



# Dublin City Council Community Climate Action Programme

Supporting Dublin to build  
low carbon communities

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# What is the Community Climate Action Fund?

- 100% project funding (vouched, possible bridging available from LA)

<b>Project Scale</b>	<b>Project Value</b>
<b>Small Scale Projects</b>	<b>Up to €20,000</b>
<b>Medium Scale Projects</b>	<b>€21,000 to €50,000</b>
<b>Large Scale Projects</b>	<b>€51,000 to €100,000</b>

- Accessed through your Community Climate Action Officer
- Expression of Interest application
- Project must be completed in 18 months from letter of offer
- Supported by your County Council



# Overview of Community Climate Action Programme

## Strand 1

Building Low Carbon Communities -  
€24m nationally

Dublin €1,938,000

**“...to support and  
empower communities,  
in partnership with their  
LA, to build low carbon,  
sustainable  
communities...”**

## Strand 1a

- Shared Island  
Community Climate Action - €3m

# What is the Community Climate Action Fund for?

## Direct climate action

- Reduce  
Greenhouse gas emissions
- Increase  
climate resilience
- Assist transition to  
low carbon economy

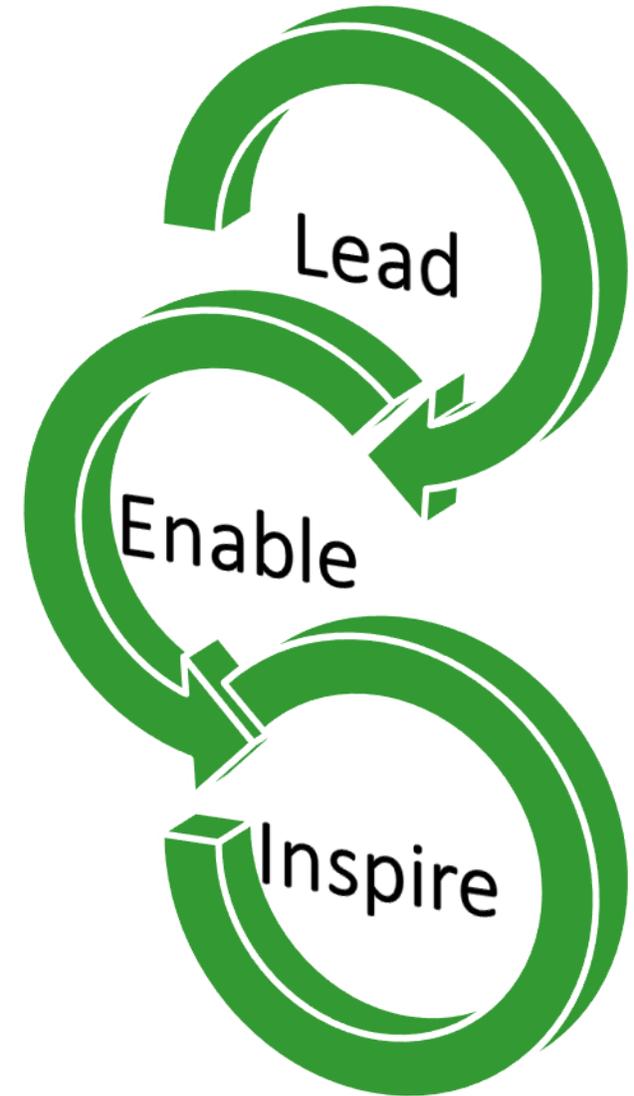
# Who can apply?

