**Funding available for South Dublin projects under the 2020 Accelerated Measurers 2020 Town and Village Renewal Scheme**

South Dublin County Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from community groups and businesses in towns\* and villages\* in the South Dublin County administrative area for projects to be included in the 2020 Town and Village Renewal Scheme and the newly announced Accelerated Measure Scheme in Response to COVID 19.

Funding is provided through the Department of Rural and Community Development to support the revitalisation of towns and villages to improve the economic development of our rural towns and villages. This year there are two elements to the scheme as follows:

**2020 Accelerated Measure**

The Accelerated Measure Scheme in Response to COVID 19 will target towns and villages with a population of under 10,000 people.

* Up to 90% of the total cost of a project under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme will be provided for any individual project.
* There will be a maximum level of funding of €25,000 per project, with the possibility to increase to €40,000 for a small number of high impact projects.

**2020 Town and Village Renewal Scheme**

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme Main Schemewill be targeted at two categories of Towns/Villages, with 60% of funding being made available for category 1 towns:

Category 1: Towns and villages with a population of less than 5,000 people.

Category 2: Towns with a population of 5,001 to 10,000 people.

* Up to 90% of the total cost of a project under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme will be provided for any individual project.
* The minimum grant which is available is €20,000 and the maximum is €100,000.  A higher maximum of €200,000 will be considered for a limited number of projects where a robust case demonstrating exceptionally strong economic benefit to the town or village can be made.

Please note that emphasis will be placed on projects that have clear positive economic impacts on the town or village.

**Expressions of Interest**

Details of the Accelerated Measures and Main Scheme and Expression of Interest Forms are available below for downloading.

Expressions of Interests will proceed to application stage if all eligibility criteria, as set out in the Scheme Outline, are met.

Completed Expression of Interest forms are to be submitted by e-mail only to:

* comdevof@SDUBLINCOCO.ie

**IMPORTANT:**

If you are submitting an expression of interest under the 2020 Accelerated Measures Scheme, please state “2020 Accelerated Measures” in the email subject line.

If you are submitting an expression of interest under the 2020 Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2020 please start clearly “2020 Town and Village Renewal Scheme” in the email subject line.

**Please note:**

Closing dates for receipt of expressions of interest for the Accelerated Measures (Round 1 and 2) and Main Scheme are set out in the table below:

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| **Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020** | **Closing date for Expressions of Interest** |
| Accelerated Measure:  Round 1 | 4pm Friday 26th June  |
| Accelerated Measure:  Round 2 | 4pm Friday 17th July 2020 |
| Main Scheme | 4pm Friday 31st July 2020 |

\*The only eligible towns/villages in the South Dublin County administrative area for the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020, as determined by the CSO 2016 census data, are as follows:

| 2016 - Population (Number)  | 2016 Census |
| --- | --- |
| Brittas, South Dublin | 179 |
| Newcastle, South Dublin | 3,093 |
| Rathcoole, South Dublin | 4,351 |
| Saggart, South Dublin | 3,133 |

Download the Expression of Interest Forms here: