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# THRIVE - Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme – Information Session – Human Rights & Equality On Microsoft Teams from 10.00 to 12.00 on Friday 1st March 2024

The information session will begin shortly

# THRIVE - Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme

## – Information Session – Human Rights & Equality

On Microsoft Teams from 10.00 to 12.00 on Friday 1st March 2024

### Agenda

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| 09.45 – 10.00 | Registration Open  |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Introduction to the THRIVE Scheme & Q&A – Rose Power, Southern Regional Assembly   |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Equality & Human Rights in European Structural Funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Enabling Condition, Horizontal Principle on Equality</li><li>- IHREC Guidelines</li><li>- Public Sector Equality &amp; Human Rights</li></ul> Bernie Bradley, Head of Public Sector Duty Team Irish Human Rights & Equality Commission |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Meeting the Equality and Human Rights Regulations in the THRIVE Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Relevance of Equality &amp; Human Rights in the THRIVE Scheme</li><li>- Examples</li></ul> Bernie Bradley, Head of Public Sector Team, Irish Human Rights & Equality Commission                                       |
| 11.30 - 11.35 | Schedule of next information sessions to support THRIVE Scheme applicants – Rose Power, Southern Regional Assembly   |

Please be aware this event will be recorded and along with copies of the slides will be available after the event



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# THRIVE

## Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme

**Overview for Local Authorities – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

THRIVE is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union under the Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027 and the Northern and Western Regional Programme 2021-2027



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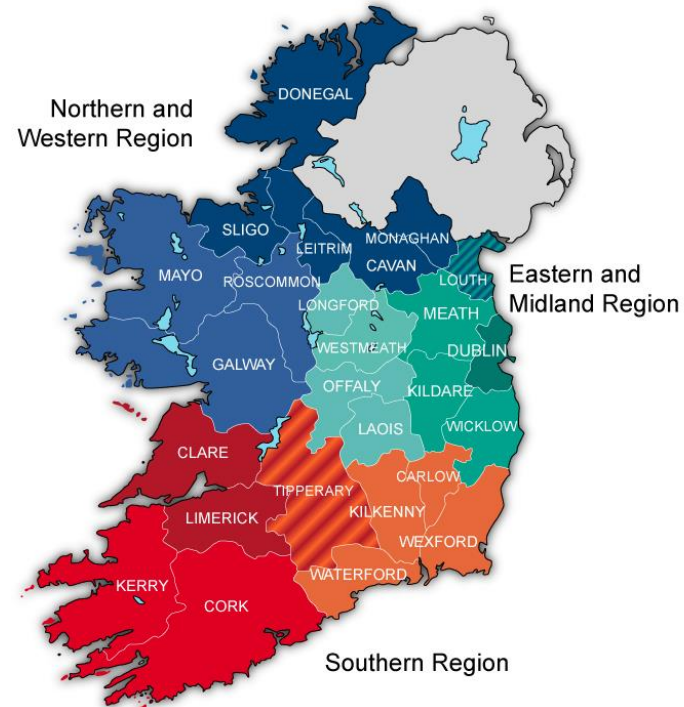
# Regions and Regional Programmes

## 3 Regions in Ireland:

- Southern Region
- Eastern & Midland Region
- Northern and Western Region

Two ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) 2021 - 2027 Regional Programmes in Ireland = €853m

- Southern, Eastern and Midland Region: €663m
- Northern and Western Region: €217m





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# Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme - THRIVE

**Objective:** Develop or Enhance an Integrated Urban Strategies and fund Capital Projects for Designated Settlements for the adaptive reuse of Heritage Buildings

**Who Can Apply:** Local Authorities



**Why:** To Reduce Vacancy & Dereliction in line with Town Centre First Approach and values of the New European Bauhaus

**When:** Call Now Open – deadline for applications 5/4/24 Strand 1 and 3/5/24 Strand 2

**Total Funding:** €120 million



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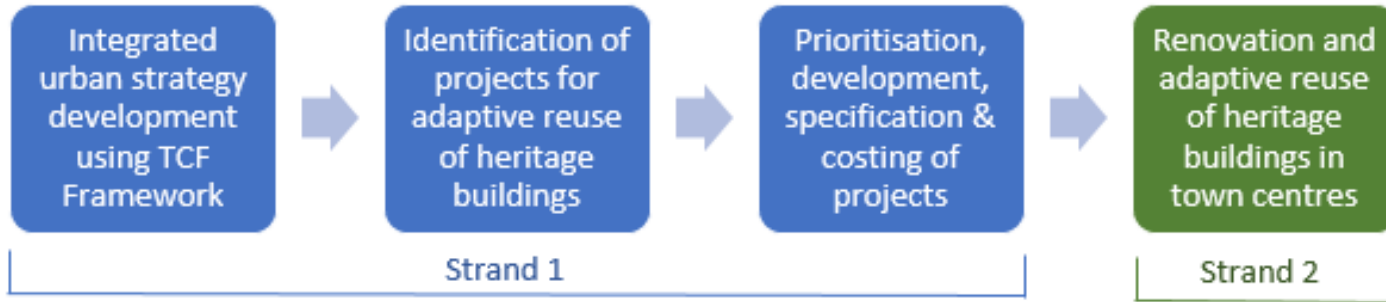


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**Strand 1 - Plans and project development measures: €40 - €200k** Integrated urban strategies, feasibility studies, site investigations, planning, consents, environmental screening etc.



