- How the cost of these expense items can be re-claimed by your group when purchased from nominated suppliers.

### What information will I need to provide to re-claim the funds allocated to our group?

We will provide you with the details that we need to process your claim remotely by return email. This will include:

The quotation for items to be purchased (made out in the name and address of your group), as supplied with your application.

- A separate itemised invoice(s) for goods purchased by your group.
- A bank statement(s) showing the payments made by your group from its bank account for these goods or services.
- A short claim form - that summarises how the funds were spent – we will provide a template for this.
- A short report detailing the benefit of the activity and costs funded – we will provide a template for this.

General Enquiries: If you have any general queries in relation to the funds, please submit these by email to [communications@sligoleader.com](mailto:communications@sligoleader.com) and a member of the SICAP team will respond to your query as soon as possible.

## The allocation of this fund is subject to funding available through the SICAP programme



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