## Building Low Carbon Communities

- Not-for-profit organisation
  - Located in operational area of your county council
  - Registered with PPN
- or**
- Connected with other collectives e.g. The Wheel, Tidy Towns **and /or** a community group - Articles of Association or a constitution - hold an AGM, approved minutes available

### **NOT eligible for Strand 1:**

- Private individuals
- Commercial undertakings (including sole traders)
- Schools
- National community or environmental organisations



# 5 project themes



Home/Energy



Travel



Food and Waste



Shopping and Recycling

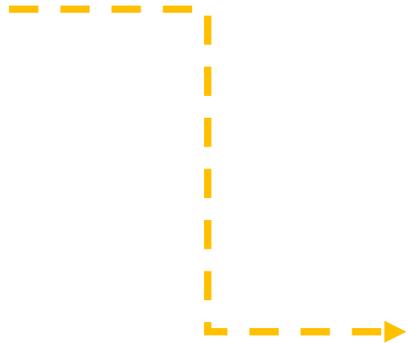


Local Climate and  
Environmental Action

# Home & energy

reduce climate impact of community buildings by using less energy, using renewable energy and avoiding heat loss

- LED community lighting
- Small community renewable energy projects - solar, hydro, wind
- Retrofitting community buildings



**KL** Kilkenny People

## SOS Kilkenny are finalists in SEAI Sustainable Energy Awards

They coordinated the projects, guided us through the whole BEC (Better Energy Communities) process and project managed the upgrades. The works...



# Sustainable Travel

reduction in travel related emissions

- Cycle parking
- Improving cycle way access
- Community electric vehicles/ car services
- Safe and active routes to schools



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## Community Car service to expand across several locations in ...

The Community Car will be based in Skerries however Fingal County Council in ... An Electric Vehicle has been provided for this project by...



RTE RTE

## New 'learn to cycle park' opens in Dungarvan

A new 'learn to cycle' park which has just opened in Dungarvan, Co Waterford is aimed at helping children and beginners gain confidence when...



# Food and Waste reduction

- Community composting facilities
- Community gardens
  - local food production
- Community supported farming
  - local business food pledges
- Community fridges
  - reduce GHG and redistribute food



## Waterford News & Star

HOME LOCAL NEWS LOCAL SPORT FAMILY NOTICES JOBS GREEN ROOM AWARDS 2023

HOME > WATERFORD NEWS > COMMUNAL GARDENS PROJECT FOR THE TOP OF THE TOWN

### COMMUNAL GARDENS PROJECT FOR THE TOP OF THE TOWN

DN Derry Now

### Popular Derry community fridge receives funding boost

Community Fridges help tackle climate change at a local level as food waste can produce large amounts of greenhouse gases. ADVERTISEMENT -...



# Shopping and recycling

increase *variety* and number of recycling facilities and reducing, reusing and recycling initiatives

- Community repair hubs
- Swap shops
- Water filling stations
- Single use plastics elimination by local businesses
- Musical instrument reuse Laois
- Paint recycling



*Repair and service of bicycles, tools and small engines, upcycling quality pallet furniture*



 Independent.ie

**SHEIN customers invited to Dublin swap shop instead of ...**

"Recreate Ireland will be having workshops to teach people how to upcycle and mend any old clothes they're not wearing." Will you be visiting...



 Independent.ie

**Waterford Greenway adds bottle refill stations to reduce plastic ...**

The stations are available at four locations - Abbeyside, Ballylynch Cross, Kilmacthomas Station and Bilberry - along the Greenway. "Ireland is..."

# Local climate and environmental action

Takes a holistic approach to managing the local environment and taking climate action

- Climate resilience
- Mini forests
- Forest schools
- Dispersed orchards
- Community gardens
- Roof gardens
- Pollinator projects
- Energy gardens

## Western People

HOME WESTERN NEWS NATIONAL NEWS WESTERN SPORT MAYO JOBS RECRUIT IRELAND

HOME > CONNACHT NEWS > MAYO'S FIRST POCKET FOREST PLANTS SEED FOR BIODIVERSITY EXPLOSION

### MAYO'S FIRST POCKET FOREST PLANTS SEED FOR BIODIVERSITY EXPLOSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021

