

# Streetscape Enhancement Measure 2022 - Omeath



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Louth County Council

## PART A - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SCHEME

### **Scheme Overview**

Our Rural Future is the Government's five year strategy to revitalise rural Ireland and includes a commitment to upgrade and enhance shopfronts and street facades in our rural towns and villages.

This activity will be funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) through the 2022 Streetscape Enhancement Measure.

The Streetscape Enhancement Measure for **Omeath** will be administered through Louth County Council who has the right to use discretion with regard to the process and the development of terms and conditions that are appropriate. All applicants are required to comply with statutory planning codes or other relevant legislative provisions.

The focus of this Scheme is to support the upgrade and enhancement of shopfronts and street facades within the village of Omeath, with a focus on the village centre as identified on the map. (See page 4).

### **What works are Eligible?**

Eligible works include painting of buildings/shopfronts, signage replacement, shopfront improvement including replacement shop fronts, green enhancement of entrances/terraces, appropriate illumination and lighting of architectural features of buildings, provision of canopies/awnings.

In the event of the scheme being oversubscribed, priority will be accorded to premises located centrally in Omeath.\*(See map on page 4)

Applications may not be considered where there are commercial rates or charges due to Louth County Council. However, consideration will be given if an agreed payment plan is in place.

Depending on the type of works you wish to carry out you may need planning permission. Applicants are advised to consult Louth County Council Shop Front Design Guidelines. [Shop Front Design Guidelines](#)

If your property is listed as a Protected Structure, you must contact the Planning Department for advice and guidance before carrying out any works. Phone 042 9335457.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that relevant planning permissions are in place before undertaking any works. Where planning permission is required, the time period for the making and processing of an application must be factored into the timescale of the Streetscape Enhancement Scheme. It takes eight weeks for the planning authority to process an application once it is lodged and longer if further information is required. Applicants are responsible for all costs associated with planning applications where they are required.

### Grant Rates

Category of Works	Max grant available
1. Green enhancement of entrances/ terraces with planting	€500
2. Painting of building/shop front in carefully selected colours which will complement the host building and streetscape.  Mural (must be agreed in advance with Louth County Council).  Decluttering and repair of shopfronts. (Decluttering can include such works as removing unnecessary signs, flagpoles, wiring etc).	€3,500
3. Appropriate illumination and lighting of architectural features of buildings.  Replacement of signage with traditional wooden fascia with wooden/hand painted lettering OR contemporary design.  Canopies/Awnings complementary to the materials of the shopfront and building (including street furniture).	€4,000

Note: Maximum grant available per building (across all category of works) is €8,000.

Under the scheme 80% of the total eligible costs will be granted, up to the max of relevant category and the remaining 20% of the costs are to be met by the applicant. In the case of painting undertaken by direct labour by the applicant, 90% of the eligible materials cost up to the max of the relevant category will be granted and the remaining 10% of costs are to be met by the applicant.

