

Water Catchments

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**Community Water
Development Fund 2022
Clinic
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2022

Presentation Outline

- Background to the Community Water Development Fund
- Who can apply and eligible expenditure
- Assessment criteria
- Timelines for 2022
- Community Water Officers contact details



Background to the Community Water Development Fund

- Fund was first introduced in 2018
- 595 applications received to date
- €1m in grant aid to date
- Administered by LAWPRO on behalf of the DHLGH
- All grants awarded since 2018 mapped on www.lawaters.ie
- This years call was launched at the annual 'Communities Caring for Water' conference on 20th Nov 2021
- Total Fund of €380,000 for 2022 plus €10,000 for Blue Dot award
- Grants will range from €500 to €25,000
- Water quality actions and/or water quality awareness

To support locally led, community driven initiatives to enhance the local water environment and help implement the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland

Year	Awarded	Not Awarded
2018	69	35
2019	105	46
2020	118	27
2021	155	40
Total	447	148

Year	Granted	Requested
2018	€185,800.00	€620,088.91
2019	€180,428.00	€765,665.00
2020	€230,247.81	€663,904.44
2021	€380,146.00	€1,095,430.00
Total	976,621.91	€3,145,088.35



Community Water Development Fund – Open Call 2022

Who can apply?

- Not-for-profit Community and Voluntary Groups
- Rural Networks
- Urban Networks
- Environmental NGOs
- Clubs, Associations
- Other appropriate bodies

Non eligible expenditure

- Projects that solely benefit an individual
- Teaching/staff in schools
- Staff costs
- Travel and transport costs (except in exceptional circumstances)
- Equipment, unless directly associated with the project
- Income generating projects
- Overheads, ongoing running costs
- Insurance



Review of Community Water Development Fund RPS Consultants

Table 2-8 - Characteristics of Eligible Groups

- A group or organisation with a community focus
- A group that aims to address social and environmental issues and implement positive change
- An independent organisation accountable to its members
- Uses a participatory structure and involves stakeholders who will be impacted by the project to be delivered
- Encourages cooperation with other groups, statutory bodies, and other organisations
- Has an established positive relationship with the community water officer



Ideal scenario for fund allocation

- Three large scale projects from Priority Areas for Action (PAA) @ max €25,000 each to promote the Integrated Catchment Approach
- Ten to fifteen medium scale projects @max €10,000 each
- Balance in small scale community gain projects @ max €5,000 each
- Grants of up to 100% if in a Blue Dot Area
- Grants of up to 90% if in a Priority Area for Action
- Grants of up to 75% for all other areas

<https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/Water> - see page 6 of Fund Guidelines



Assessment criteria



Status of waterbody

Check the location of your waterbody [here](#)



Community / Landowner / Public Body Engagement

- Local partnerships
- Permissions (e.g. planning; SEA; AA; landowner consent; leases)
- Registered with PPN
- Demonstrate if you engage with or organise water / biodiversity related events



Actions proposed

- Clear aims
- Achievable within timelines
- Method statement



Potential impact on the catchment / benefits to community

- Benefits of project
- Replicable
- Impact
- Water quality actions / Water quality awareness



Ability to finance and manage the project

- Bank account in applicants name
- Match funding
- Is your project a fit for this fund?
- Quotations
- Track record
- Contact with CWO