**Strand 2 - 'Ready to go' capital works projects: €2m - €7m**  
Design, consents and planning in place, conservation skills etc



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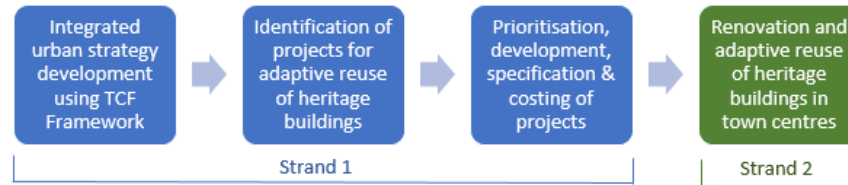


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# THRIVE – Strand 1



## Strand 1 – Integrated Urban Strategies and project Pipeline Development

- Development and enhancement of integrated urban strategies using a Town Centre First Framework.
- Identification of projects that promote the conservation and adaptive reuse of our built heritage stock while reducing vacancy and dereliction in town centres.
- Prioritisation, development and specification of project proposals to create a pipeline of investment-ready built heritage refurbishment, renovation and adaptive reuse projects.



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# THRIVE – Strand 1

## Who Can Apply and For How Much?

- Local Authorities with a designated settlement.
- Restricted to 1 application for each designated settlement.
- This will be a competitive funding call.
- Funding will be for amounts between €40k and €200k for each designated settlement.
- **100% grant funding available to Local Authorities**

## Eligible Expenditure

- Direct staff costs
- Direct staff T&S
- Consultancy/ professional expertise
- Survey/site investigation
- Capacity building
- Room hire stakeholder or citizen engagement
- Communication/publicity
- Other Direct Costs
- Indirect Cost will be paid at 7% of eligible direct costs





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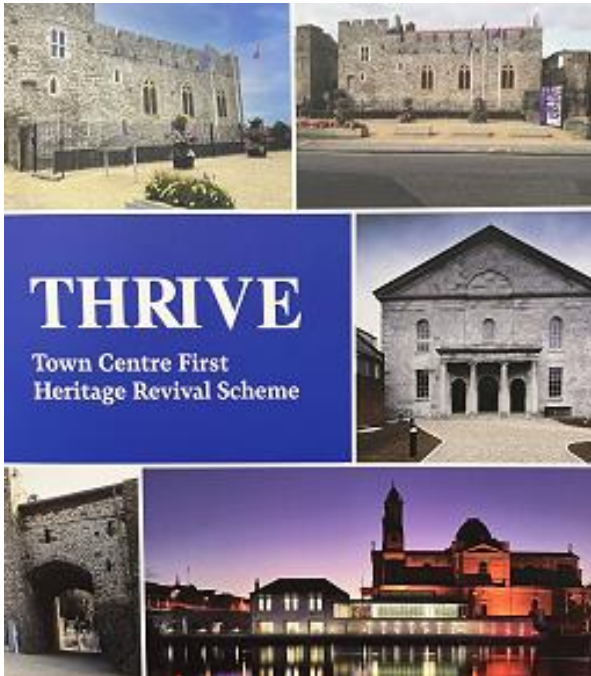


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# THRIVE – Strand 1 - Continued



An Integrated Urban Strategy will set the following:

- State the geographical area
- List the development needs and potential of the area
- Describe the integrated approach to address these needs and potential
- Outline the partners involved and the multi-level governance and bottom-up approach
- List the potential projects for redevelopment/regeneration or adaptive reuse



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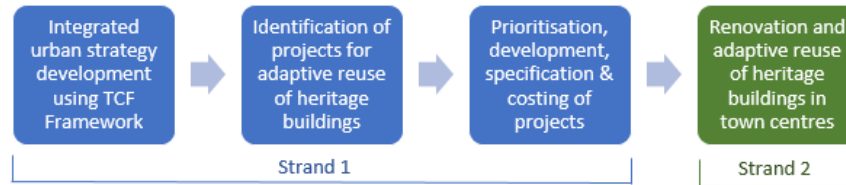


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# THRIVE – Strand 2



## Strand 2 – Renovation and Adaptive Reuse of Vacant or Derelict Heritage Buildings

- Delivery of selected pilot and pathfinder projects that will have a positive and transformative impact on town centre vacancy and dereliction and that will inform the approach for other towns at earlier stages in the process.
- Projects will take a citizen and community led approach to planning and design for the adaptive reuse of vacant and derelict buildings, using the Town Centre First framework and embracing the New European Bauhaus values by ensuring projects are sustainable, beautiful, accessible and inclusive.
- Buildings must be in **local authority ownership** or with a property transfer/sharing agreement with a state body in place.