### **Criteria for painting buildings**

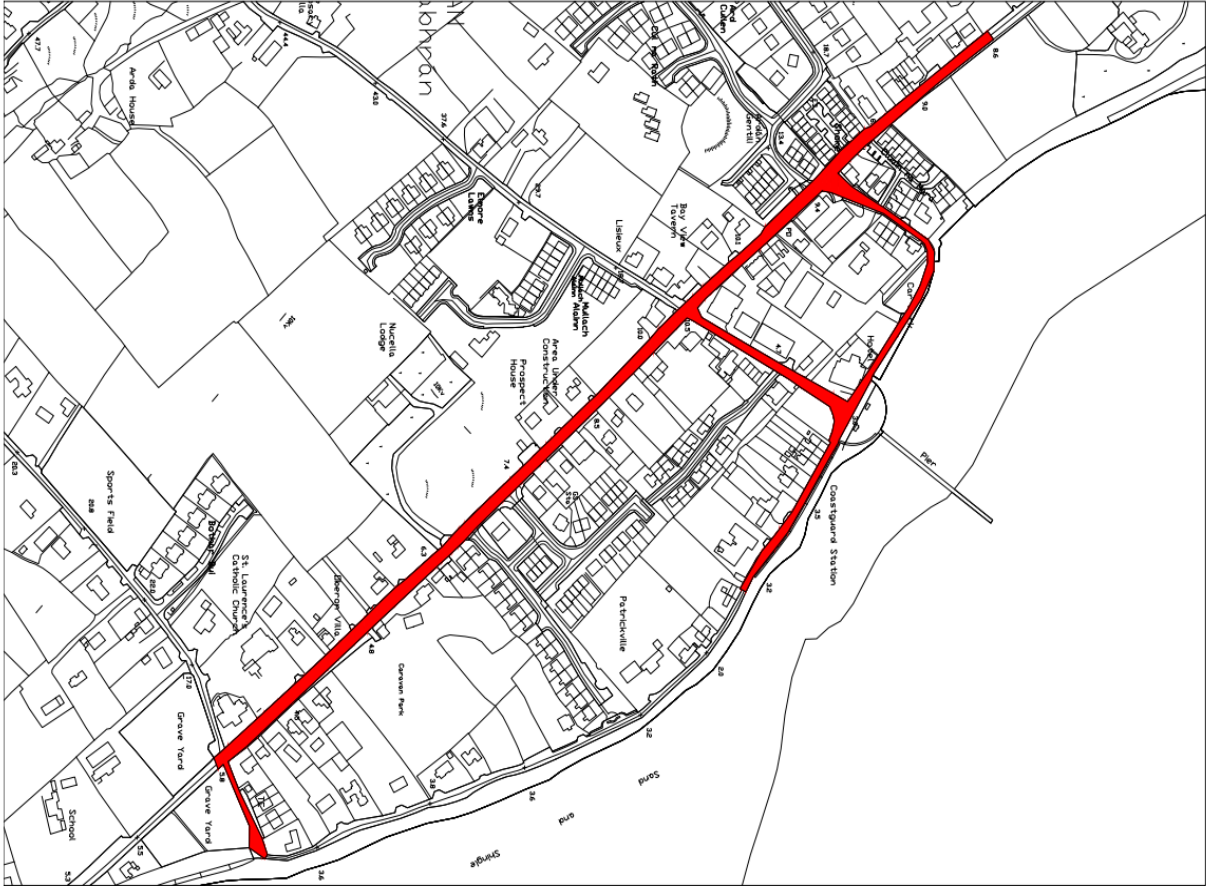
Where the application is for painting, please note the following:

- The preference is for bright colours that come from a similar palette that will help to strengthen the village identity.
- No creams, magnolias, blacks or very dark greys will be accepted.
- The proposed colour and shade is to be agreed with Louth County Council and details must be submitted with the application.
- A dark grey has been included in the suggested colour scheme (see below), however, this should be used as an accent colour rather than for a full elevation.
- Two adjacent properties should not share the same colour, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Louth County Council
- The colours are being suggested in response to the Public Realm upgrade of Omeath.

#### Proposed colour palette:



\* Map of Omeath. The properties located on the red line are those which will receive priority in the event of the scheme being oversubscribed.



### Documentation required to apply

The scheme will be open from Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for applications. **The scheme will close at 12 noon on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

- Completed application form
- 2 x contractor quotes
- 1 x materials quote
- Photograph of the property before works are undertaken
- Completed payment details form
- Note: 3 written quotes required for contracts above €5,000 as per National Procurement Guidelines.
- Failure to submit all information required will deem an application invalid.

### Timeline for Funding Applications

All approved works must be completed and all final claims for payment must be submitted by the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Payment of the grant will be made on receipt of:

- A photograph of the works completed
- Invoices and receipts/evidence of payment for works completed; and
- Evidence, where planning permission is required, that the relevant consents were in place at the time of undertaking the works.

### Data Protection Policy & Privacy Notice

Personal information collected by Louth County Council is done so in order for us to process your application. Legally we can process this information as it is necessary for us to comply with our statutory / legal obligations. The protection of your personal data is a key priority for the Council and your data will be processed in line with our Privacy Notice which is available at: <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/access-to-information/gdpr/> or hardcopy from our offices at Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, Co. Louth A91 KFW6. If you require further information regarding our Privacy Notice, you can contact us at [dataprotection@louthcoco.ie](mailto:dataprotection@louthcoco.ie) or write to us at: Data Protection Officer, Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, Co. Louth A91 KFW6. Tel: 042 9335457.

