



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAI CORK COUNTY COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WEST CORK

**COMMUNITY HEDGE CUTTING GRANT SCHEME
APPLICATION FORM**

**Application should be submitted as soon as possible but not later than
2nd August 2024**

Details of Road/Road Network

(a) Location of Road/Road Network - indicate townland(s), nearest town or village and include map showing clearly and accurately the road or roads to which the application refers:

(b) Length of Road/Road Network to which this application refers
_____ Km

(c) Total length of roadside hedge/trees to be cut back _____

(d) Number of landowners and residents on road/road network _____

Terms and conditions

1. We, the undersigned, being members of a local community/group in County Cork, hereby apply to Cork County Council for participation in the Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme.

2. We hereby appoint and delegate full power to _____
of _____

to act for us in all correspondence and other business arising out of this application and we agree to be bound by our nominee's correspondence and acts.

3. Where the application is on behalf of a community group, we require the signature(s) of each landowner along the length of road/road network, consenting to the cutting of the hedgerow, to which this application refers.

(Signatures to be included on Appendix 1)

4. WE UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT:

- a) All offending hedges and overhanging trees along the proposed network must be adequately cut back.
- b) The minimum length of road network to be incorporated in any application is 5km. However each application will be assessed on its own merits and in certain exceptional circumstances an application may be accepted incorporating a road network of less than 5km in length.
- c) Grants will be calculated based on the actual estimated length of hedging/trees which need attention rather than on the length of road which is incorporated in the road network submitted in an application. Where hedging/trees on both sides of a particular section of road need attention, the length to be included in the grant calculation will be doubled.
- d) The road network to which an application refers must be continuous. Termination points must be at junctions rather than at an arbitrary location along the length of a road or roads (this may not apply in some exceptional circumstances).
- e) For the purpose of this scheme, no hedge cutting shall take place until a valid application is received and approved by Cork County Council. Where hedge cutting does take place without the prior approval of Cork County Council, a grant will not be awarded to the applicant.
- f) To facilitate assessment of your application, **a map is required** indicating the roads that are proposed to be included in the scheme. Any application submitted without the required accompanying map identifying the roads to which the application refers will be returned.
- g) The Councils adjudication of grant sum to be allocated on foot of an application shall be final.

- h) All hedge cutting must be carried out between September 1st and the last day of February.
- i) No grant applications will be accepted after **2nd August 2024**.
- j) Works for which grant approval is confirmed must be completed in the same season.
- k) No grant will be paid out until the Council is satisfied that all hedge/tree cutting required along the network proposed in the application is completed to the required standard.
- l) Each community/group will have to nominate a contact person through whom all correspondence would be channelled.
- m) Communities will undertake works and organise relevant hedgecutting contract and pay for same.
- n) It is a matter for applicant/communities to ensure that the contractor to be engaged is appropriately insured, has his competence assessed, is compliant with current Health and Safety Regulations, to confirm to the Council that these compliance requirements have been satisfactorily verified and to give the relevant Municipal District Office at least 7 days notice of intention to carry out the works.
- o) Cork County Council will provide a grant to be determined by the Municipal District, up to a maximum of €50 per km, per side of roadside hedge/overhanging trees to be attended to.
- p) In the event of a large number of applications, priority will be given to those roads that facilitate school buses and other public and special needs transportation routes and to narrow roads.
- q) The application shall be signed by two members of representatives of the group and a contact person shall be nominated to correspond with Cork County Council.

Disclaimer

Please note that Cork County Council is not responsible for any injury, loss or claim in the event of an accident or injury to persons, as a result of work carried out under this Scheme.

Signature of Applicant's Representatives

1. _____

2. _____

Details of Contact person:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Eircode: _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Completed form to be returned to:-

**Municipal District Officer
Municipal District of West Cork
Cork County Council
7 Kent Street
Clonakilty
Co. Cork**

