

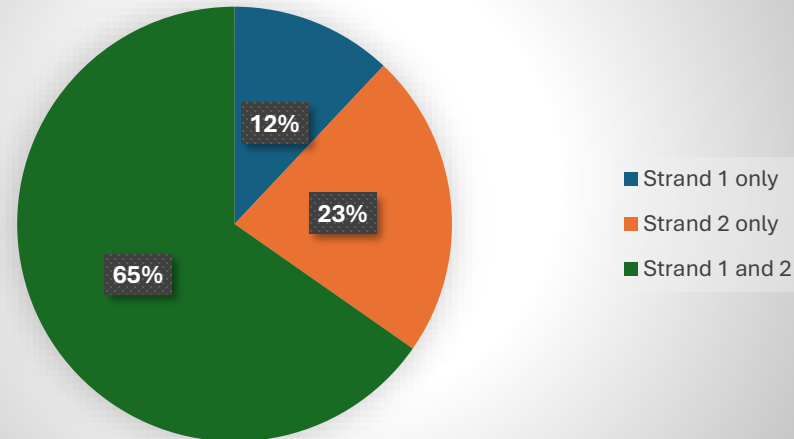
Online Funding Clinic

Wednesday, 18th December 2024

LAWPRO Catchment Support Fund 2024

Strand	Granted €	No. of grants	Average Grant €	Min grant	Max grant
Strand 1 only	60,237	23	2,619	480	5,700
Strand 2 only	113,800	3	37,933	18,000	60,000
Strand 1 and 2	327,390	11	29,763	5,000	46,000
Overall	501,428	37	23,438		

