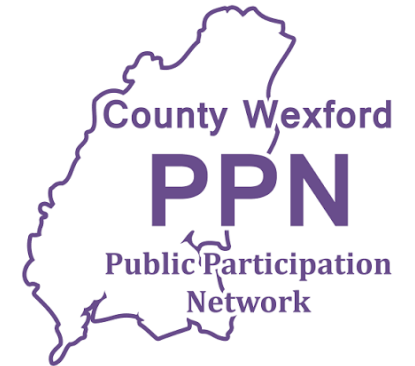




Local Environmental Action Fund 2026 Wexford PPN



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- **Local Environmental Action Fund 2026 (LEAF 2026)** -pilot
- Funded by the **IPB** (Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurer) - €50,000
- **Wexford County Council** - €50,000
- Total Budget for County Wexford = **€100,000**
- Supported by the **CCMA** (County and City Management Association)
 - Administered by Community Development Department at WCC



Fund Ethos - Communities Working Together for Climate

- “...to support the sustainability aims of local community led projects with climate action, biodiversity and environmental enhancement outcomes.”



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Fund Concept - Communities Working Together for Climate

- “...to encourage collaboration between Tidy Towns and similar groups, with climate action and environmental ethos, to work and partner with other local voluntary groups and community stakeholders to promote greener communities.”

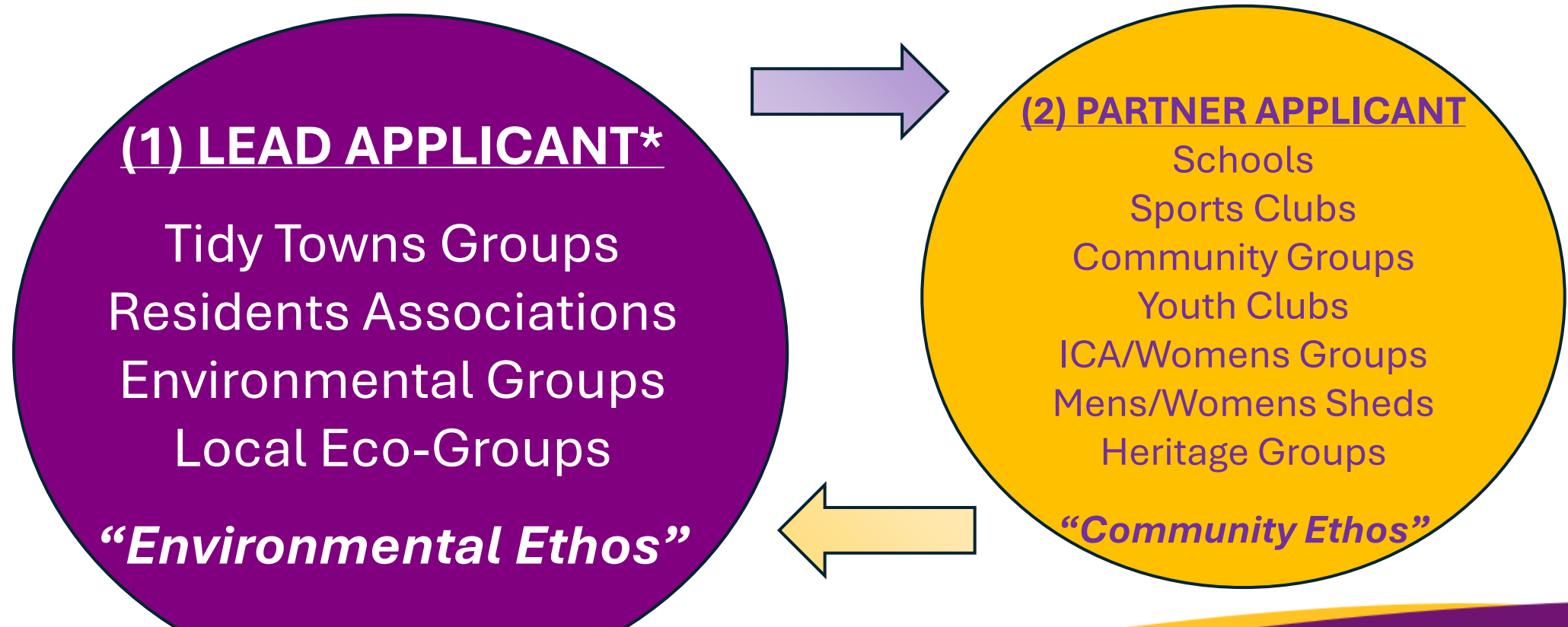


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Fund Concept - Communities Working Together for Climate



*Lead Applicant must be PPN registered



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100% funding for projects
(no cash match required)
Total Fund = €100,000

Awards range: €1,000 (min) to €20,000 (max)
per project

- likely mix of min and max projects, depending on applications
and Municipal District budgets



What is the fund for?

