



Offaly County Council's Culture Night 2025 Event Fund

Culture Night 2025 takes place on Friday 19th September 2025

Please read the guidelines carefully before completing the application form and return it by submit.com by 5pm on Monday 26th May 2025.

Purpose of the grant:

Offaly County Council's Culture Night Event Fund supports the cost of events programmed for Culture Night which takes place on 19th September 2025.

The fund is open to not-for-profit organisations, local community groups, arts, heritage and cultural groups, venues and societies. Applications by individuals must be in partnership with a community, cultural or heritage group. Assistance shall not be given in respect of commercial activities.

Culture Night is a national moment, celebrating culture, creativity and the arts and seeks to actively promote the belief that this rich and varied culture is alive, treasured and nurtured in people's lives, today and every day. **One Night for All** encompasses the mission and vision of Culture Night.

As well as the above, this year's programme will invite proposals under some additional categories. These are not compulsory, but we are seeking to broaden the Culture Night audience, and thus there will be additional grants that speak to the following categories.

Dedicated grants:

- There will be a dedicated allocation to event(s) that are designed for audiences under the age of 25.
- There will be a dedicated allocation to event(s) that are designed to appeal to lesser heard communities.
- There will be a dedicated allocation to event(s) that have an environmental focus.
- There will be a dedicated allocation to event(s) in the Irish language.

Eligible and ineligible costs:

The grant [can cover](#) costs related to running of the event such as guest speaker fees, guest artist fees, arts materials, event photographer, and technical support hire. Payment of a Grant is for specific activities outlined in the application.

The grant [cannot cover](#) staffing costs on the night of the event, ongoing revenue costs, any capital costs, equipment purchase costs, charity fund raising events, cost of repaying existing debts, refreshments, publicity costs, venue hire, travel or accommodation expenses. Events / organisations that are receiving Culture Night funding through any other public body e.g. the Arts Council are ineligible.

Some events may not require funding, please indicate this on your application form. Events that do not require/receive funding may still be listed on www.culturenight.ie

Applying for funding does not guarantee that your event will be funded.

Events must take place in County Offaly on Culture Night and be free of charge.

Funding Available:

The maximum amount of available funding is €600. Funding is at the discretion of Offaly County Council

The grant can only be paid after expenditure of the amount granted, and the return of vouched expenses and a short report with images on the event have been completed after the event has taken place. This must be submitted by October 6th 2025 at the latest.

Conditions of Funding:

Successful applicants will be required to:

1. Ensure that appropriate insurance cover for the event is in place.
2. Ensure that, where appropriate, child protection policies are in place.
3. Ensure that the event complies with all Health and Safety and legislative requirements.
4. Ensure that events are compliant with the most up-to-date government guidelines on COVID 19.
5. Ensure that Offaly County Council and the Arts Council are acknowledged in all publicity.
6. The grant can only be paid after expenditure of the amount granted, and the return of vouched expenses and a short report on the event have been completed after the event has taken place. This must be submitted by October 6th, 2025 at the latest.
7. Notify the Arts Office in the unlikely occurrence of the event being cancelled.

Application Process:

Applications should be made on submit.com. This may require establishing an account. Please allow ample time to upload application.

Link to application: <https://submit.link/3tQ>

For further information or support please contact Offaly Arts Office at arts@offalycoco.ie

The closing date for receipt of applications for funding is
5pm, Monday 26th May 2025.

Culture Night is strategically funded by Offaly County Council and the Arts Council and is supported by participating groups & venues in Offaly.