

## NTDC SICAP Social Enterprise Grant 2021 – Guidelines for Applicants

**NTDC under the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP 2018-2022) calls for grant applications from Social Enterprises.**

The SICAP Programme 2018-2022 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.

### Funding available

The grant aid will support the start-up, continuation or expansion of a social enterprise in any sector. The grant will be up to 100% of total projected project expenditure up to a maximum of €2,500 (minimum grant amount €500).

### Examples of Category of costs covered:

Personal Protective clothing and equipment	Business equipment
Advertising and marketing aids	Job specific tools and equipment
Upgrading to Premises where owned by the applicant (or formal lease min 5 yrs.)	Compliance, guidance and training
Signage	Business registration costs and fees
Accountancy and related services including legal advice	Website registration, related services and production
Office supplies and stationery	Public liability insurance costs associated with setting up a business – no other insurance is eligible
Business Mentoring	Short term training on book-keeping, regulation, rollout of a business plan, courses of training related to the start up or continuation of business
<b>Only expenditure incurred after the date of grant approval will be eligible.</b>	

### Eligible applicants:

Eligible applicants must be a **social enterprise** as outlined below:

- a) Is an enterprise whose objective is to achieve a social, societal or environmental impact, rather than maximising profit for its owners or shareholders.
- b) Pursues its objectives by trading on an on-going basis through the provisions of goods and/or services.
- c) Reinvest any surpluses into achieving social objectives.
- d) Is governed in a fully accountable and transparent manner and is independent of the public sector.

e) If dissolved, it will transfer its assets to another organisation with a similar mission.

**Eligible SE applicants must** operate in the North Tipperary municipal districts of Nenagh /Thurles/ Templemore, be a micro enterprise (fewer than 10 employees) and not risk displacement of existing jobs.

**Application procedure:**

A fully completed and signed SICAP Grant Application Form must be submitted. The deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm, Wednesday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

All applications must be fully complete, incomplete 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. National procurement guidelines apply and applicants are required to submit value for money/two quotations for each item for which funding is being sought.

Please note priority will be given to groups who have not received grant aid previously, but this does not preclude a group from applying for funding.

Application form is available to download from our website [here](#).

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**Points for selection of project:**

- a) Demonstratable need - 35.
- b) Potential Impact - 35
- c) Value for Money – 30



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