# THRIVE – Strand 2

## Who Can Apply and For How Much?

- Local Authorities with a designated settlement.
- Restricted to 1 application per Local Authority for a designated settlement
- This will be a competitive funding call.
- Funding will be for amounts between €2 million and €7 million for each project selected.
- **100% Grant Funding Available to Local Authorities**

## Eligible Expenditure

- Build Costs
- Consultancy or professional fees

## Non-Eligible Expenditure

- Purchase of Land
- Purchase of Buildings
- Staff Costs
- Indirect Costs

## Local Authority Commitment

- Multi-disciplinary Local Authority Staff to support project
- Space for project meetings
- Senior Management Commitment



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# Heritage Buildings



- Heritage buildings under THRIVE are considered structures that form part of the architectural heritage and are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest.
- Heritage buildings will be a Protected Structure, a Proposed Protected Structure, or will contribute significantly to the character of an Architectural Conservation Area.
- These buildings may include a mix of typologies ranging from large-scale institutional or industrial buildings, such as schools, barracks, courthouses, churches, convents, castles, etc. to other historic landmark buildings such as banks, post-offices and courthouses that have fallen into redundancy, and where their rehabilitation and reuse has potential to drive significant town centre regeneration.



# THRIVE – New European Bauhaus (NEB)

- THRIVE places citizens and their communities at the heart of the development of integrated urban strategies, the reimagination of town centres and the creative and sustainable reuse of vacant or derelict heritage buildings in public control or ownership.
- The promotion of the values and working principles of the NEB under THRIVE will ensure that the selected projects are conceived and developed with a reinforced citizen and stakeholder involvement.

## Core Values & Principles of the NEB

- Sustainability Value - from climate goals to circularity and biodiversity.
- Aesthetics (Beauty) Value - quality of experience and style, beyond functionality.
- Inclusion Value - including accessibility and affordability.
- NEB Principles require a multi-level, participatory and transdisciplinary approach.





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# Southern, Eastern and Midland Designated Settlements\*

Clare County Council:	Ennis	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council:	Dublin City & Suburbs
Cork City Council:	Cork City & Suburbs	Fingal County Council:	Dublin City & Suburbs & Swords
Cork County Council:	Clonakilty & Mallow	Kildare County Council:	Maynooth & Naas
Kerry County Council:	Tralee & Killarney	Meath County Council:	Navan
Limerick City & County Council:	Limerick City & Suburbs & Newcastle West	Laois County Council:	Portlaoise
Tipperary County Council:	Clonmel, Nenagh & Thurles	Longford County Council:	Longford
Waterford City & County Council:	Waterford City & Suburbs & Dungarvan	Louth County Council:	Dundalk & Drogheda
Carlow County Council:	Carlow-Graiguecullen	Offaly County Council:	Tullamore
Kilkenny County Council:	Kilkenny	Westmeath County Council:	Mullingar & Athlone
Wexford County Council:	Wexford & Gorey	Wicklow County Council:	Bray & Wicklow-Rathnew
Dublin City Council:	Dublin City & Suburbs		
South Dublin County Council:	Dublin City & Suburbs		

A Total Allocation of €90.3 million for the THRIVE scheme will be available to the above designated settlements under the Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027

\*This means within the existing built-up area of urban settlements of all sizes as defined by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) and designated in the NPF or RSES



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# Northern & Western Designated Settlements\*

Galway City Council  
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Leitrim County Council  
Sligo County Council  
Roscommon County Council  
Donegal County Council  
Monaghan County Council  
Mayo County Council  
Cavan County Council

Galway City & Suburbs  
Tuam & Ballinasloe  
Carrick-on-Shannon  
Sligo  
Roscommon & Athlone  
Letterkenny  
Monaghan  
Castlebar & Ballina  
Cavan

A Total Allocation of €30.7 million for the THRIVE scheme will be available to the above designated settlements under the Northern & Western Regional Programme 2021-2027

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# THRIVE Next Steps for Local Authorities

- Continue to attend Information Sessions on NEB, Climate Proofing, Do No Significant Harm, Green Public Procurement, Communication & Visibility during March 2024.
- Attend in person workshop on Sustainable Development, DNSH & Climate Proofing for Strand 2 applicants.
- Prepare and submit your application before the deadline of 05/04/24 for Strand 1 and 03/05/24 for Strand 2.
- Continue to seek clarification from [thrive@southernassembly.ie](mailto:thrive@southernassembly.ie) or [thrive@nwra.ie](mailto:thrive@nwra.ie)







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# Future Information Sessions for THRIVE

10.00	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Online	Communication & Visibility
14.00	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Online	New European Bauhaus & Conservation Principles
10.00	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Online	Green Public Procurement
TBC	TBC	Online	Strand 1 - Sustainable Development, DNSH & Climate Proofing
TBC	TBC	Online	Strand 2 - Sustainable Development, DNSH & Climate Proofing
TBC	TBC	In-Person	Strand 2 - Sustainable Development, DNSH & Climate Proofing

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