LIMERICK VOICE

FARMING

### 'Gardening is a great uniter'- The success of UL's community roof garden

DG Dublin Gazette

### Skerries wild be festival

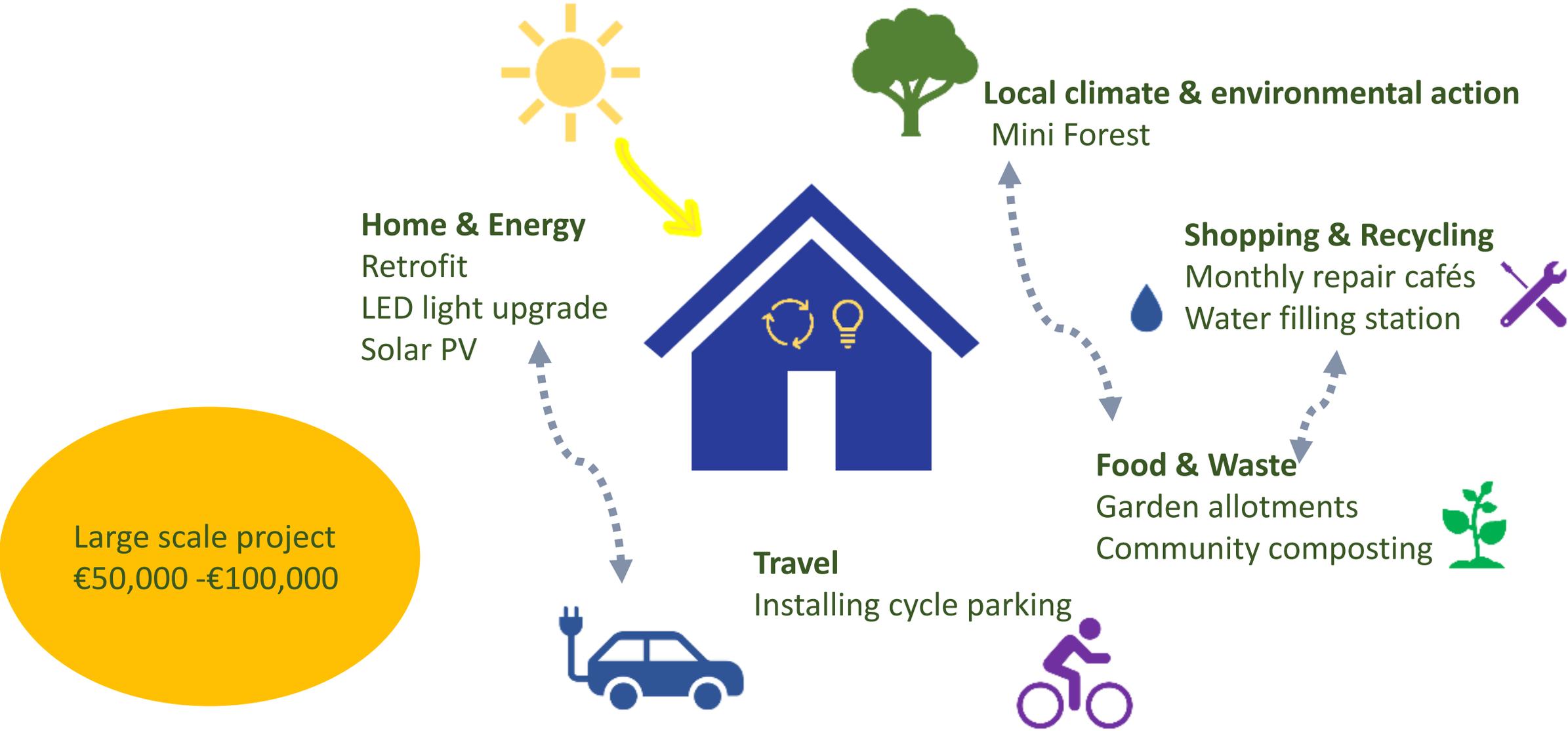
Charlie and Marion Heasman, Bee Experts from Sustainable Skerries said: We have been working on a plan to save the large carder bee in...



### Four Little Woodlands Planted in Laois

Laois County Council and LEAF Ireland are planting four Na Coillte Beaga (little woodlands) in three schools a...

