



CLÁR 2021 Questions and Answers

1. Question

Does a project funded under Measures 2 and 3(a) have to be accessible 24/7 to the Public?

Answer

It is reasonable for the facility to be closed during the hours of darkness for safety and security. Facilities must be open to the public without appointment i.e they should not be solely for the use of club members or during school hours.

2. Question

Can we apply for 2 projects under the one application?

Answer

Under CLÁR 2021 we can only accept one project per application.

3. Question

Is expenditure on items other than capital works allowed under the Innovation Measure?

Answer

Yes, for the Innovation Measure only, we allow expenditure on items other than capital works.

4. Question

Can a particular project be applied to a wider CLÁR area rather than one community to maximise benefits?

Answer

Yes, for the Innovation Measure, once **all** the area is within the CLÁR area, it is not restricted to one DED.

5. Question

Can community groups include local sporting organisations?

Answer

Community Groups can include local sporting organisations where the infrastructure being supported through the application is for the benefit of the community generally (not just the sporting

organisation) and is made freely available to all members of the community without any additional restrictions or requirements being imposed.

6. Question

- (i) What type of projects could be included for the Innovation Measure?*
- (ii) Can we get examples of Innovation measure projects?*

Answer

It is an innovation measure so it is not prescriptive. It is open to organisations to come up with innovative ideas and projects. The Measure is looking to assist projects that demonstrate new ways of working that help deliver outcomes for the area/community;

- and/or encourage cross-organisational or cross-community working;
- and/or considers the use of new and emerging technologies, tools or methodologies in relation to the delivery of services;
- and/or implement approaches and ideas that can be spread elsewhere.

Where a community sees an opportunity to address specific challenges faced by their community including those associated with rural isolation, village decline, service accessibility, population change, social disadvantage and marginalisation in communities they can apply directly to the Department for funding.

7. Question

If our own staff are working on these projects is there a percentage of direct labour that can be attributed to the grant?

Answer

A reasonable amount of direct labour costs proportionate to the overall cost of the project may be included as part of the 2021 Programme. A detailed costing breakdown must be included in the application and the reasonableness of the cost must be verified i.e. the LA must have evidence on file that cost charged is in line with, or less than, the cost of engaging an external contractor. This will be reviewed at project inspection stage. Failure to have this on file could deem the amount charged ineligible.

8. Question

Measure 1 - The works can only take place to the environs of the school. Please explain environs?

Answer

Environs may include school grounds and the immediate surrounding area of the school. No works are permitted to the school building itself.

9. Question

Can we get sample signage required?

Answer

A signage guidance document is being prepared by the Unit and will be circulated to you in the coming weeks.

10. Question

It is a very tight turnaround time on these is there any hope of extension to get them back to Dept...we have a lot of applications to evaluate?

Answer

The deadline for submission of the applications was notified to the CCMA in advance and cannot be extended.

11. Question

Where can the DED list/ID be obtained from? I have a list of DED's/ID's for County Kerry but not sure how up to date it is. I have the CLÁR County Map but not sure if all areas are included in DED list.

Answer

The National Map, County Maps and the DED ID list can be found on the CLÁR page of the gov.ie website; <https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/91ba52-clar/>. The Kerry specific map is [here](#). If there is a query on a specific DED please contact clar@drccd.gov.ie.

12. Question

What about installation costs of capital items of equipment?

Answer

A reasonable amount of installation costs proportionate to the overall cost of the project may be included. Please provide a detailed costings breakdown in your application.

13. Question

The guidelines state BIK is no longer an option, do we take this to me that the 10% must be in cash as such and no benefit in kind allowed?

Answer

Benefit in Kind (BIK) is not eligible under the CLÁR 2021 programme. There must be 10% cash contribution.

14. Question

Schools eligibility under Measure 2 – schools are asking what types of projects are eligible as in general school grounds/property are not accessible to the public

a) Are there any examples of the types of projects that are envisaged as being eligible for schools under Measure 2.

b) Where an eligible school project under measure 2 is identified would the Department of Education have any issue with a school insuring a facility that was publicly accessible?

Answer

a) Schools may apply for example for playgrounds, MUGAs etc. but they must be open to the public outside of school hours.

b) Funded facilities must have adequate insurance in place. The LA must verify and ensure that this is the case.

15. Question

Can a DED apply for more than 1 project under different Measures?

Answer

Yes, it is a matter for the LA to select project and provide an indicative priority listing.

16. Question

In relation to the M1 forms under the detailed costings section the second column indicates “max funding to be allocated” for each item listed, is this amount 100% cost allowed or is it the grant amount at 90%?

Answer

The ‘Types of Interventions’ table under the ‘Detailed costings for proposed project’ section of the M1 project application form has been revised. The second column now requires you to input the ‘total cost’ and the third column requires you to input the ‘amount of grant funding sought’. For example; if a school was seeking funding for car parking facilities, the **max. grant** request that we would expect to see in the third column of the revised table for this would be €30,000.

17. Question

Can you give examples of what kind of projects sports clubs can apply for under Measure 2 - where that club may be the single amenity in a remote DED?

Answer

Sports clubs may wish to apply for a variety of different projects under Measure 2 but the key consideration is that the facilities funded are open to all members of the community not just club members. Examples of previous projects would be a walkway around a pitch, a play area etc.

18. Question

We had an enquiry from a national school regarding applying for funding towards a covered play area/multifunctional space. Would this be eligible as a COVID-19 safety related intervention? If so, must it be detached from the school building itself?

Answer

Yes, it would be eligible as a COVID-19 safety related intervention. As a covered area it could be attached to the school building for structural purposes. Please note playground equipment will not be funded under Measure 1.

19. Question

Can you let me know what the maximum amount to be allocated is for the "Other" Type of Intervention, in the table Detailed Costings per Proposed Project.

Answer

There is no maximum amount set under 'other'. However the amount must be reasonable and relative to the costings of the other elements.