



Creative Communities Grant Open Call

Information session

January 2025



What is Creative Ireland?

- All-of-government initiative committed to enhancing access to, engagement with, and enjoyment of Ireland's culture and creativity.
- The vision of the Creative Ireland Programme 2023 - 2027 is to mainstream creativity in the life of the nation so that individually and collectively, in our personal lives and in our institutions, we can realise our full creative potential thereby promoting individual, community and national wellbeing.

Image: That's Life – 'Electric Dreams', 2023



The Creative Ireland Programme prioritises its work around five areas:

1. Creative Youth
- 2. Creative Communities**
3. Creative Health and Wellbeing
4. Creative Climate Action and Sustainability
5. Creative Industries



2017-2024

Through Creative Ireland, Galway City Council funded over 300 initiatives, including:

- The Air We Share creative climate action project
- Eastside Arts Festival
- Masked poetry workshops
- COPE and Simon Creativity Fund
- Dúchasach /Ypykuéra

See more: CreativeIreland.Gov.ie/en/Galway-City-2



What is the Creative Communities Grant?

- Creative Communities enables people to work together to transform their communities, their lives and their environment through creativity
- We work to implement Galway City's Culture & Creativity Strategy through:
 - Open Calls
 - Targeted projects
 - Applying for additional funding
 - GCC Culture & Creativity Team



Creative Communities 2024

An Bruach Thoir – Dúchasach /Ypykuéra

A Gaelic-Brazilian indigenous visual arts project for the community of the Gaeltacht of Galway City East (and open to all residents of Galway).



Creative Communities 2024

Galway Traveller Movement – Misleór Beady Pocket Project

Community workshops with young Traveller women in Galway City, led by local artists Jane Ward and Nora Mongan. The participants made their own beady pockets displayed as a Textiles exhibition in Nuns Island Theatre as part of Misleór Festival.



Creative Communities 2024

AMACH! LGBT+ Galway – Creating Galway's Rainbow Future

An intergenerational LGBT+ art project with the goal of strengthening social cohesion, increasing wellbeing, and empowering the LGBT+ community in Galway through participation and self-expression.



Previous years

Year	Number of applications received	Number of successful applicants	Amount awarded per applicant (based on mean average)	Total amount awarded
2024	35	15	€3,953	€59,300
2023	19	15	€3,251	€47,260

Creative Communities Grant 2025



Grants between €2,000 and €10,000 available for cultural and creative projects taking place in Galway City between February and October 2025.

Successful projects will:

- Support one or more of the objectives in the [Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023-2027](#):
 1. **Access and Cultural Rights**
 2. **Creative Youth and Children**
 3. **Creative Communities**
 4. **Creative Industries and Cultural Sector (focus on digital creative industries)**
 5. **Creative Health and Wellbeing**
 6. **Creative Environment, Climate Action and Sustainability**
- Have substantial and meaningful community engagement and participation
- Contribute towards a longer-term impact
- Create opportunities for under-served or marginalised communities

What the Grant funds

- Project and event costs associated with creative activities and initiatives, for example:
 - artists' wages & fees
 - creative and technical crew
 - production technical costs for live performances: costume, set, sound, management costs, producer or conductor fees, technical equipment hire
 - venue costs
 - documenting of live events (film, photography, sound)
 - marketing & promotion
 - evaluation

What the Grant does not fund

- Artistic or creative projects with no meaningful community engagement or participation
- Top-up or substitute funding for existing events and initiatives, unless in respect of a new aspect or element
- Charitable events or for-profit activities
- Capital requests for building improvements
- Insurance costs
- Purchase of equipment
- Activities taking place outside of Galway City



What administration does the Grant require?

Under this scheme the funding for successful projects will be paid in two instalments: 50% will be paid on receipt of a signed **Letter of Acceptance (Form A)**.