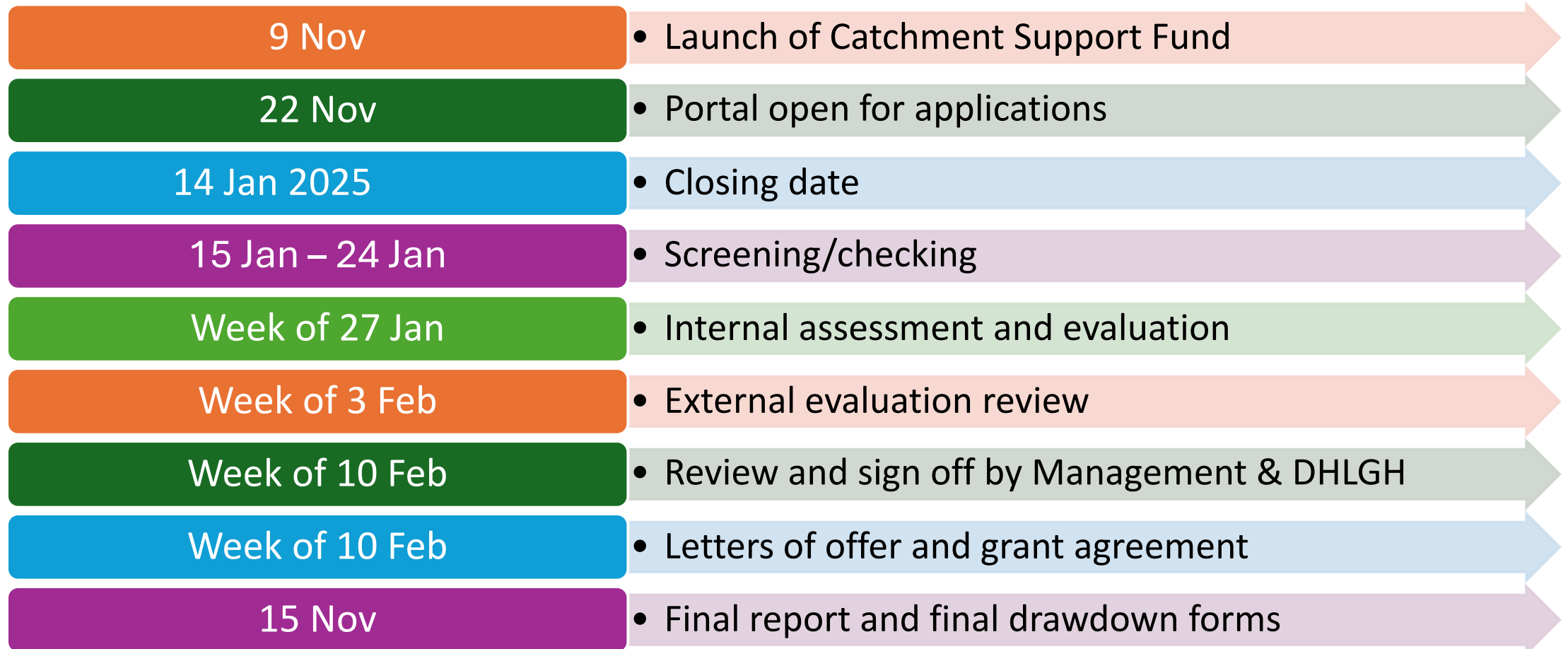
CSF grants by strand 2024



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- €486,220 paid out under the CWF in 2024
- In some cases, full grant awards were paid based on cost projections to year end (31 Dec 2024)
- No grants committed could be carried over to 2025

Timelines Catchment Support Fund 2025



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Who can apply?

- Not for profit, non-governmental organisations based in ROI with a clear focus on protecting or restoring water quality.

Who can't apply?

- Private companies, individuals, public organisations
- Organisations who receive operational funding from other sources (e.g. Tidy Towns, Group Water Schemes)
- Groups that receive membership fees may not qualify for all of stream 1 funding

Stream 1

Applicant Requirement:

- a) Must have a constitution and bank account
- b) Must have a water quality focus
- c) Must demonstrate ongoing engagement with LAWPRO
- d) Priority will be given to applicants based in Blue Dots, PAAs, AA led by others (e.g. NFGWS, Pilot Catchments)

Eligible Costs:

- Statutory and/or legal responsibilities
- Training - capacity building
- Auditing/accounting fees
- Insurance associated with catchment management
- Website annual support cost
- Organisation promotional materials
- Group development activities

Grants ranged from €500 to €4,975 in 2024

Stream 2

Applicant Requirement:

- a) Must be a CLG and not controlled by any state or other body
- b) No payment to Directors
- c) Track record with LAWPRO
- d) Proven delivery in area of water quality improvement projects
- e) Demonstrated catchment relevance
- f) Organisational work plan must encompass Water Action Plan
- g) Purpose must relate to objectives in Water Action Plan
- h) Priority will be given to applicants based in Blue Dots, PAAs, AA led by others (e.g. NFGWS, Pilot Catchments)

Eligible Costs:

- Funding towards core costs (including staff salaries, rent and rates)
- Costs to help build resilience
- Training and skills development
- Costs associated with hiring of new or contract staff to help deliver the organisations work programme.

Grants ranged from €3,154 to €46,000 in 2024

Ineligible costs:

- Project related activities (e.g. citizen science, invasive species removal)
- Equipment
- Events
- Surveys
- Citizen Science
- Invasive species
- Camaras

Note: this is not an exclusive list.

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Assessment Criteria Stream 1

- (a) Internal review and recommendation
- (b) Senior Management approval

Assessment Criteria Stream 1	Marks
Relevance of application to Catchment Support Fund objectives	100
Relevance of application to WAP objectives	50
Proven delivery of water quality related activities	50

Assessment Criteria Stream 2

- a) An internal review and shortlisting. Applications must score at least 50 marks under each criteria below to pass.
- b) Review by an External Panel.
- c) Senior management approval of recommended applications.

