



NTDC SICAP Social Enterprise Grant 2024 - guidelines for applicants

NTDC under the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP 2024-2028) calls for grant applications from Social Enterprises in North Tipperary.

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion at a local level through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.

The aim of SICAP is to reduce poverty and promote social inclusion and equality through supporting communities and individuals using community development approaches, engagement and collaboration

In particular, Social Enterprises that benefit one or more of SICAP target groups and/or focus on addressing one or more of the programme’s thematic focus areas are invited to apply. (please see list of target groups and thematic focus areas at end of document)

Goal 1 of SICAP aims to empower communities to identify and respond to their own needs. Social enterprises often address collective community needs and provide local services where other enterprises may not be able to. The purpose of this grant/project should be in line with the objectives of the programme.

Grant Eligibility - The following eligibility criteria apply:

- The maximum amount per grant to a social enterprise is €2,500;
- Social enterprises can only receive one grant annually;
- Match funding of 20% is required by the grantee, at least half of which must be paid in cash.
- There must be an agreement between NTDC and the social enterprise that evidence will be provided to ensure the grant was spent for the purposes intended e.g. a report of the activity and costs funded by SICAP;
- Grants should only be made available to social enterprises which contain fewer than 10 people – “microenterprises”, unless exceptional circumstances are presented;
- Grants can be provided to social enterprises operating in any sector of the local economy as long as the risk of displacing existing jobs has been considered and there is no risk of displacement

Examples of Category of costs covered:

Advertising and marketing aids	Business equipment
Business Mentoring	Job specific tools and equipment
Accountancy and related services including legal advice	Public liability insurance costs associated with setting up a business – no other insurance is eligible

Upgrading to Premises where owned by the applicant	Signage Compliance, guidance and training
Website registration, related services & production	Business registration costs and fees
Office supplies and stationery	Short term training on book-keeping, regulation, rollout of a business plan etc.
Personal Protective clothing and equipment	
Only expenditure incurred after the date of grant approval will be eligible.	

Ineligible costs:

- Building/premises rental costs
- Cost of travel (except as set out in eligible costs above)
- Insurance (except public liability **only at start up stage**)
- Personal clothing and uniforms (except protective clothing)
- Professional development programmes and membership fees arranged by professional and regulatory bodies
- Purchase of any type of vehicle
- Stock-in-trade
- Utility costs, connection or supply and local authority rates
- Core costs are not funded and are only eligible in exceptional circumstances in a start-up situation and on a once-off basis.

Eligible applicants:

Only social enterprises, as defined in the National Social Enterprise Policy may apply for grant aid.

- A Social Enterprise is an enterprise whose objective is to achieve a social, societal or environmental impact, rather than maximising profit for its owners or shareholders;
- It pursues its objectives by trading on an ongoing basis through the provision of goods and/or services, and by reinvesting surpluses into achieving social objectives; and
- It is governed in a fully accountable and transparent manner and is independent of the public sector. If dissolved, it should transfer its assets to another organisation with a similar mission.

Application procedure:

A fully completed and signed SICAP Grant Application Form must be submitted. The deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm, Tuesday July 9th, 2024. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Successful applicants will be required to provide tax clearance, insurance, a financial report on vouched expenditure and a report on the completed project to NTDC. Governing documents may be required to ensure applicants fulfil the requirements as a social enterprise.

National procurement guidelines apply and applicants are required to submit value for money/two quotations for each item for which funding is being sought. Payment of grant based on reimbursement for vouched expenditure.

Please note that limited funding is available and grant award will be based on a competitive process.

For further information you can contact Caroline Shanahan, SICAP Social Enterprise Worker on 067 56676 or by email at cshanahan@ntdc.ie.

SICAP Target Groups & Themes 2024 – 2028	
Target Groups	Thematic areas
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People living in disadvantaged communities 2. People impacted by educational disadvantage 3. People living in jobless households or households where the primary income source is low-paid and/or precarious 4. People who are long-term unemployed 5. People with a criminal history 6. Refugees 7. International Protection Applicants 8. People with Disabilities 9. Heads of One-parent Families 10. Travellers 11. Roma 12. Island residents 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Older people in isolation 2. Refugee and migrant rights and integration 3. Climate action and the just transition 4. Addiction 5. Homelessness 6. LGBTQI+ 7. Youth 8. Gender
<p>SICAP 2024-2028 is underpinned by four Horizontal Principals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promoting a human rights and equality framework, with a particular focus on gender equality and anti-discrimination. 2. Applying quality community development approaches to achieve the participation of disadvantaged and marginalised communities in society, as well as within the SICAP programme itself and the wider local development context and combatting poverty as an obstacle to social inclusion and economic progression. 3. Developing collaborative approaches with stakeholders to identify and fill gaps in services for SICAP target groups and improve how mainstream policies and programmes are delivered so they impact more positively on the socially excluded. 4. Promoting Climate Justice, with a focus on facilitating a just and equitable transition to a greener economy and society 	
<p>SICAP: https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/social-inclusion-and-community-activation-programme-sicap-2024-2028/</p>	



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