CWDF Timeframe 2022

20 Nov 2021

- Launch of open call

8 Feb 2022

- Closing date

9 Feb - 8 Mar

- Screening/additional info requests/analysis

7 Mar – 18 Mar

- Internal evaluation

Week of 21 Mar

- External evaluation

Week of 28 Mar

- Review and sign off by Management

Week of 4 April

- Letters of offer and grant agreement

31 Oct

- Project completion deadline

15 Nov

- Final report and drawdown forms

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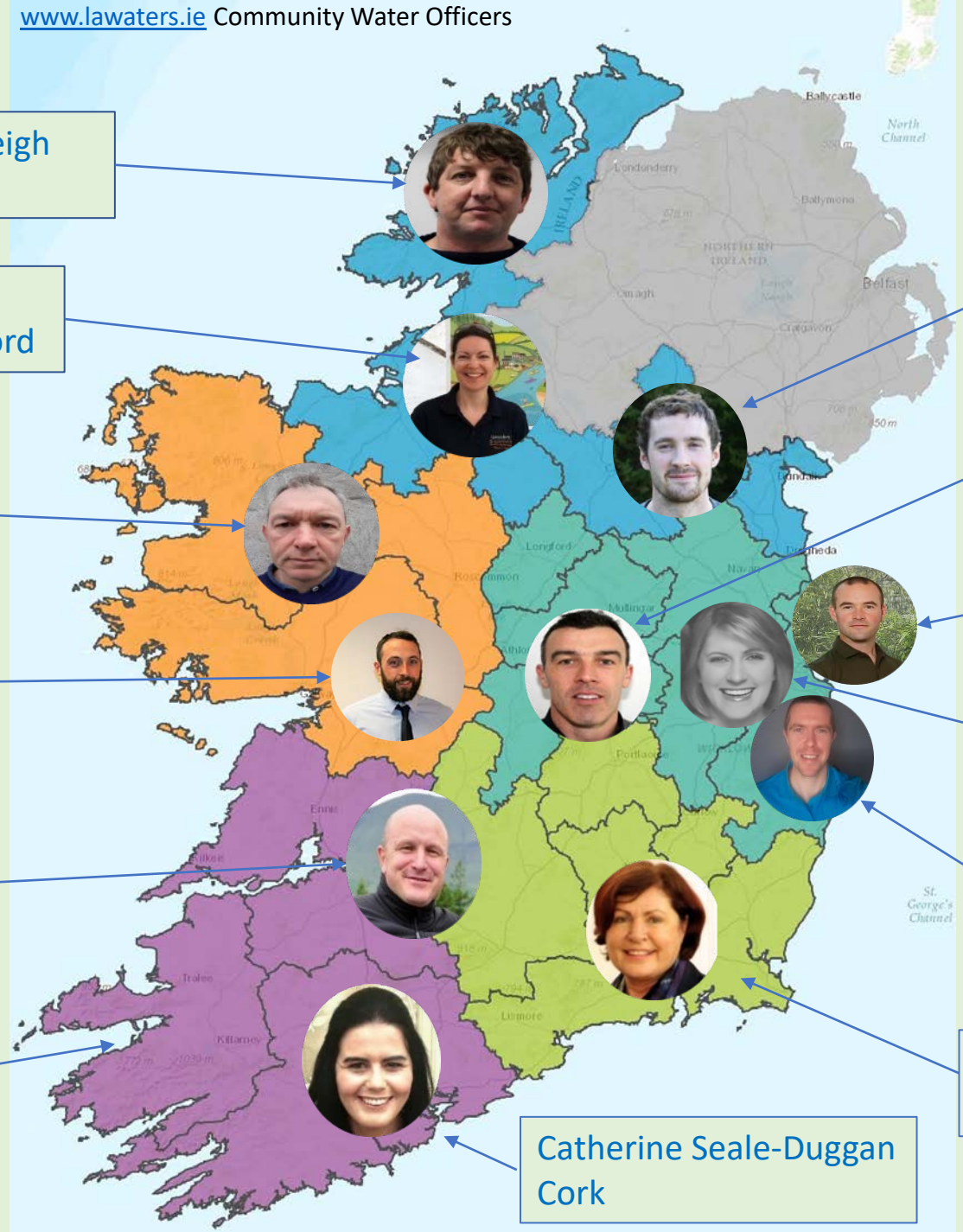
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CWDF 2022

- **Think** Water Quality Actions
 - **Think** Water Quality Awareness
 - **Think** multiple benefits of water quality, biodiversity and climate
- Start **early** (register on Portal **now**) at:
[Local Authority Water Programme \(lawaters.ie\)](http://lawaters.ie)



You are all **fantastic** ambassadors and representatives of your community 😊



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