

South Tipperary County Council Arts Grants Scheme

The Arts Act permits a local authority to assist with money, or in kind, any events or activities which would in the opinion of the local authority; stimulate public interest in the arts, promote the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or assist in improving the standards of the arts. In this act the expression ‘the arts’ means music, literature, film, video, community arts, drama, dance, visual arts, architecture, and applied arts.

Guidelines for Assistance under the Arts Acts

1. Assistance shall only be given to an arts project or event that takes place in South Tipperary.
2. Groups and organisations seeking assistance under this grant scheme must be based in South Tipperary (only one application per group, organisation).
3. Assistance will be given only in respect of a project or event which when held, would, in the opinion of South Tipperary County Council, stimulate public interest in the arts, promote the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or assist in improving the standards of the arts.
4. In order to achieve a comprehensive assessment of the project/event it is necessary for you to provide as many details for which a grant has been requested as possible. This could include the vision for the project and activities to be undertaken, and details of the organisations/artists engaged in the project/event.
5. The scheme will not provide assistance for ongoing revenue costs or assistance to cover loans/deficits of any groups/organisations etc
6. Organisations in receipt of revenue funding from South Tipperary County Council are not eligible to apply for funding under this scheme.
7. South Tipperary County Council will not fund charity fund-raising events, or those that are primarily competitive in nature.
8. Any assistance towards the cost of art classes / workshops should be provided by professional artists or for professional artists.
9. South Tipperary County Council will not fund uniforms, commemorative events, publishing, community publishing projects, craft, heritage or oral history community projects, artist materials, equipment or any kind of capital costs.

10. Selection of projects/events will be made through the appointment of an independent expert assessment panel. These recommendations will be made to members of South Tipperary County Council.
11. Successful applicants will be required to acknowledge the assistance of South Tipperary County Council in any promotional material relating to the project/event.
12. Grants will only be paid after the project/event has taken place and on receipt of a full report on the project/event and on submission of relevant accounts. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that information as outlined above is forwarded to the arts office as soon as possible after the completion of the project/event.
13. Funding will only be given to organisations for projects/events planned to take place in 2008, and cannot be allocated retrospectively. The project must be completed and the funding drawn-down before December 7th 2008.
14. Owing to the large number of applicants expected, it will not be possible to make an award to all eligible applicants. Eligibility and compliance with these guidelines do not guarantee receipt of an award.
15. The maximum amount awarded to any project/event will be €1,000, however it is expected that most awards will be in the region of between €150 - €500