**Structures at Risk Fund 2017**

Westmeath County Council in conjunction with The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs are inviting applications for the ***Structures at Risk Fund*** (SRF) for 2017 .The purpose of the SFR is to assist with works to safeguard structures contained in the County Westmeath Record of Protected Structures including works to proposed Protected Structures, and in certain cases, works to safeguard structures within Architectural Conservation Areas, where, in the opinion of the Department, an urgent need for works to such structures has been demonstrated.

Typical works funded under the scheme include roof repairs, structural consolidation and measures to ensure weather tightness.  The Structures at Risk Fund is not intended to assist in the carrying out of routine maintenance, alterations or improvements.  Please be advised that **- only structures in immediate danger of significant deterioration will qualify for consideration for funding by the Department.**  
  
Due to the limited resources available for the operation of this fund, the Department will consider **no more than 3 applications per local authority**; two general applications (only 1 of which may be a publicly owned building). The minimum level of funding available under the SRF will be €15,000 up to a maximum grant of €30,000. A third application can be made if it relates to an Irish Historic House in private ownership covered by the document***An Action Plan for the Sustainable Future of the Irish Historic House in Private Ownership***. The minimum level of funding available under the SRF for a third project in respect of a historic house in private ownership will be €5,000 up to a maximum of €10,000.

Applications for assistance under the Structures at Risk Fund for structures in county Westmeath must be made via email to [planning@westmeathcoco.ie](mailto:planning@westmeathcoco.ie) by  **5pm on 28th February 2017.**

For more detailed information, criteria and an application form please download ***"Structures at Risk Fund Circular SRF/2017"*** document from the Westmeath County Council website <http://www.westmeathcoco.ie/conservationgrants>

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