# Example: Community group building and grounds

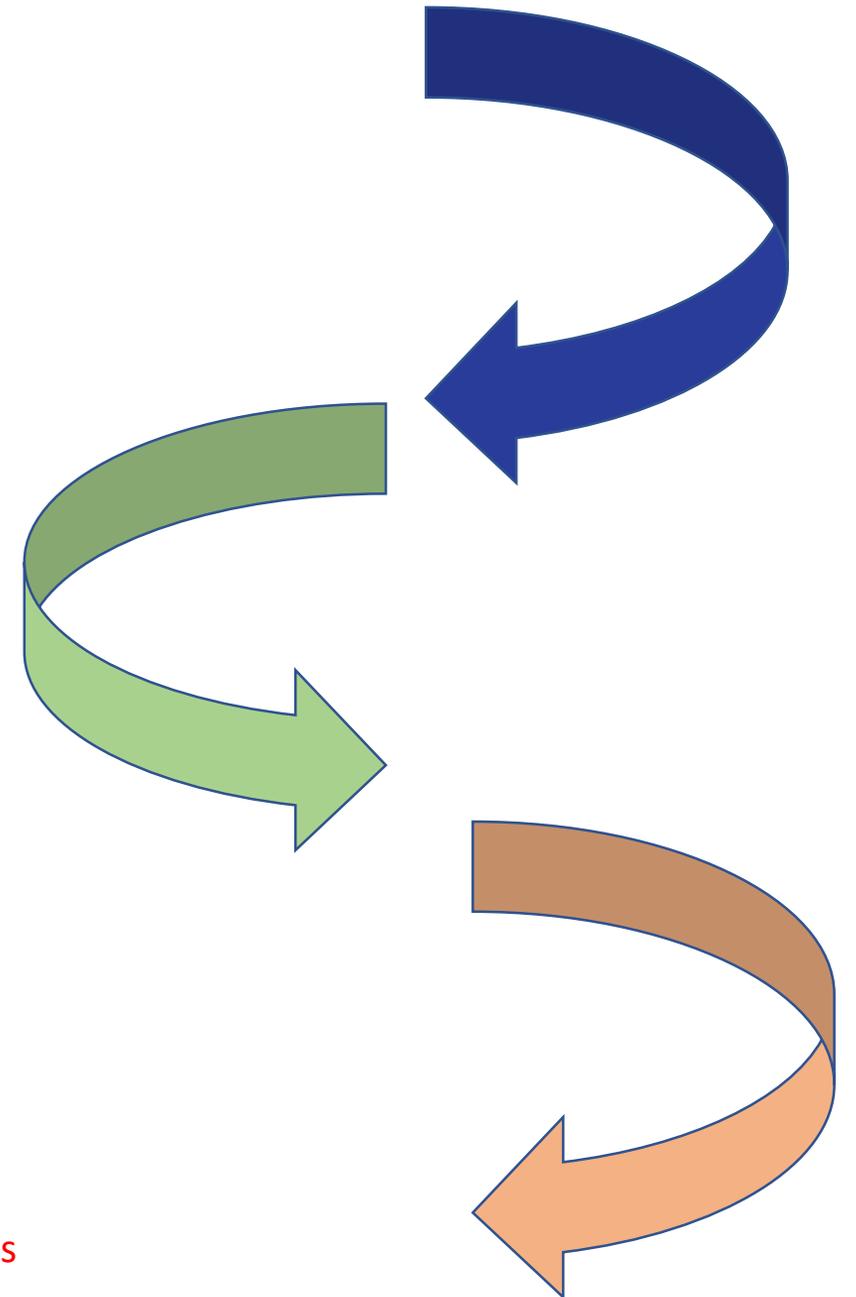


# Preparing project

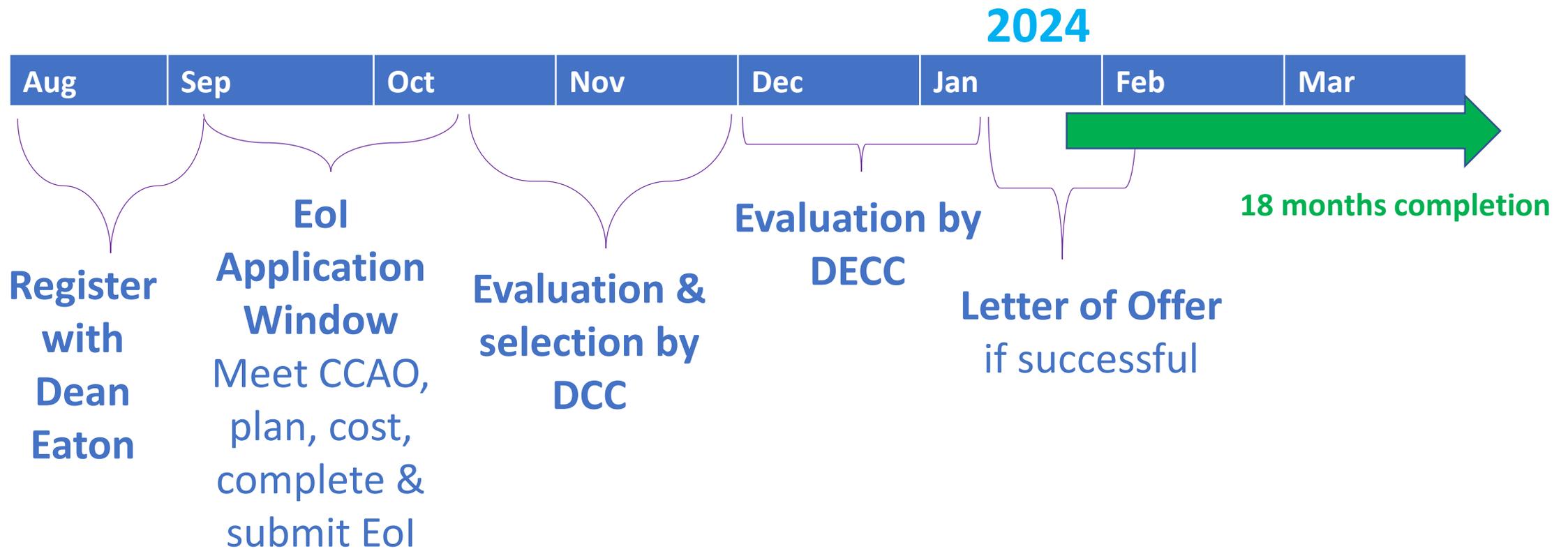
- Preparation:
  - REGISTER WITH YOUR COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION OFFICER
  - Know what you want to do
  - Understand why your project is needed
  - Know funding programme objectives, selection criteria

Taking action on more than 1 theme will elevate your application
- Support
  - Meet Community Climate Action Officer (Zoom/Teams or in person)
  - Ask questions
  - Give yourself time
- Costs:
  - Understand what is eligible
  - Prepare realistic, accurate budget (provide multiple quotes)
  - Prepare timelines detailing when actions will be completed
- Completing EoI (Expression of Interest) application form\*:
  - Be clear on the programme's objectives, selection criteria
  - Supply supporting information

\*Currently being produced by Dept. Environment, Climate and Communications



# Approximate timeline



# Accessing funds

- Called EoI but it is an application – still being finalised
- For Medium – Large, minimum 3 quotes for any purchases for the project
- Using CCAF with other funding sources? provided not duplicate funding can be leveraged with other funds e.g. SEAI, LEADER, Tidy Towns, Town and Village Enhancement etc.,
- Vouched **OR** Upfront? - 25% upfront to deliver actions
- Quarterly drawdown invoices, etc. to DCC and sent to DECC
- Funding only available for costs incurred after project selection
- No audits or feasibility studies
- No staffing or training



# Application form

- Describe your project
- Outline how the project is relevant to the purpose of the grant
  - to shape and build low carbon communities
- Outline which of the five programme themes your project will address and how you will address them
  - address as many as possible



# Application form



- Outputs

What are the climate and environmental benefits of your project?

