



17th November 2017

**REVITALISING AREAS BY PLANNING, INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (RAPID) PROGRAMME
APPLICATION FORM 2017**

NOTE: Closing Date 24 November 2017

To whom it may concern,

The Department of Rural and Community Development (“the Department”) have recently announced a recast RAPID capital grant programme which will operate through the Local Community Development Committees with the over-arching objective being to facilitate a more integrated approach to funding and supports in **disadvantaged urban areas/provincial towns**.

Under the programme, eligible groups/organisations may apply for grants for capital projects or elements of projects which would improve the quality of life for residents in disadvantaged urban areas, providing tangible supports. In the context of the current call under RAPID in Waterford, Waterford LCDC have decided that applications must relate to the **Older Adults** target group in order to be eligible for consideration.

Please read the attached application guidelines thoroughly in advance of making an application to ensure that your community organisation/application is eligible and also having regard to the following:

- The closing date for applications is **5 p.m. Friday 24th November 2017**. Applications received after this closing date will NOT be considered under this scheme.
- The minimum cost of proposed projects should be no less than €5000 with the maximum allowable cost per application being €20,000.
- Only applications that address issues relating to **Older Adults** and **Age Friendly Alliance** themes will be considered under this scheme.
- Only applications relating to projects in disadvantaged urban areas and provincial towns will be considered under this scheme.
- All applications should have regard to the strategic themes as outlined in **One Waterford: Local Economic and Community Plan 2015-2020**
- Applicants must ensure that all necessary statutory permissions or consents have been obtained before any works commence. This includes but is not confined to planning permission.
- For successful applicants, all works subject to funding under this scheme, must be carried out or committed to before 31st December 2017 and completed no later than 31st March 2018.
- Project promoters/groups failing to supply satisfactory documentary evidence of expenditure following completion of the project may not be considered for future funding schemes operated by Waterford City and County Council and/or Waterford LCDC.

All queries for further information relating to this funding scheme should be directed to jbrunnock@waterfordcouncil.ie.

***Yours Sincerely,
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Chief Officer
Waterford LCDC***

Waterford City and County Council, City Hall, The Mall, Waterford.

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