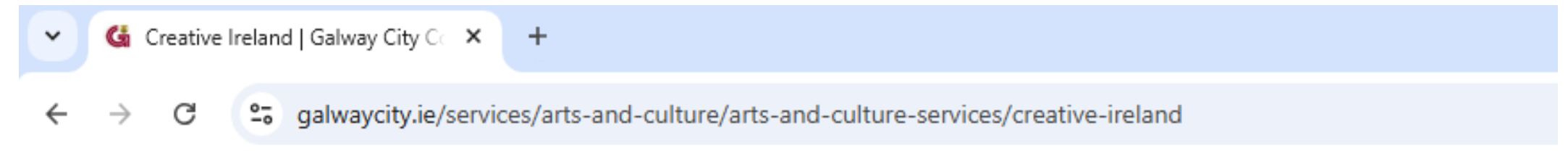
The remaining 50% will be paid once your project is completed and on receipt of a report on the activity undertaken, you will need to complete, sign and return **Evaluation Report (Form B)** and include:

1. A completed **evaluation report (Form B)** of your work in 2025 and how the money was spent the impact/benefit of the project.
2. **Evidence of expenditure**, for example: receipts and invoices for items purchased or works undertaken. Expenditure must correspond with the purpose of your grant as approved by Galway City Council before full payment of grant will be awarded.
3. **Evidence of public acknowledgement** of funding received from Galway City Council and Creative Ireland.
4. **Three high-quality images** of the project or event (with signed image consent forms for any person identified)



How to submit an application online

Step 1: Go to GalwayCity.ie/Creative-Ireland



Step 2: Under **Current Funding Opportunities** select **Begin your application here**

Current Funding Opportunities

Creative Communities Open Call

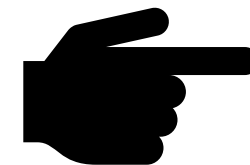
Galway City Council Culture and Creativity Team are pleased to announce an open call for Galway based community groups, organisations and creative practitioners to submit applications for the Creative Communities Grant 2025. These grants are offered as part of Galway City's Creative Communities Programme to deliver creative and cultural activities taking place in 2025.

Please read the guidelines before completing your application.

[Creative Communities 2025 Guidelines](#)

[Begin your application here.](#)

Deadline for Applications: Friday, 31 January 2025, 4pm.



Step 3: Select **Apply and **Create a new account** (or **Log In** if you already have one)**

Galway City Council

galwaycity.submit.com/show/14

Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe Galway City Council

SIGN IN REGISTER

Galway City Creative Communities Grant Application 2025

Opening Date
Monday, December 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM

