



Introduction

Applications are invited from within the following towns for funding of streetscape and shopfront enhancement projects under the 2021 Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement scheme, an initiative funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development:

- Skerries
- Rush
- Lusk
- Donabate
- Oldtown

See explanatory maps in Appendix 1 below which show the areas eligible for applications.

Our Rural Future is the Government's five-year strategy to revitalise rural Ireland and includes a commitment to upgrade and enhance shopfronts and street facades in our rural towns and villages. This activity will be funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) through this 2021 Streetscape Enhancement Measure. This is an additional Measure introduced as part of the Town & Village Renewal Scheme. €7 million is being made available under this Measure in 2021.

Improving the visual appearance of our urban streetscapes increases pride and confidence in our home towns and villages, making them more attractive places to live, work and do business.

The focus of this measure is to support the upgrade and enhancement of shopfronts and street facades of defined areas within selected rural town/village centres.

Eligibility:

The following types of premises are considered eligible:

Commercial, residential or unoccupied buildings in town/village centre locations as defined by the local authority.

Eligible Works

Eligible works include painting, signage replacement, shopfront improvement, scaffolding, materials, lighting and planting; see also below:

Type of works	Maximum eligible amount
Green enhancement of entrances/ terraces with planting	€500
Painting of building/shopfront in carefully selected colours which will complement the host building and streetscape. Mural (agreed in advance with Local Authority)	€1500
Decluttering and repair of shopfronts. (Decluttering can include such works as removing unnecessary signs, flagpoles, wiring etc.)	€2000
Careful illumination and lighting of architectural features of buildings.	€4000
Improvements to shopfront window displays and staging.	€4000
Replacement of signage with traditional wooden fascia with wooden/hand painted lettering OR contemporary design	€4000
Canopies/Awnings complementary to the materials of the shopfront and building (including street furniture).	€4000
Replacement of existing shopfront with traditional painted wooden shopfront OR contemporary design	€4000

Note: Maximum per building €8,000

Grant Rates

Grant funding will be provided at the following rates:

- 70% for Individual premises – matched funding 30%
- 80% for Joint applications (groups of 3 or more adjacent premises) – matched funding 20%
- 100% - Where painting is undertaken by direct labour by applicant

Closing Date

The closing date for applications is 5pm, Tuesday, 7 September 2021.

Procurement requirements for applications / Quotations

The following procurement rules apply, as a minimum, to the individual projects funded:

2 x Contractor quotations;

1 x Materials quotation;

(Note: 3 written quotations for contracts above €5,000 as per National Procurement Guidelines)

Successful applications will require:

- Completed Application Form.
- Required Quotations

Payment of Grant Award will require:

- Photograph prior to commencement of project
- Photograph of completed project
- Evidence of payment – ie bank statement extract showing transaction
- All works must be completed by 19th November, 2021

For any queries on this scheme please contact the Local Development section at Fingal County Council at condev@fingal.ie .

Appendix 1 - Maps showing eligible areas in the 5 towns under this scheme:



Rush

Eligible areas for funding application under the Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement scheme 2021



Lusk

Eligible areas for funding application under the Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement scheme 2021



