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Community Enhancement Programme 2018 including Additional Funding for Men's Shed Fund

1. Community Enhancement Scheme (General)

This Community Enhancement Programme is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Community Enhancement Programme builds on and replaces the Communities Facilities Scheme and the re-cast RAPID programme. 2019 is the second year of this CEP Scheme following a review of those two schemes to provide for the development of one scheme.

Thirty groups have been provided with funding for projects which has helped groups with equipment for sports, upgrading of club rooms and purchase of defibrillators. Funding has also been provided for the provision of bus stop shelters in various parts of the county as part of age-friendly initiatives.

The funding provided to Wicklow County Council for this Scheme in 2019 was €141,343.00.

2. Community Enhancement Scheme (Sheds)

Following discussion with the Irish Men's Shed Association, the Department of Rural and Community Development has decided to allocate €0.5m to fund capital equipment or minor capital works in Men's Sheds. This is a ring-fenced fund, under the existing Community Enhancement Programme. In 2019, this was expanded to include Women's Sheds operating under a similar ethos to Men's Sheds.

Thirteen Shed groups have been provided with funding for projects ranging from materials for community projects initiatives, work tools and equipment, clubhouse improvement works and website design.

The funding provided to Wicklow County Council for this Scheme in 2019 was €17,016.00.

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