How will it contribute to Ireland's climate and energy targets?

- Project managed to *achieve* and *measure* outputs

- Milestones

- Scalability: solutions that can be applied elsewhere

Can your project be scaled up in your own or other communities?

What projects would your community do, representing what themes?



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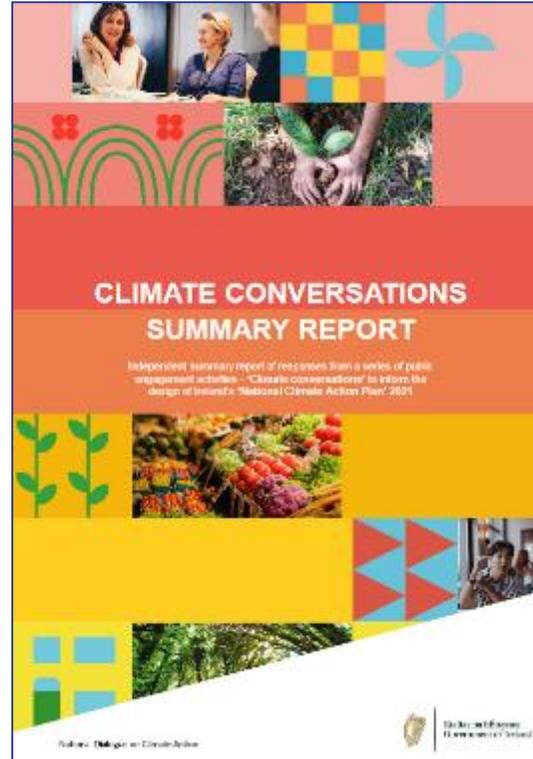
**Next step - project planning**  
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# Background to Community Climate Action Programme



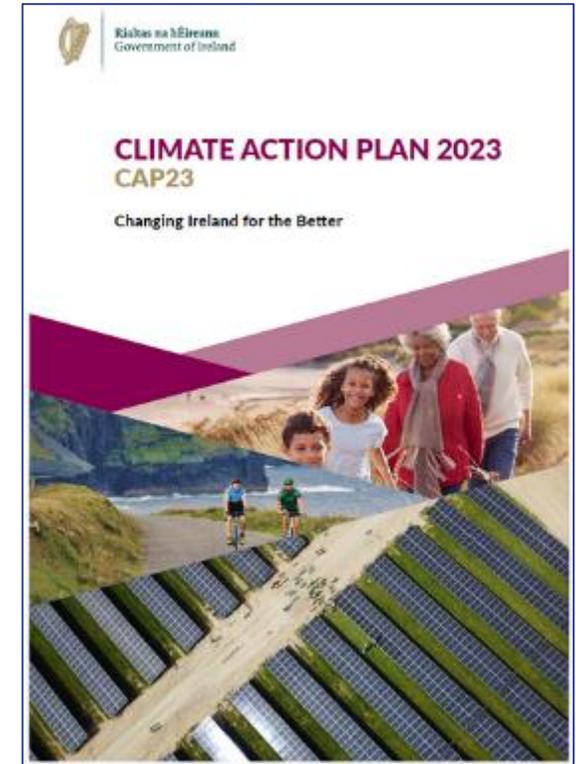
## Climate Action & Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021

