UPDATE:

Attention all Community & Voluntary Groups in Co. Clare:

The deadline for the submission of applications for the Community Media and Community Centres/Halls categories of the Community Services Programme has been extended to the close of business on *Wednesday October 17th*.

The deadline for the traveller services/enterprises category is *Wednesday October 31st*.

All applications should be submitted to Rural Resource Development.
Please ensure that you read the CSP guidelines carefully on Pobal Website before you prepare and submit your application.
http://www.pobal.ie

Community groups throughout Co. Clare are invited to submit expressions of interest for the new Community Services Programme, announced recently by Pobal. The CSP allows communities to take on eligible workers for a variety of worthwhile initiatives in their areas.

This latest call however is very specific and is confined to three particular areas. The categories of application which will be considered include only the following:
Community services and enterprises supporting and/or employing travellers
Community media, primarily Community Radio Staffing or supervision and maintenance of community halls or centres

This programme is intended to support community-based social initiatives and CSP grant aid will be allocated for a three year period to successful applicants. The programme is funded by The Department of Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs under the National Development Plan.
Community organisations involved in any of the above activities can download programme guidelines and application forms from the Pobal website at
http://www.pobal.ie

The closing date for receipt of applications is ~~Monday October 1st 2007~~ for community halls/centres and community media projects, and Wednesday October 31st 2007 for traveller services applications.

Please note that completed forms for groups in Co. Clare should be returned to **Doirin Graham, Rural Resource Development, Shannon Business Centre, Shannon, Co. Clare** and not directly to Pobal. Applications will be evaluated locally (by the LEADER group and the LDSIP Community Partnerships) and one project will be chosen in each of the three categories to be forwarded to Pobal.

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