### Freedom of Information

Applicants should be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, information provided by them in this Application may be liable to be disclosed. Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information provided by them in their Application should not be disclosed because of its confidentiality or commercial

sensitivity. If Applicants consider that certain information is not to be disclosed because of its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity, Applicants must, when providing such information, clearly identify such information and specify the reasons for its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity. If Applicants do not identify information as confidential or commercial sensitive, it is liable to be released in response to a Freedom of Information request without further notice or consultation with the Applicant. Louth County Council will, where possible, consult with the Applicant about confidential or commercial sensitive information so identified before making a decision on a request received under Freedom of Information.

**Completed application form along with supporting documentation, as listed, above should be sent to:**

Economic Development Section, Louth County Council, Town Hall, Crowe Street, Dundalk, Co. Louth

Please mark the envelope: **Streetscape 2022**

Or by email to [streetscape@louthcoco.ie](mailto:streetscape@louthcoco.ie) with Streetscape 2022 in the subject line.

Queries can be made by email to: [streetscape@louthcoco.ie](mailto:streetscape@louthcoco.ie) or by phoning 042 933 5457

Applicants will be notified by letter of offer after the closing date of the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 if they have been successful. This must be signed and returned to Louth County Council before works commence.

**Please note that it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the requirements for planning permission have been met. Such requirements are not dealt with through the application process for this Scheme and are subject to statutory timeframes under the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.**

De Minimis Aid is small amounts of State Aid given to an enterprise which cannot exceed €200,000 over any three fiscal years to any business regardless of size or location. De Minimis Aid can come from any State body, agency or department. If a company is part of a group, then the €200,000 limit applies to the group. Please note that a false declaration to show a figure under the threshold of €200,000 could later mean that you would have to pay back the grant aid with interest

I hereby declare that the cumulative limit of €200,000, in respect of De Minimis aid from all sources in the three fiscal years prior to the date of the approval of this Grant, will not be exceeded by the approval of this Grant. *(Tick box and sign below)*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the above terms and conditions of the ‘Streetscape Enhancement Measure 2022 – Omeath’.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name in Capital Letters:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FORM AND PAYMENT DETAILS**

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**Part B - APPLICATION FORM AND PAYMENT DETAILS**

**APPLICATION FORM**

<b>SECTION A</b>	<b><i>Applicants Details</i></b>
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>E-mail Address</b>	

<b>SECTION B</b>	<b>Building Details</b>
<b>Address of building</b>	
<b>Is the building residential or commercial?</b>	
<b>Is the building occupied, vacant or derelict?</b>	
<b>What is your legal interest in the property (Eg. Owner/tenant/other)</b>	
<b>If ‘other’ please state your interest</b>	



<b>Is the building a protected structure</b>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Is planning permission required for the works?</b>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Planning reference number if permission has been sought or permitted</b>		
<b>Does the application relate to the provision of a mural?</b>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If so, has the proposed mural design been agreed with Louth County Council?</b>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Written consent of owner if applicant is tenant/lessee</b>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>SECTION C</b>			
<b>Proposed works (state category and description):</b>			
<b>IF PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE PAINTING, PLEASE INDICATE:</b>			
<b>Area to be Painted</b>		<b>No. of Floors</b>	
<b>No. of Windows</b>	<b>No. of Doors</b>	<b>Proposed Colours</b>	
<b>Costs of Proposed Works:</b>			

<b>SECTION D</b>	<b>Signature</b>
I confirm all details entered in this form are correct.	
Print Name of above signature	
Dated	

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY.</b>	
Application Received	Date:
Quotes attached	Yes or no
Colour card attached	Yes or no
Written consent of landlord (if required)	
Total Cost	€
Grant Amount	€
Recommended	Name:                      Date:
Approved	Name:                      Date:
Payment Processed	Date:

## PAYMENT DETAILS

### Applicant Set-Up/Direct Payment Authorisation

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PPS No/Tax Reference No: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

(Details of the amount transferred to your bank Account will be sent to this address)

I hereby request Louth County Council to transfer payments to:-

BANK NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BANK ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NO \*: \_\_\_\_\_

BANK SORT CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

IBAN NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

BIC CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please submit a bank statement header**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return in hardcopy with original signature)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_