



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

TIPPERARY ARTISTS AWARD SCHEME 2026

Closing date: 12 noon – Thursday, 26th February 2026

Guidelines

This scheme is intended to support professional artists under the following categories:

- A.** Professional Development (e.g. further training, workshops or master classes)
- B.** Creation of New Work (e.g. materials assistance, exploration/research assistance / to allow time to concentrate on artistic practice, releasing artists from other commitments)
- C.** Reaching Audiences (e.g. recording, publication or exhibition assistance)

Note: *The value of these awards range from €200 - €1,500 dependant on available budgets and proposals received.*

This awards scheme seeks to support artists living in the Tipperary Administrative area in developing their own arts practice.

Aims:

- Supporting the development of artist's existing practice
- Encouraging artists to live and work in Tipperary
- Contributing to the growth of skilled artists in the county

Who can apply:

The Tipperary Artists Awards Scheme 2026 is open to professional artists at all stages of their career, working in any art-form, art practice, discipline or genre living in the Tipperary administrative area.

Visual Artists – to cover all forms of visual arts – e.g. painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, mixed media, etc.

Music – to cover all forms of original music creation - i.e. classical, jazz, traditional, folk, rock, etc

Drama / Theatre – for the creation of new work / improving the quality of the artist's practice / development of new skills.

Dance – will cover all forms of dance performance and choreography, e.g. traditional, contemporary, ballet, etc.

Literature – offered to writers of creative writing e.g. poetry, drama, fiction (not applicable to writers of local historical research or documentary)



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Not Eligible:

- Education awards
- Major capital costs – e.g. for the building of studios etc
- Applications /activities for charity fund-raising purposes, for participation in a competition, or for primarily profit-making purposes.
- Tyrone Guthrie Centre attendance – a separate bursary is available for this purpose.

Criteria for selection:

- Artistic ambition and excellence
- Quality and artistic merit of the proposal
- Potential impact on individual's artistic / career development
- Competitive context and available resources

To apply, artists should submit the following:

- Completed application form, indicating category for which you are applying for funding (A, B or C above). Artists may apply to one category only.
- Detailed typed description of the work/project for which financial assistance is sought – to include a projected budget for the project showing the amount of assistance sought through this scheme.
- A detailed up to date CV/Resume.
- Images of recent work – Please do not submit original artwork
 - Visual Arts** – a maximum of 10 labelled images in digital format accompanied with a list detailing title, date, media and dimensions. Supporting material e.g. catalogues / reviews etc
 - Music** – examples of work, recorded performances or supporting material
 - Drama / Theatre** – examples of work e.g. recorded performances or supporting material
 - Dance** - examples of work e.g. recorded performances or supporting material
 - Literature** – please supply examples of creative writing – (no more than 10 pages) of published or unpublished work – please ensure to keep a copy as we cannot undertake to return original manuscripts.
- Any related supporting documentation.



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Please return completed applications marked “Tipperary Artist Award 2026” as follows:

E-mail: artsgrants@tipperarycoco.ie

***Please note** that the Tipperary Arts Office cannot open shared files via external drives (e.g. Google drive). If your application is too large to send via email, please request a link for uploading your materials. If you share a link to a public website where your materials are already published (e.g. Spotify), please make sure it does not require an individual account and is not password protected, or provide us with a login.*

Postal: Arts Office, Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

Hand delivered marked **Tipperary Artist Award 2026** to: Civic Offices, Clonmel and Nenagh or to the Municipal District Offices in Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary Town & Thurles.

For further information, please e-mail: artsgrants@tipperarycoco.ie

Late or incomplete applications cannot be accepted.

A note on Public Health Guidance

Proposals should be based on the best public health advice and guidance available at the time you are making your application. Further updated information on Public Health Guidance is available on the HSE and Government websites and is updated frequently. [HSE web link](#) [Government web link](#)

Equality, Human Rights and Diversity

In this funding scheme Tipperary County Council particularly welcomes applications that are representative of the diversity of Irish society.

Paying the artist

Tipperary County Council is committed to ensuring that the national policy regarding Paying the Artist is adhered to by Tipperary County Council and by those funded and supported by Tipperary Council to engage artists to work. The national policy is available from the [Arts Council website](#).

A note on Climate Action

Tipperary County Council encourages proposals that demonstrate a commitment to taking steps in protecting the environment and to achieve a sustainable, low-carbon, resource-efficient economy. These may include, for example, efforts to reduce car use or a choice for sustainable art materials and/or processes.

Guidelines for Application

1. This scheme is for professional artists.
2. All applicants must be living in the Tipperary administrative area.
3. Application forms must be completed in full, incomplete application forms will not be considered.
4. All application forms must be accompanied by a current CV outlining career to date and relevant proposal.
5. Applications will only be accepted from individual artists – not groups or organisations.
6. Only one application per individual artist will be accepted under this scheme.
7. This is not an education bursary.
8. Tipperary Artist Awards are not available to artists currently completing their undergraduate education.
9. Artists awards are not intended for capital development projects e.g. the building of studio spaces etc.
10. An independent selection panel with specific expertise in the arts will assess applications.
11. The grant will be paid once the project/professional development has been completed. Grants may be claimed in instalments by agreement with the Arts Office.
12. If your application is successful, funding must be claimed before Friday 23rd October 2026 by completing and submitting the Tipperary Artist Award report form and enclosing receipts and images as appropriate.
13. Retrospective applications will not be considered.
14. The decision of the independent assessment panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into concerning an award.
15. Supporting documentation must be typed and will not be returned unless you have clearly stated your wish for same to be returned and enclose a S.A.E.
16. This is a competitive scheme and competition for resources is very high. Not all applications may be awarded funding due to the competitive nature of the scheme.