

Limerick County Council

County Hall,
Dooradoyle,
Co. Limerick

Date: _____

Local Improvement Scheme

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your request for an application for a grant to carry out improvements under the Local Improvements Scheme, which is operated by Limerick County Council.

The relevant application form incorporating particulars is now enclosed.

Proposals for which completed application forms are returned to the Council will be investigated. Works considered suitable for execution under the scheme will then be programmed and put on hands if and when the grants allocated will be sufficient to cover the cost. No approved work will however be undertaken unless and until the joint cash contribution from benefiting landowners is paid to the Council.

It is likely, however, that the value of applications to carry out works will far exceed the annual allocation by the Department of the Environment for this scheme and consequently it will be necessary to place applications on a panel.

Yours faithfully,

for **COUNTY SECRETARY**

To/ _____

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME

Application for grant to the cost of works to non public road

To County Secretary,
Limerick County Council
County Hall, Dooradoyle,
Co. Limerick.

For Office use Only
Application No.

- (1) We the undersigned, each being the owner/occupier of agricultural land in the townland(s) referred to at (1) overleaf, hereby apply to the Secretary, Limerick, County Council for a grant towards the cost of work described in (1) – (4) Part 1 of the schedule overleaf, and, if the grant is made available, we apply to have the said work carried out by the Limerick County Council as Agent for each of us. We and each of us hereby agree to be bound in all respects by each and every of the terms and conditions of the Scheme as set forth in Part 11 of the schedule hereto.
- (2) We hereby appoint and delegate full power to Mr/Mrs/Ms _____
_____ of _____ to act for us in all correspondence and other business arising out of this application and we and each of us agree to be bound by such correspondence and all acts of the said Mr/Mrs/Ms _____
- (3) List 1.

Signature (each applicant should personally sign the form)	Postal Address

(Further signature, with Postal Addresses may be written on a separate sheet).

- (4) I certify that list 1 above and list 2 on page 3 contain the signatures of all Landowners and others whose lands, houses or other property would be served or benefited by the proposed work.

Signature of applicants' Representative: _____
Nominated at paragraph (2) above.

Postal Address: _____

Telephone No. _____

Date: _____

PART 1 PARTICULARS OF WORKS FOR WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE.

1. Electoral Division(s) _____
Townland (s) _____
2. Type of Work _____
3. Approximate length (metres) _____
4. Exact location of work (describe where it starts and ends) _____
5. Has the proposed work ever been maintained by or repaired by the County Council?

6. Does the proposal serve any outside families, or the public generally, and if so for what purposes?

7. No. of Houses which would benefit from the works

8. No. of Parcels of Land (Non – Residential)

9.	Name of Landowner/Householder.	Folio Number. Please attach copy of folio and/or lease agreement where applicable.

10. Are there any special circumstances to be considered? e.g. Physical Disability, Elderly, etc (supporting written evidence should accompany your claim e.g. Birth Certificate , Doctors Certificate)

11. Are all persons whose interests or lands would be affected in any way by the proposal, if carried out, prepared to give the necessary consent to the execution of work?

12. List 2:
The signatures of all other persons whose lands would benefit by the proposed work, but who would not have joined in this application are required below indicating that they have no objection to the proposed works outlined above.
If there are no beneficiaries other than those who have signed at List 1 the word “None” should be written here.

Name	Postal Address

SCHEDULE

A project must benefit two or more parcels of land owned or occupied by different persons, or serve the public, or, in relation to rights of turbary etc. serve two or more persons entitled to such rights. A “parcel of land” includes land used as the site of a house or other building. Works of the following kind would not satisfy the requirements of the scheme.

- a) Roads serving only houses or buildings occupied or used by persons not engaged in agriculture.
- b) Roads serving only Council cottages, i.e. non-vested cottages.
- c) Roads or drains on bogs being developed commercially for large scale turf production for sale.

PART 11 – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- (1) Road projects may provide for the construction improvement or reconstruction of roads or bridges. The works should not be ordinary maintenance of a kind which the applicants could reasonably be expected to do themselves, but should provide for essential works of a more substantial kind such as strengthening weak sections, rut filling, resurfacing and opening water channels. Existing fences may also be removed, or set back, and new fences provided, where necessary and feasible at reasonable cost. The provision of new fencing or replacement of existing fencing on their own is not eligible for grant assistance.
- (2) The applicant must make the necessary apportionment amongst themselves of their respective portions of the joint contribution, and must arrange to collect the agreed amount and lodge it with Limerick County Council before the work is put in hands. Local contributions should be calculated using the following table.

Cost of Project (Inc administration and VAT)	Percentage Contribution
Up to €25,393	10%
€25,393 and over	15%

- (3) Contributions in kind, e.g. free labour or materials, will not be accepted in lieu of cash. All materials forming part of a bridge or other structure to be demolished and replaced by a new structure, will be available for use if necessary, and without charge, in connection with the execution of the work.
- (4) The contributors and any other persons whose lands or interests appear to be affected by the proposed work must, when required prior to the commencement of operation, sign the prescribed form giving their full consent to the execution of the work including entry to their lands, etc.
- (5) Applicants must arrange amongst themselves for the provision of any land, which may be required for the construction, or widening of a road or for drainage works and no charge in respect of compensation for such land may be made against the project.
- (6) Limerick County Council will employ the necessary labour and will arrange to carry out the work subject to the conditions that (1) the ganger in charge of the work will be appointed by the Council as their agent, (2) no person whether a contributor or not, whose interests are affected will impede the execution of the work by making unreasonable demands on the ganger or other officials in charge. Failing the fulfilment of any of these conditions the works would not be put in hands and if already started would be closed down and any unexpended portion of the applicant’s contribution returned to them through their representation.
- (7) Limerick County Council, in their discretion will decide on the specification of the work to be done and on the best manner of carrying it out, and the applicants shall not have any claim against the County Council for any imperfection which may exist in the finished work, nor for any failure to complete the full amount of the work which was envisaged.
- (8) Limerick County Council will expend upon the work the sum agreed upon (i.e. the estimated cost) and in the event of that sum not being sufficient to complete the entire work specified the County Council will not have any liability to be bound to expend on the work for its completion any sum in addition to the agreed sum, but the making of a supplementary grant will be considered on its merits if the applicants request and agree to pay such sum as may be required by way of additional local contribution.
- (9) When the work has been carried out, the applicants shall maintain it in good order and repair at their own charge and expense, and the County Council will not have any liability for the maintenance of the work.