Assessment Criteria – Stream 2	Marks
Demonstrate how the work plan directly supports WAP delivery	100
Demonstrate organisational and management capacity to deliver the proposed work plan (within the timeframe of the fund - by year end 2025)	100
Demonstrate how the organisation will use the fund to build capacity within the organisation and develop partnerships & networks	100
Demonstrate how the fund will provide value for money and how other funding sources will be leveraged	100

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Checklist:

No	Document Type	Stream 1 Requirement	Stream 2 Requirement
1.	The Constitution of your organisation	✓	✓
2.	Most recent audited or accountant verified accounts/financial statement		✓
3.	Most Recent Bank Statement (account must have the same name as applicant organisation)	✓	✓
4.	Background information on your organisation such as your most recent Annual Report, Strategic Plan, partnership agreements, etc.	✓	✓
5.	Completed Work Plan including budget for 2025 and intended outcomes		✓
6.	A minimum of two letters of support from key stakeholders or other organisations you work closely with.		✓
8.	For applications that include the hiring of new staff, you must provide a clear job description for the post		✓
9.	Evidence of Tax Clearance from Revenue for application > €10,000		✓

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Stream 2 Work Plan considerations

Outcome	Possible Actions
<p>The funded organisation will become more resilient.</p> <p>We want our funding to help your organisation strengthen its ability to respond to challenges and opportunities to secure its long-term future and financial sustainability.</p>	<p>The kinds of things that could help you do this include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Developing your governance to ensure that you have the right mix of skills to help your organisation thrive. ● Exploring new operating models. ● Updating and developing business plans / strategic plans in relation to current conditions. ● Developing advocates and / or 'local catchment champions' to support your organisation and its work. ● Decreasing your costs. ● Creating efficiencies in how you work. ● Forging sustainable partnerships and mutually beneficial collaborations to share resources. ● Leveraging funding from other sources.

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Stream 2 Work Plan considerations

Outcome	Possible Actions
<p>A wider range of stakeholders and state bodies will be engaged with via your work.</p> <p>We want our funding to help you make your organisation become more inclusive through co-creation and by removing barriers that have previously excluded certain groups and people.</p>	<p>The kinds of things that could help you do this include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work to understand your audience demographics and who is currently underrepresented in what you do ● Work to understand and remove barriers to participation in your water quality activities. ● The development of co-creation as your organisation's way of operating. ● Collaboration with community groups and agencies working with excluded groups.

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Stream 2 Work Plan considerations

Outcome	Possible Actions
<p>Outreach and mobilization - capacity to deliver *Excludes events e.g. shows, Heritage Week etc.</p>	<p>We want LAWPRO funding to assist you to development capacity in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improved awareness of water quality and the collective goal of protecting or improving water quality under UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: Clean Water and Sanitation. ● Generate greater understanding of the objectives of the Water Action Plan. ● Increased engagement related to the multiple environmental benefits of aquatic biodiversity and climate action in the water environment for all users e.g. education programmes, training delivery. <p>NOTE: Events are covered under our small grants scheme. Contact your Community Water Officer.</p>

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Stream 2 Work Plan considerations

Outcome	Possible Actions
<p>The funded organisation will be more skilled, confident and diverse.</p>	<p>We want LAWPRO funding to help you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and diversify your workforce (which includes both paid staff and volunteers and board members or Trustee) so that you are better equipped to address the challenges and opportunities that your organisation encounters. E.g. internal or external upskilling and training. • Collaborate with other natural heritage and non-sector organisations to share skills and knowledge.

