

The objective of the street furniture grant scheme is to contribute to vibrant City, Town, and Village centre and assist and support the hospitality sector with a grant towards the cost of equipment in providing additional outdoor seating and accessories in reopening post covid 19.

A consistent and high quality standard in the street furniture will be required in order:

- To enhance the appeal of the city, town and village centres
- To create confidence in visiting and dining in city, town and village centre.

In order to place furniture on public places applicants are required to apply for a 254 licence to the planning department. The grant of a section 254 licence is pre approval of the Street Furniture Grant Scheme subject to all terms and conditions being complied with.

The Section 254 licence fee will be waived in 2020 for table and chair Street Furniture applications

Grant Available

The scheme will provide up to 75% of the cost of equipment purchased / installed, with a maximum allowable contribution of €2,000 per applicant.

Who is eligible?

- Hotel, restaurant, cafe, public house or other establishment where food is sold for consumption on the premises fronting onto a public space
- Those premises that have no commercial rates outstanding to Waterford City and County Council or have a payment plan in place.

What Items will be considered for the grant?

- Tables
- Chairs
- Umbrellas
- Electric heaters
- Screens/windbreaks
- Plant stands
- Temporary bike stands
- Wooden Platform

Tables and chairs currently used indoors can be used outdoors if deemed suitable.

Screens/ windbreaker must be agreed with Waterford City and County Council and will be subject to the following conditions;

- Screens to be plain, coloured or neutral canvas type, not more than 1 metre high, spanning between or framed by simple metal type posts.
- Screens to be manufactured from flame/fire retardant material.
- Base plates or weighted bases to screening posts must not extend outside the licensed area.
- All screens, posts and bases must be demountable.
- Screens must be sufficiently robust to prevent overturning in adverse weather conditions.
- No advertising apart from the name of the premises to be used on the screens, without the permission of Waterford City and County Council.