- 51% overall reduction by 2030
- Climate neutral by 2050



## Climate Conversations

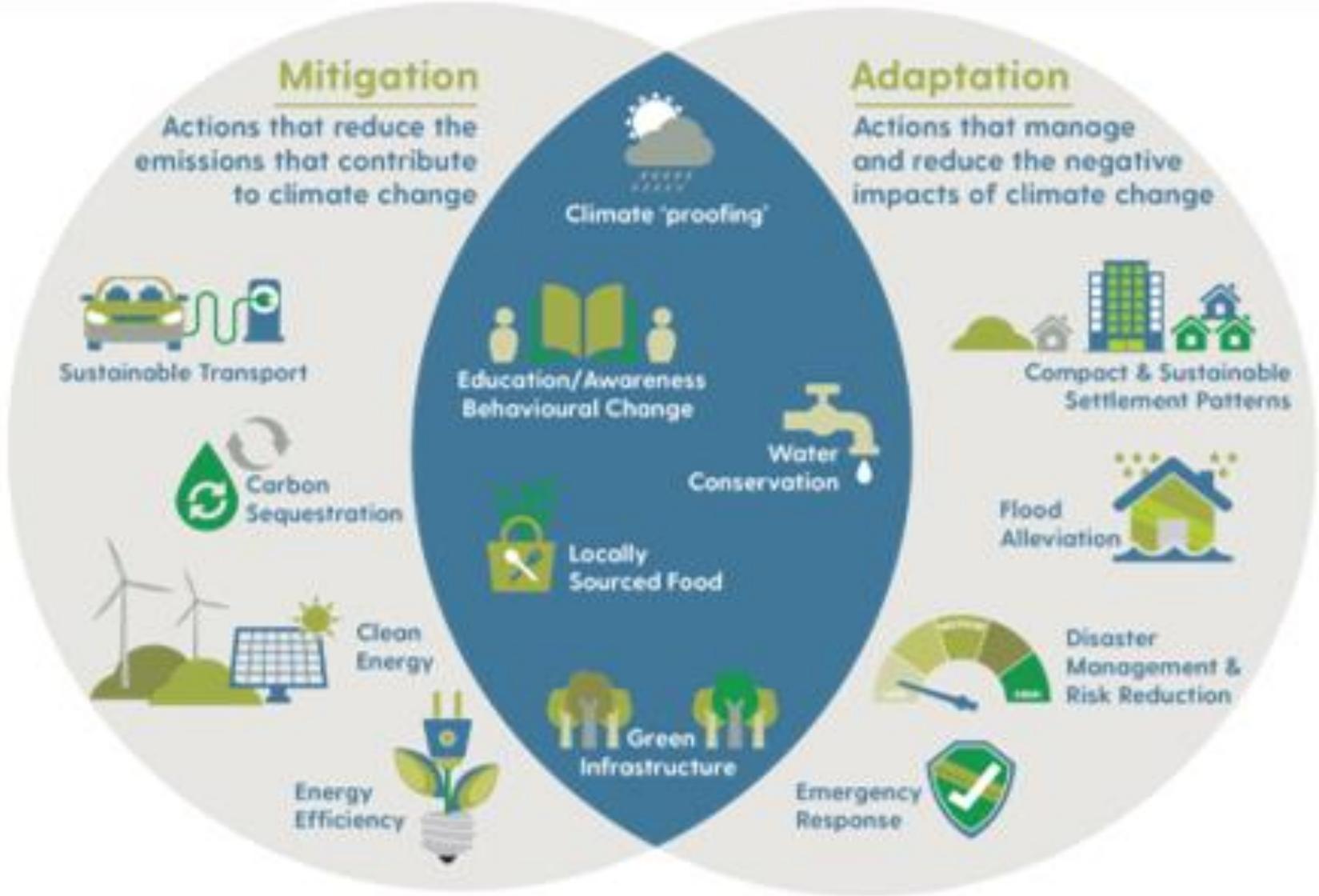
- Government engagement with citizens
1. Citizens want to take climate action
  2. Citizens need support to take action



## Climate Action Plan 2023

- roadmap for action
- climate solutions at the centre of development

# What is Climate Action?



# Jargon buster

Net zero is Carbon neutral

- Climate neutral  
can buy verified carbon credits to offset emissions
- Low Carbon  
based on energy sources that produce low levels of greenhouse gas emissions
- Climate resilient  
society low-carbon and equipped to deal with the realities of a warmer world
- Net zero is Carbon neutral  
replacing greenhouse gas intensive activities with others **and** keeping a balance between any leftover greenhouse gas emissions and adsorption
- Climate action.....

- a balancing act

