



Offaly County Council  
Arts Act Grants  
2016



## Arts Act Grants 2016 Guidelines

**Important: Please read carefully to check requirements and eligibility.  
Incomplete applications will be ineligible and returned to applicant.**

### Purpose of the Arts Act Grants

"To support arts events and activities which would stimulate public interest in the arts, promote the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts, assist in improving the standards of the arts. **'Arts' means music, literature, film, video, community arts, drama, dance, visual arts, architecture, and applied arts (the study of arts)**" - Arts Act 2003

### Celebrating the 2016 Centenary

In 2016 we will remember 1916 and that pivotal period in our history. It is time to **reflect on the past** 100 years and to **re-imagine our future**, building a **new legacy of hope, belief, possibility** and confidence. With this in mind the Arts Act Grants 2016 are open to artists and groups **for artistic, creative and cultural projects** in the community that directly focus on and reflect the themes of this year of commemoration.

### Who Can Apply & How

Applications are sought from drama & musical groups, town bands, voluntary community organisations (not festivals) and individual artists who are proposing arts projects within the community.

Applicants should be based in County Offaly and undertake an **arts project/event** within Offaly. Projects should take place after approval and before the end of November 2016. Only one project per group/individual.

If engaging a professional artist, the application form must be also signed by the artist. Applications must show that the organisation and the artist have planned a project together to be completed before the end of November 2016.

Submit 3 signed copies of your completed application form by post (not e-mail) to: The Arts Office, Offaly County Council, Aras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly by the closing date stated on the application form. **Incomplete application forms will not be eligible.**

## Funding Criteria

1. Funding is limited, therefore priority will be given to art projects that:
  - a. Present a high quality complete application and fully prepared budget
  - b. Incorporate a Centenary 1916/2016 aspect
  - c. Be innovative and ambitious
  - d. Produce maximum community impact
  - e. Provide quality and professional art experiences to the intended participants
  - f. Prove to be make best use of public money
2. Applications for funding for arts events and activities should not be undertaken without great thought to the above goals.
3. Individual artists may apply for projects that demonstrate an innovative approach to engaging audiences.
4. Drama/Musical Groups, Choirs and Town Bands may apply for funding towards productions and concerts only in 2016.
5. A panel nominated by Offaly County Council will make the recommendations to the Elected Members of the Council. Funding recommendations will be made to members of Offaly County Council for final approval.

## Funding will Not Cover:-

- Organisations that have access to public funding from a national parent body.
- Projects that include:-Website development & maintenance, franchise projects or commercially viable and home craft projects.
- Uniforms or capital equipment
- Heritage projects that do not involve an artistic outcome (i.e historical factual book)
- On-going revenue costs or cover of loans/deficits, annual budgeted on-going programmes, capital costs and charity fundraising events
- Events primarily competitive in nature
- Festivals:- Please contact Arts Office for details of Festival Funding 05793 57400

## Funding Conditions:

Full conditions of grant will issue if your application is successful.

No more than 70% of total costs will be awarded and a limited number of grants will be awarded. You should show on the budget how the extra 30% will be funded.

Offaly County Council's own Child Protection Policy requires that any project involving young people has the appropriate Child Protection Policies and/or certificates in place, we are unable to fund projects that do not have this assurance, therefore, it is the organisations responsibility to ensure that any person hired by them has the appropriate Child Protection Training.

**VERY IMPORTANT : Our finance section has strict criteria - All groups/ individuals awarded must have a valid Tax Clearance Certificate, a bank account (not credit union) in the name of the group and an e-mail contact. If these not obtained, then any grant monies awarded cannot be paid.**