Deadline
Friday, January 31, 2025 at 4:00 PM

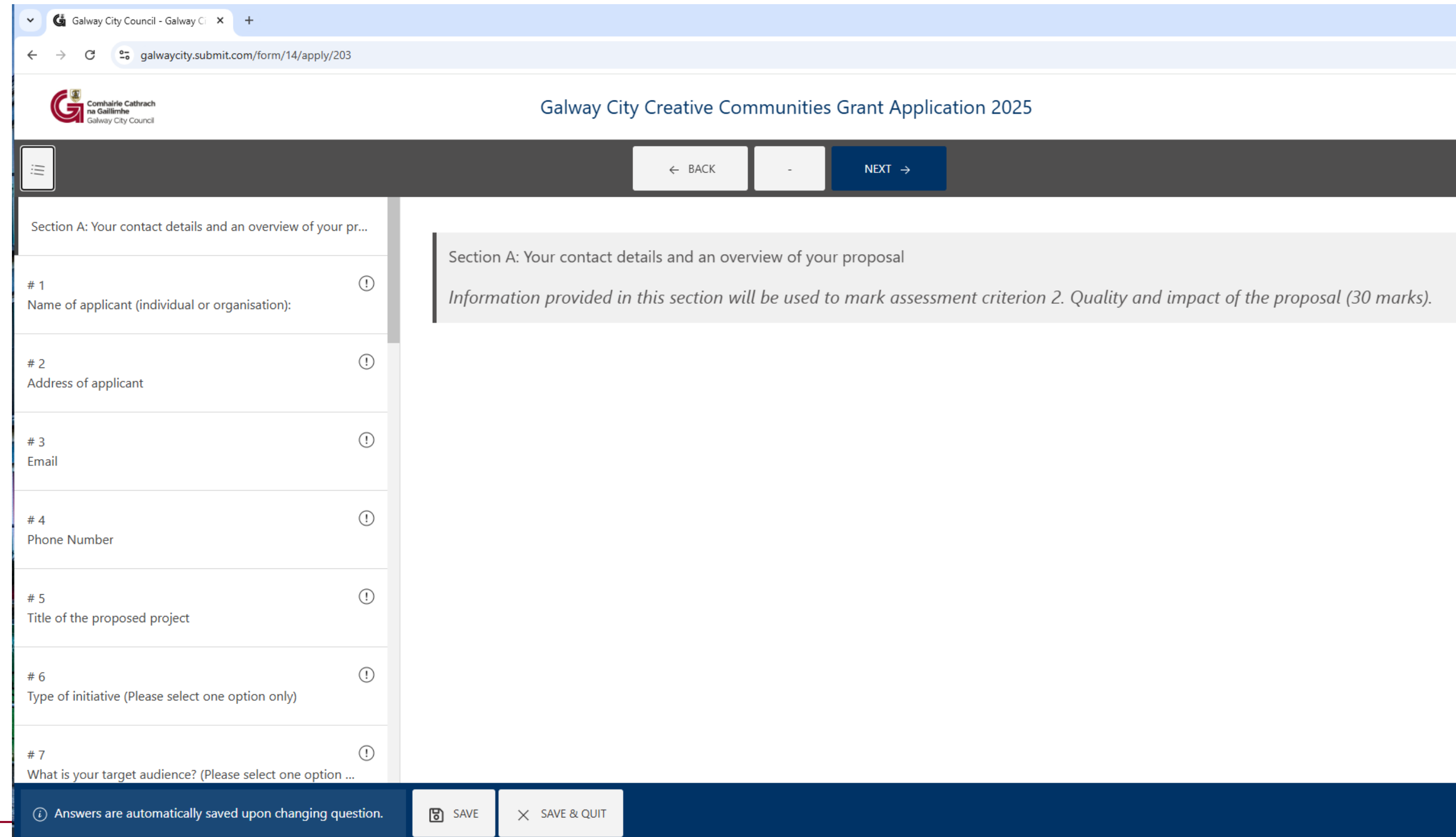
Description

Creative Communities is an initiative from the Creative Ireland Programme, Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. It is committed to broadening access to, and participation in, cultural and creative activities locally. Within the broad range of available definitions, creativity is considered as *a set of innate abilities and learned skills; the capacity of individuals and organisations to*

APPLY

Cookie Policy

Step 4: Complete the online form (it will save your answers automatically) and, when you are ready, submit!



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `galwaycity.submit.com/form/14/apply/203`. The page title is "Galway City Creative Communities Grant Application 2025". The form is titled "Section A: Your contact details and an overview of your proposal". A grey box contains the text: "Information provided in this section will be used to mark assessment criterion 2. Quality and impact of the proposal (30 marks)." The form has a sidebar with seven questions, each with a question mark icon:

- # 1 Name of applicant (individual or organisation):
- # 2 Address of applicant
- # 3 Email
- # 4 Phone Number
- # 5 Title of the proposed project
- # 6 Type of initiative (Please select one option only)
- # 7 What is your target audience? (Please select one option ...)

At the top of the form, there are navigation buttons: "← BACK", a minus sign "-", and "NEXT →". At the bottom, there is a dark blue bar with the text "Answers are automatically saved upon changing question." and two buttons: "SAVE" and "SAVE & QUIT".

How to submit a paper application

Request a paper application (in English or Irish) by emailing CandC@GalwayCity.ie or phoning 087 968 4654.

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