TIP 2: be realistic with what you can achieve, within the budget and time constraints

Sample type of projects eligible for funding include but are not exclusive to:

- Projects must focus on **climate action, biodiversity** and/or **environmental enhancement**
- Capital works and/or awareness/educational campaigns. Not operational costs.
- Biodiversity conservation – creating pollinator-friendly spaces; community gardens/greenings

YEAR 1 - Nothing ruled out at this stage – evaluated on merits

- Renewable energy projects – solar panels for community buildings
- Waste reduction and recycling initiatives – re-use/refurb projects with Community Sheds
- Water conservation projects – rainwater capture systems for community areas
- Public Education campaigns on sustainability - community training and engagements
- Climate resilience projects – community flood prevention measures



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**TIP 3: if your new idea is not on the traditional list,
PUT IT ON THERE BY APPLYING**



Community Climate Action Response



Ideas from WCC CAP Goals



Education/Eco-Awareness/Social Media

NOTE: Public spaces preferred – or accessible community/school/parish facilities, which are open to use by whole community after school hours; keyholder/booking systems are acceptable



Pollinator Projects



Tidy Schools = Tidy Towns



Urban Wilding



Evaluation Criteria -

Relevance to Climate Action/Environmental Enhancement Goals (40%)

- Alignment with local climate action plans
- Contribution to biodiversity and environmental enhancement.

Community Engagement and Impact (20%)

- Demonstrated benefit to the local community
- Level of community engagement and participation in the project.



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Evaluation Criteria -

Feasibility and Sustainability (20%)

- Practicality and timeline of implementation
- Plans for ongoing maintenance or long-term sustainability.

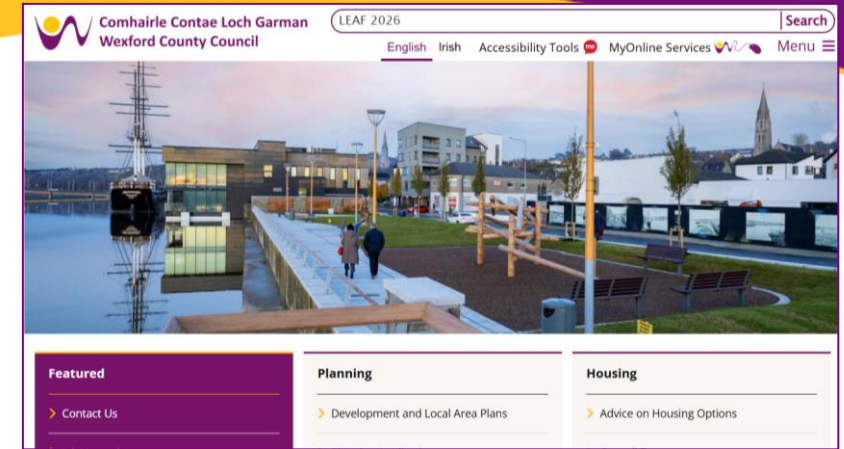
Innovation and Creativity (20%)

- Novel approaches to tackling environmental challenges.
- Use of local knowledge and resources

NOTE: further evaluation criteria may apply, dependent on alignment to WCC Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029; budgets, local need, volume and profile of applications received

How? When? to apply

- Apply online at www.wexfordcoco.ie/leaf
Or Search **WexCoCo website** – LEAF 2026
- Download application form and email to community@wexfordcoco.ie
- Or return to **Community Development Department** at County Hall



Applications deadline
Friday 7th August 2026 17:00 hrs

The Application Form



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LOCAL ENVIRONMENT ACTION FUND (LEAF) 2026

Communities Working Together for Climate

APPLICATION FORM-

Deadline Friday 7th August 2026 17:00hrs

NOTE: Handwritten applications cannot be accepted at this time

Please note that this fund is only open to PPN registered Tidy Towns, Resident Associations or similar community voluntary groups, with a climate action/biodiversity focus, with environmental enhancement project outcome(s). Primary Applicant Groups must collaborate with at least one other general community stakeholder group, for the delivery of their proposed LEAF funded project (e.g. - local schools, youth clubs, sports clubs, Men's Sheds, Women's Sheds etc.)

1. Primary Applicant Group Details:

Group Name:		
Group Type: (tick inside the box to choose one)	☐ Tidy Towns Group	☐ - Environmental Group (non-profit)
	☐ - Residents Association	☐ - Community Volunteer Group
	☐ - Community Development Group	☐ - Other: This is a test
Group Contact:		
(Title/First/Surname)		
Role: (e.g. Chairperson)		

5. Cost Estimate for Proposed Project:

Briefly outline the nature and scope of the works clearly indicating the different elements, with their estimated costs: Grant applications may range from €1,000.00 to €25,000.00, dependent on scale of project

(please attach any supporting documents incl. drawings/reports/quotations etc. if available)

Project Element	Element Cost (€)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
TOTAL COST:	€ _____
TOTAL REQUESTED FUNDING	€ _____
(NOTE: maximum grant €20,000)	
Match Funding (if required)	€ _____
Source of Match Funding (if required) –	
(NOTE: evidence of Match Funding will be required at Letter of Offer stage, should your proposal be successful)	

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The Application Form

Tell us YOUR community project's story!

- **Who?**
- **What?**
- **Where?**
- **When?**
- **How?**



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TIP 5
Keep it
Simple

Tell us YOUR community project's story!

- **Who?**

- who are you/your purpose? who do you represent? who will be involved? who will your project benefit?

- **What?**

- what is your project? what are you proposing? what will it do? what will it achieve?

- **Where?**

- where is the project going to happen? where is the impact going to be felt (town/village/community/Municipal District)? where is the need?



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Tell us YOUR community project's story!

- **When?**

- when will it happen (timeline/schedule)? when will it be finished?

- **How?**

- how will the project happen? how will you resource it? how will it look in the future?

MOST IMPORTANT!

- **Why?**

- why are you doing this? why will it succeed? why should you get the support?
- what is the human story to your project?

Additional Documentation:

- Previous Project Case Studies
- Before/After Photos
- Testimonials/Letters of Support
- **Quotations & Estimates**
- Tech Drawings/Artist Impressions/Vision

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TIP 6

**Goldilocks -
not too little,
not too much**



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Projected Timeline -

- Call for Applications – **Current since 08/07/26**
- Applications Deadline - **07/08/26**
- WCC LEAF proposal to **IPB** – **01/09/26**
- **IPB** announcement of successful Fundees – **TBC**
- **Project Delivery** – September to November 2026
- Final claims processed – End of November 2026
- **Scheme closed by y/e 2026!**

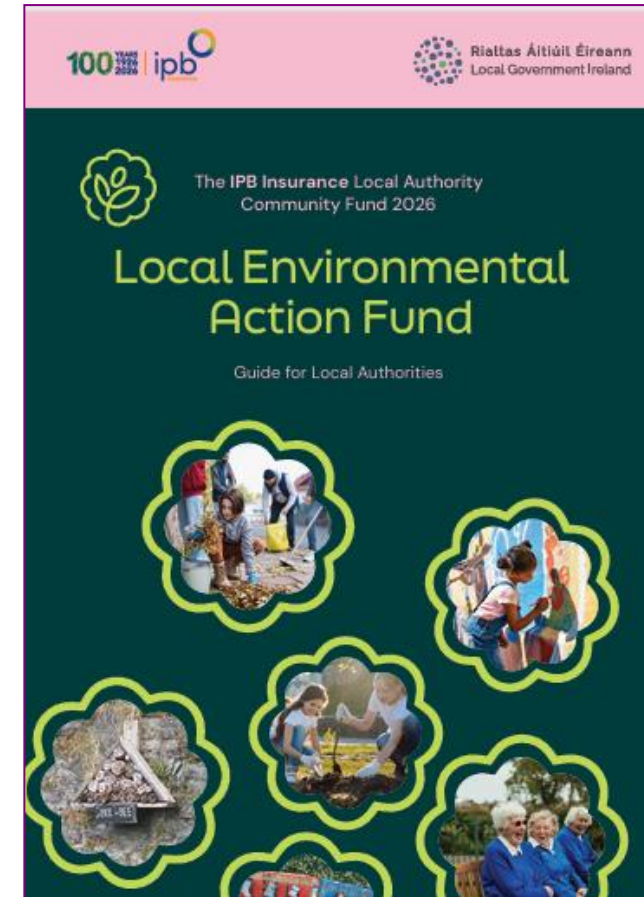


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Resources -



Wexford CoCo LEAF Website



IPB Fund Guidelines



Resources -



Wexford Climate Action Plan 2023 and Subsidiary Documents

[Wexford County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029](#)



Climate Action <climateaction@wexfordcoco.ie>



Resources -



National Biodiversity Data Centre
Documenting Ireland's Wildlife



All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

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All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is a framework bringing together different sectors across the island of Ireland to create a landscape where pollinators can survive and thrive. Implementation is coordinated by the National Biodiversity Data Centre.

One third of our wild bee species are threatened with extinction. This is mainly because we have drastically reduced the amount of food and safe nesting sites that support them. The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is a shared plan of action: together, we can take steps to restore pollinator populations to healthy levels.

There are simple ways everyone can help, whether you have a business, a farm, a community group, a garden, or a window box. On this website you will find information about our work and campaigns.



Top ten actions for pollinators



Add your actions to our map

2024 to 2030

NEW All-Ireland Pollinator Plan



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ipb insurance

https://ipb.ie/news/largest-ever-national-fund-for-tidy-towns-and-community-environmental-groups-launched-in-waterford/

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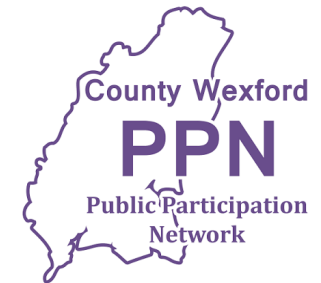
**Final TIP
Show
Vision**



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Thank You



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