

Call for Applications from Social Enterprises

The Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028 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 SICAP Programme supports social enterprises to develop and grow and SKDP has been working with Social Enterprises in South Kerry for many years recognising that they provide much needed services to the local area. The objective of the SICAP Programme is to support social enterprises to establish and expand, employing those who are most marginalised so they can provide local services where other enterprises may not be able to. The SKDP Social Enterprise Strategy for South Kerry 2023 – 2025 outlines actions that support this important sector to raise their profile, accelerate their development and enhance their operations. It is within this context that SKDP are currently seeking applications from social enterprises in the South Kerry Area.

Eligible applicants:

Eligible applicants must be a **social enterprise** as per the definition outlined below taken from *'Trading for Impact - National Social Enterprise Policy 2024 – 2027'*:

- A social enterprise is an enterprise whose objective is to achieve a social 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 fully or primarily into achieving social objectives.
- 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.

Note: Only Social Enterprises which contain less than 10 employees can apply for funding.

Funding available

The maximum amount of the grant will be up to 80% of total projected project expenditure to a maximum of €1,000, at least half of the 20% matching funds must be paid in cash.

Eligible Costs for Social Enterprise

- Advertising and marketing aids;
- Business equipment;

- Signage
- Personal protective clothing and equipment;
- Business mentoring;
- Upgrading to premises where the premises is owned by the applicant;
- Website registration, related services and production

For Start-Up Social Enterprises Only

- Public Liability Insurance costs associated with setting up a business – no other insurance is eligible;
- Business registration costs and fees;
- Accountancy and related services, including legal advice;

Application procedure:

- The following documentation is required for the process
 - (a) A fully completed and signed SICAP Grant Application Form
 - (b) Two written quotations for each item seeking funding
 - (b) Memorandum and Articles of Association/Constitution
 - (c) Copy of latest Accounts
 - (d) Bank Statement with evidence of matching funds

The deadline for receipt of applications is the 11th of April 2025

- All applications must be fully complete, those incomplete, or without the necessary quotations will not be assessed.

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Does the Project present good value for money
- Project Impact
- Does the project assist the social enterprise to become more sustainable or add to its current offering?

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. All funding will have to be fully drawdown with paperwork submitted for drawdown by the 30th of September 2025.

For further information and to receive an application form, contact Clare O'Shea, SICAP Enterprise Officer on 087 3567874 or by email to coshea@skdp.net



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