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Senior CWO



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Luke Kenny
Sligo
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Mayo



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Kerry



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Clare
Limerick



Ellen Murphy
Cork

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Luke Kenny
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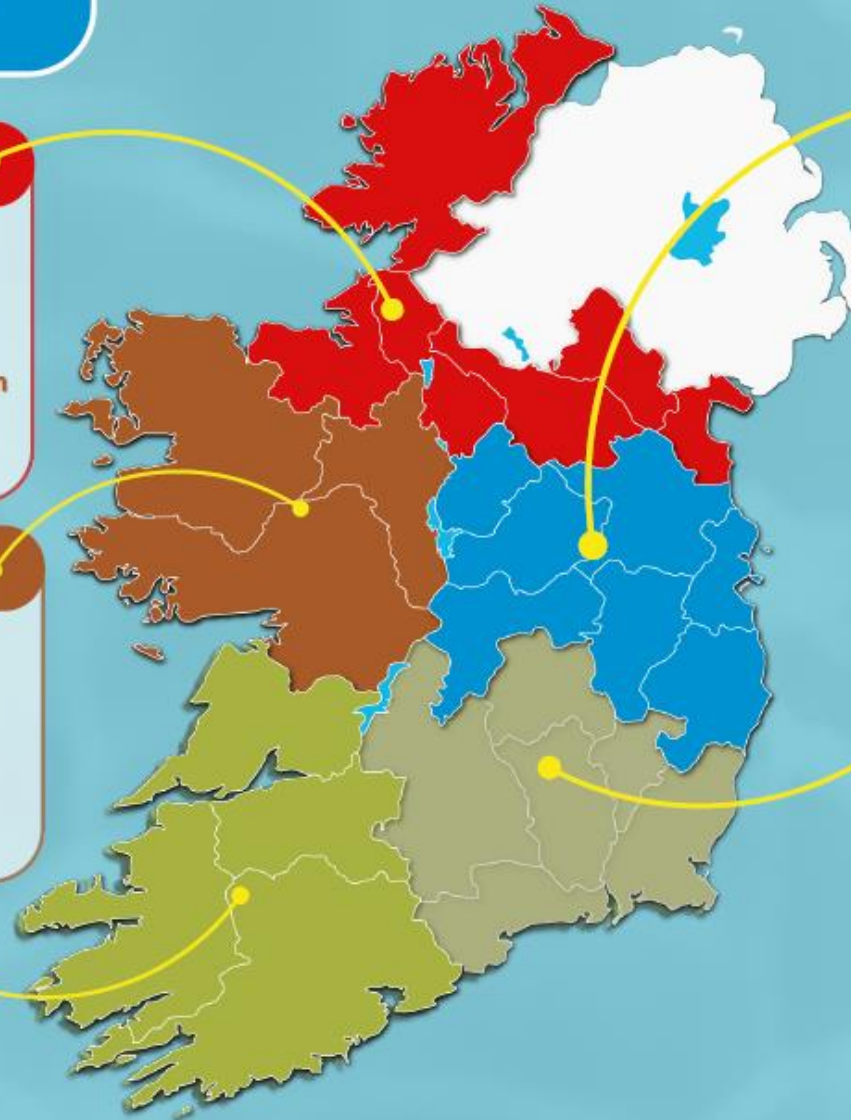
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Summary details

Deadline:

14th January 2025

How to register on LAWPRO grants portal video:

[Local Authority Waters Programme](#)

Link to application portal:

[LAWPRO Catchment Support Fund 2025 | Online Consultation Portal of the Waters and Communities Office](#)

Link to CSF Guidelines:

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Guidelines for Applicants - LAWPRO Catchment Support Fund 2025

[Download the Catchment Support Fund Guidelines 2025](#)

[Download template work plan - this may help you complete your application](#)

- Please ensure the application form is fully complete online and all relevant information and attachments are uploaded before the closing date.
- Each application will be assessed based on its merits as it is submitted.
- There is no obligation on the office of the Local Authority Waters Programme to request any outstanding or supporting information.
- It is mandatory that you develop this application with a LAWPRO staff member.

**The deadline for receipt of applications is Tuesday, 14th Jan 2025
The portal will close at 5pm**

Note: This funding call is open to not-for-profit non-governmental water focused organisations only.

Please read the [Guidelines](#) carefully before making an application.

It is mandatory that you develop this application with a LAWPRO staff member.

