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# Town and Village Renewal Scheme



## Building and Land Acquisition Measure 2026 Measure Outline

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## 1. Introduction

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) was introduced in 2016 and is one of a number of measures designed to rejuvenate rural towns and villages throughout Ireland. To date, over €210 million has been allocated to more than 1,900 projects across Ireland under the scheme.

The scheme is funded under Project Ireland 2040 and 'Our Rural Future' which commit to supporting a thriving rural Ireland. This is integral to our national economic, social, cultural and environmental wellbeing and development. This sees funds from the scheme regenerating rural towns and villages and enhancing the vibrancy of rural places.

The 'Building Acquisition Measure' was launched in 2022 under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme to allow local authorities to purchase vacant and derelict buildings for future development as community assets. The measure was subsequently broadened to permit additional types of acquisitions, becoming the Building or Land Acquisition Measure (BLAM) in 2025.

The TVRS BLAM is available to local authorities, who in turn work closely with local communities and businesses to develop place-based proposals for the properties acquired.

## 2. Building and Land Acquisition Measure 2026

In recognition of the need to support the transformation and regeneration of our town and village centres, the 2026 BLAM will support local authorities in immediately acquiring derelict or vacant buildings and/or land. As such, and in line with the broader aims of the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, any proposed purchase must set out a clear rationale as to how it will be used to provide a multi-functional community facility with a town regeneration purpose.

The Building and Land Acquisition Measure forms part of the overarching Town and Village Renewal Scheme. As with the other funding streams available, this measure is targeted at three categories of towns/villages as follows and based on Census 2022 data:

Category 1: Towns and villages<sup>1</sup> with a population of up to 5,000 people.

Category 2: Towns with a population of 5,001 to 10,000 people.

Category 3: Larger towns with a population of up to 15,000 people may be eligible where the application is of a high quality and outlines a strong need for the investment, good value for money and positive outcomes that will have a substantial impact on the town.

**The central focus of the scheme is on Category 1 towns and villages.**

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<sup>1</sup> A village is defined as a small settlement of houses, smaller in size than a town, clustered around at least one central point of interest such as a school, church, shop, pub, community centre etc.

Leitrim County Council is now inviting Expressions of Interest for the 2026 Town and Village Renewal Scheme, Building and Land Acquisition Measure (BLAM).

This Scheme prioritises tackling vacancy and dereliction in towns and villages by repurposing such buildings into multi-purpose community spaces.

Selection of building/s or land will be by means of a competitive process and must be available to the market for acquisition and drawdown in 2026.

Leitrim County Council reserves the right not to proceed with this Scheme in the event that the EOIs received do not identify potential quality projects.

Expressions of Interest Form is available on the Leitrim County Council Website and can be emailed to: [funding@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:funding@leitrimcoco.ie) by **4pm on May 15th, 2026.**