



Cavan County Council

Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Grant Application

Conditions of Funding for projects completed in 2025

About the Fund

Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti-Awareness Initiatives Grants offer community groups an opportunity to promote public awareness and education in relation to litter and/or graffiti in their local community. This Grant Scheme has a particular focus on voluntary initiatives which involve working with schools and young people to prevent litter and/or graffiti and reduce the negative impact on the environment.

Conditions of Funding

1. Projects/activities should seek to promote greater public awareness and education in relation to litter and/or graffiti, and should, as far as possible, have a particular focus on involving schools and young people and on voluntary initiatives by community and environmental groups.
2. Grants should be used, where possible, to leverage local business co-funding of anti-litter and/or anti-graffiti education/awareness measures.
3. As funding comes directly from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, there are funding restrictions which must be adhered to. This grant cannot cover:
 - the purchase structural items such as street furniture
 - the purchase of litter bins
 - the purchase of dog bag dispensers
 - the purchase of signage
 - the purchase or hire of machinery including CCTV equipment
4. Projects relating to painting derelict buildings are not eligible under this grant scheme.
5. The grant can cover expenses such as
 - the purchase of bags only for dog bag dispensers if dispensers are already installed or are under the care of the group
 - the expense of litter disposal resulting from litter picks and the expense of disposal of rubbish from public street bins which are under the guardianship of the community group
 - awareness events highlighting the issue of litter and dog fouling in your local community
6. Funding must be used for the project submitted and cannot be transferred to another project.

7. If any applicant is found to have contravened one or more of the above stipulations; that person, group or organisation, must refund the grant and may lose all current and future rights to apply for funding under the scheme.
8. Projects should be completed in the 2025 calendar year and cannot be carried over into 2026.

Typically Suitable Projects

1. Clean up initiatives including:
 - a. adopt a 1km stretch of road under our Green Kilometre Scheme (***please refer to [Green Kilometre Scheme - Cavan County Council \(cavancoco.ie\)](https://cavancoco.ie) for participation condition and more information***)
 - b. adopt a bring bank
 - c. community clean ups or similar initiatives, (e.g. planting of a hedge/wildflowers/shrubs to prevent graffiti, coordinating litter picking programmes and clean ups with residents in local housing estates)

Cavan County Council will provide litter pickers, bags and gloves and can assist with the removal of waste/rubbish collected.

2. Dog Fouling Awareness campaign highlighting issues regarding responsible dog ownership with respect to dog fouling (clean-up) and the dangers not cleaning up can pose to the public including young children and wheelchair users.
3. Participation in Gum Litter Awareness education campaign.
4. Plays, puppet shows, interactive workshops, story telling, talks, art projects mainly aimed at schools.
5. Anti-litter and anti-graffiti awareness competitions, design a poster competition (e.g. schools competitions with the winning designs produced as anti litter posters or anti litter calendars, competition to find a child to present anti-litter awareness programmes on local/regional radio).
6. Provision of anti-litter materials (e.g. car litter bins, cigarette butt holders, chewing gum wrappers, anti-litter car stickers, anti-litter stickers for bins).
7. Local advertising (e.g. cinema advertising, radio advertising, local press, local sports ground advertising, distribution of anti-litter/graffiti leaflets).
8. Installation of water refill stations in schools, sports clubs, community halls, etc. Participation in Refill Ireland Zero Waste events aimed at reducing single use plastic waste.