

Stage 1 Pass projects under Grants Scheme for Large Tourism Projects

	Applicant	Project Description
1	Irish National Stud Ltd.	Irish Racehorse Experience, Co. Kildare The proposed development will accommodate an interactive visitor experience which celebrates the global prestige and the history of the Irish horse and promote Ireland as the home of equine excellence.
2	Irish Heritage Trust	Strokestown Park & Irish National Famine Museum, Co. Roscommon The proposed project is to upgrade the current visitor experience and bring the stories of the house and the Famine Museum to life through enhanced activities, storytelling and interpretation.
3	Strandhill Community Maritime Company Ltd.	Strandhill Surfing Centre of Excellence, Co. Sligo The proposed project will develop the first centre of excellence for the sport of surfing, encompassing all aspects of the sport. The centre will provide a serviced facility and will also showcase the history of Irish surfing.
4	Kilkenny County Council	Butler Gallery, Kilkenny City The project proposes to relocate the Butler Gallery from Kilkenny Castle to the former Evan's Home building to facilitate the gallery's permanent collection allowing for expansion of temporary exhibitions and an educational wing.
5	Kylemore Abbey & Gardens Ltd	Kylemore Abbey, Connemara, Co. Galway The proposed project will deliver an upgraded visitor experience to immerse visitors in the natural beauty of the Estate and the appeal of the Abbey, within the context of a working Benedictine community and environment.
6	Land of Legend Limited	Land of Myth, A Journey through the Irish Imagination, Slane, Co. Meath Located in Slane village and close to the Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site, this proposed project is a new attraction which will tell the stories of our ancestors through multimedia shows, interactive display pavilions and local historian storytellers.
7	Sligo Tourist Development Association Ltd	Sligo Pontoon, Co. Sligo Located 1km from the centre of Sligo Town with access to Lough Gill and the Atlantic via the Garavogue, this project proposes to construct a 27m floating pontoon. It will seek to deliver opportunities for tourism business to create new products and services and expand existing ones.
8	Frontier Entertainment Ltd.	VAULTS.Live, John's Lane West, Dublin 8 THE VAULTS® is an actor-led adventure through 800 years of Ireland's juiciest history told in seven scenes.
9	Titanic Experience Cobh Ltd	Heartbreak Pier, Cobh, Co. Cork This project will provide conservation of and visitor access to the iconic landmark pier known locally as "Heartbreak Pier" in Cobh, which was used by the passengers of the Titanic.
10	Ballyhoura Heritage & Environment Ltd	Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Park Visitor Centre, Co. Limerick This project proposes to develop a Trail Head Visitor Centre to improve the visitor experience and its ability to attract mountain biking events of scale.

11	Kilkenny County Council	<p>Town Hall Hub at the Tholsel, Kilkenny City</p> <p>The project proposes to create an interpretative 'dungeon experience' in the Tholsel building and bring to life stories of the old criminal system. Located in the city centre, it will seek to create an important link with the Medieval Mile Museum.</p>
12	Louth County Council	<p>The Story of Drogheda (Tholsel Phase II), Co. Louth</p> <p>This project is the second stage required to complete the restoration and re-use of the Drogheda Tholsel. The project will restore the first floor and attic space into an exhibition area to tell the story of medieval Drogheda whilst also creating an event space.</p>
13	Granard Motte Community Enterprise clg	<p>Norman Heritage Park at Granard, Co. Longford</p> <p>The project involves the development of an interpretive centre that will bring the history of the important Motte in Granard to life whilst linking the themes from history and heritage to the surrounding region.</p>
14	Royal Oak Distillery Limited	<p>Royal Oak Distillery Visitor Centre at Holloden House & Demense, Co. Carlow</p> <p>The proposed project is for the restoration of the 18th century mansion Holloden House to create a farm distillery visitor centre which would bring to life the art of whiskey making and the stories of Holloden House and Demesne.</p>
15	The Little Museum of Dublin	<p>Little Museum of Dublin, Dublin City</p> <p>The proposed project is to create universal access to the Little Museum of Dublin and to facilitate access to a proposed extension to the current museum space, to ultimately deliver an expanded museum, a purpose-built theatre space, educational centre, library and outdoor exhibition space.</p>
16	Sligo County Council	<p>Sligo Cultural Plaza, Sligo Town</p> <p>This project will convert Stephen's Street carpark in Sligo town located beside the Garavogue River into a flagship civic centre space for outdoor recreation, performances, markets and heritage information along with being the starting/end point for historic walking trails.</p>
17	Cork County Council	<p>Dursey Island Cable Car & Visitor Centre, Co. Cork</p> <p>This proposed project is to construct a two car aerial tramway from the mainland to Dursey Island along with a multi-functional visitor centre on the mainland.</p>
18	Galway City Council	<p>Galway City Museum/Cultural Tourism District, Galway City</p> <p>This project involves the development of a Cultural Tourism District centred around Galway City Museum and the Spanish Arch. The proposed historic hub would offer authentic visitor experiences, interpretive platforms and year-round events.</p>
19	Shannon Castle Banquets and Heritage Ltd (Shannon Heritage)	<p>Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, Co. Clare</p> <p>This project forms part of a 5-year development and growth plan to significantly upgrade the Castle and Folk Park sites through the restoration and conservation of the existing offering along with the addition of new attractions.</p>
20	South Dublin County Council	<p>Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre, Co. Dublin</p> <p>This project proposes to develop a visitor gateway and orientation hub for the Dublin Mountains. The project contains a number of elements including a visitor centre, enhanced trails and access solutions.</p>

