



**Comhairle Chontae Liatroma
Leitrim County Council**

**LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL
HEDGE CUTTING GRANT SCHEME
APPLICATION FORM 2019 / 2020**

Application should be submitted as soon as possible but not later than Friday 20th December, 2019.

Details of Public 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 layout, including road number, to which the application refers:**

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

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

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

(e) Municipal District Area:

Terms and Conditions

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

- 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.

WE UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT:

- Leitrim County Council will provide a grant of **€75 per km** of roadside hedge/overhanging trees approved to be attended to along the Public Road Network, subject to available resources
- Limited funding is available for this Scheme and all the terms and conditions should be strictly adhered to.
- All offending hedges and overhanging trees along the proposed network must be adequately cut back.
- The minimum length of road network to be incorporated in any application is **2km**. 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 2km in length. If hedges

are set back from the road edge and safety considerations allow, it may not be necessary to cut these sections of hedges but such sections can count towards the 2km minimum continuous length.

- 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.
- All hedges to be cut should be inspected for Japanese Knotweed and Ash Die-Back. These plants should not be cut.
- The road network to which an application refers must be continuous – If there's a break in the network to be proposed, a separate application will be required. 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).
- All hedge cutting must be carried out between September 1st, 2019 and the last day of February, 2020.
- No grant applications will be accepted after Friday 20th December, 2019.
- The area proposed for Hedge Cutting must be agreed in advance with the District Engineer, Leitrim County Council.
- Works for which grant approval is confirmed must be completed in the same season.
- **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.**
- Each community/group will have to nominate a contact person through whom all correspondence would be channelled.
- Communities will undertake works and organise relevant hedge cutting contract and pay for same.
- It is a matter for applicant communities to ensure that the contractor to be engaged is appropriately insured, is compliant with present day Health and Safety regulations, to confirm to the Council that these compliance requirements have been satisfactorily verified and to give the relevant District Engineer's Office at least 7 days notice of intention to carry out the works.
Leitrim County Council will not consider any works for funding which have been carried out in advance of the grant application being considered.
- Hedges should be cut to the appropriate height, width and shape consistent with both road safety objectives and best practice hedge row management. Where there is direct conflict between the two, road safety requirements will take precedence. Branches overhanging the roadway should be cleared to a minimum height of 5.2 metres. On footpaths there must be a clearance to a height of 2.1 metres.
- Any application submitted without the required accompanying map identifying the roads to which the application refers will be returned
- In the event of a large influx of applications, priority will be given to those roads that facilitate school bus and other public and special needs transportation routes

