



Colmcille 1500 Grant Scheme Guidance Notes

Colmcille 1500 is a year-long commemoration marking the 1500th anniversary of the birth of Colmcille (also known as Columba). The year recognises the importance and legacy of the 6th-century saint, not only for Derry and Donegal but for the island of Ireland, Scotland and across the world. The year-long celebrations will last from the 7th December 2020 to 7th December 2021.

Donegal County Council and Derry City & Strabane District Council are co-ordinating a programme for the year which is being supported by key partners including the North West Development Fund, in conjunction with and supported by The Executive Office and The Irish Government.

The programme has been developed based on the Audit of Columban Heritage commissioned by both Councils as well as Foras na Gaeilge and The Heritage Council as part of the implementation of the County Donegal Heritage Plan. You can access the audit at: www.donegalcoco.ie/culture/heritage.

The programme for the year includes a range of projects, events and activities, as well as a small grants scheme to provide opportunities for local communities to engage in the commemorations.

Community Grants Scheme

The aim of this grants scheme is to provide funding to support community projects that contribute to the 1500th commemorations. Grants of €2,000 or £1,800 are available to support specific Colmcille activities or events that take place during 2021.

Activities could relate to any aspect of Colmcille's legacy which covers, for example, culture, heritage, history, arts, literature, spirituality, language, music and storytelling. However you should make sure that there is a clear connection between your project and Colmcille 1500.

Further details of the scheme are included below.



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<p>What number and size of grants are available?</p>	<p>The minimum and maximum grant available is €2,000 or £1,800.</p> <p>There is funding available to award approximately 8 grants (4 in each Council area). The number of grants will be increased if other/additional funding becomes available.</p> <p>The grant could be a contribution towards a larger project if other funding is in place. Collaborative projects are also welcomed – for example, if you need less than €2,000 or £1,800, the project could be delivered in partnership with another group/organisation, with a lead partner submitting one application on behalf of all partners.</p>
<p>Who can Apply?</p>	<p>The scheme is geared towards community-based projects. It is open to communities and other relevant organisations delivering projects in partnership with local communities.</p> <p>Individuals can apply but the project must include community involvement and relate to non-profit activities only.</p> <p>The project must primarily take place within the Donegal County Council or Derry City & Strabane District Council areas (if a virtual event/activity, the applicant or partner should be based in one of the Council areas).</p>
<p>What can be funded?</p>	<p>Funding is available for a range of activities that will help to contribute to Colmcille 1500 commemorations or deliver recommendations of the Audit of Columban Heritage. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events (e.g., performances, workshops, talks, tours); • Conservation works, surveys or research; • Exhibitions/interpretation; • Creation of new art work; • Marketing; • Or other activities that have a strong Colmcille theme or scope. <p>Proposals will need to take account of COVID-19 restrictions that may be in place for physical events or access.</p>
<p>What is not eligible?</p>	<p>Funding is not available for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generic running costs (such as heat, light, rent, staff), hospitality or debt repayments; • Activities that have already taken place or costs already incurred (retrospective grants); • Projects that are the responsibility of a statutory body; • Improvements to private land that has no public access/benefit; • Costs that are not auditable (i.e. cash payments).

<p>How will applications be assessed?</p>	<p>Applications will be subject to a two stage assessment process as follows:</p> <p>(1) An eligibility check to determine if the application is eligible for funding.</p> <p>(2) Applications that are eligible will be scored against the following criteria:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="363 405 1465 884"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Question /Section</th> <th>Marks (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PROJECT: Project description & outputs (including what, why, how, who & where).</td> <td>B3</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COLMCILLE: How the project will help contribute to Colmcille 1500 commemorations or deliver the Audit of Columban Heritage.</td> <td>B4</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ENGAGEMENT: How the project will engage communities & increase their knowledge and awareness of Colmcille.</td> <td>B5</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MANAGEMENT: How the project will be managed and proven experience of delivering similar projects.</td> <td>B6</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BUDGET: Breakdown of costs and how the project represents value for money in terms of quality/outputs.</td> <td>C</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td></td> <td>100%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Funding will be awarded based on the highest scoring applications in each area.</p>		Question /Section	Marks (%)	PROJECT: Project description & outputs (including what, why, how, who & where).	B3	30	COLMCILLE: How the project will help contribute to Colmcille 1500 commemorations or deliver the Audit of Columban Heritage.	B4	25	ENGAGEMENT: How the project will engage communities & increase their knowledge and awareness of Colmcille.	B5	20	MANAGEMENT: How the project will be managed and proven experience of delivering similar projects.	B6	15	BUDGET: Breakdown of costs and how the project represents value for money in terms of quality/outputs.	C	10	TOTAL		100%
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<p>What are the requirements if my application is successful?</p>	<p>All <u>successful</u> applicants will be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit supporting documentation at a later date (e.g. constitution, bank statement, insurance policies etc); • Cover the project costs from your own resources in the first instance and then draw down grant payment (i.e. advance payments are not available); • Adhere to funder requirements for procurement (e.g. minimum number of quotations required and back-up documentation must be provided); • Adhere to requirements for acknowledgment of funding support (e.g. use of relevant logos in any marketing or documentation); • Comply with any statutory obligations regarding the delivery of events/activities; • Provide marketing information /images to enable promotion via the Colmcille 1500 programme and to comply with funder requirements; • Complete the project and draw down funding by 29th October 2021 (unless specific activity planned around the 7th December milestone). <p>All successful applicants will be required to sign a Terms & Conditions agreement before commencing the project.</p>																					

Completed applications forms should be emailed to colmcille1500@donegalcoco.ie by 3.00pm on **Friday 19th February 2021**. Late applications will not be accepted.



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