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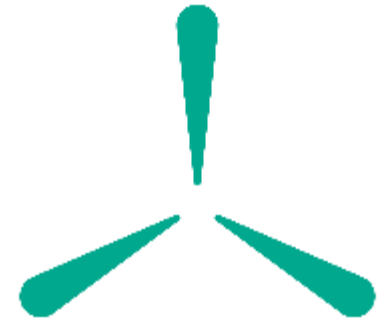
# Celtic Interconnector Community Forum Meeting

Tuesday 5 March 2024



# Agenda

1. Minutes
2. Project update
3. Community Benefit Fund Review – SECAD
4. Community Benefit – feedback from the forum members
5. AOB



# Previous Minutes

Sign off minutes from October 2023 meeting.



# Project Update

## Cable Works

- First of HVAC cables delivered ahead of the start of cable laying activities this summer.
- 45% of the trenching and ducting works are completed on the HV AC section – Knockraha to Ballyadam.
- Section B is due to complete reinstatement this week.
- Section E trenching and ducting is progressing on schedule.
- Section C trenching and ducting commencing 07 March.
- Section F due to commence, on completion of Section E.

## Claycastle Landfall

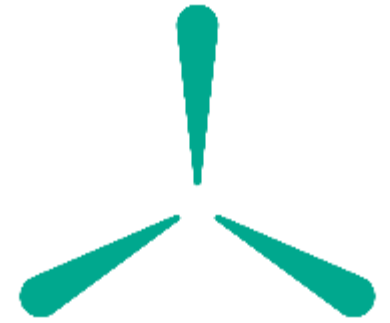
- Test archaeological dig is to take place in March ahead of any wider archaeological dig in Autumn.

## Marine Surveys

- Due to commence in April/May 2024.

## Ballyadam Converter Station

- Groundworks continue.
- Site access.

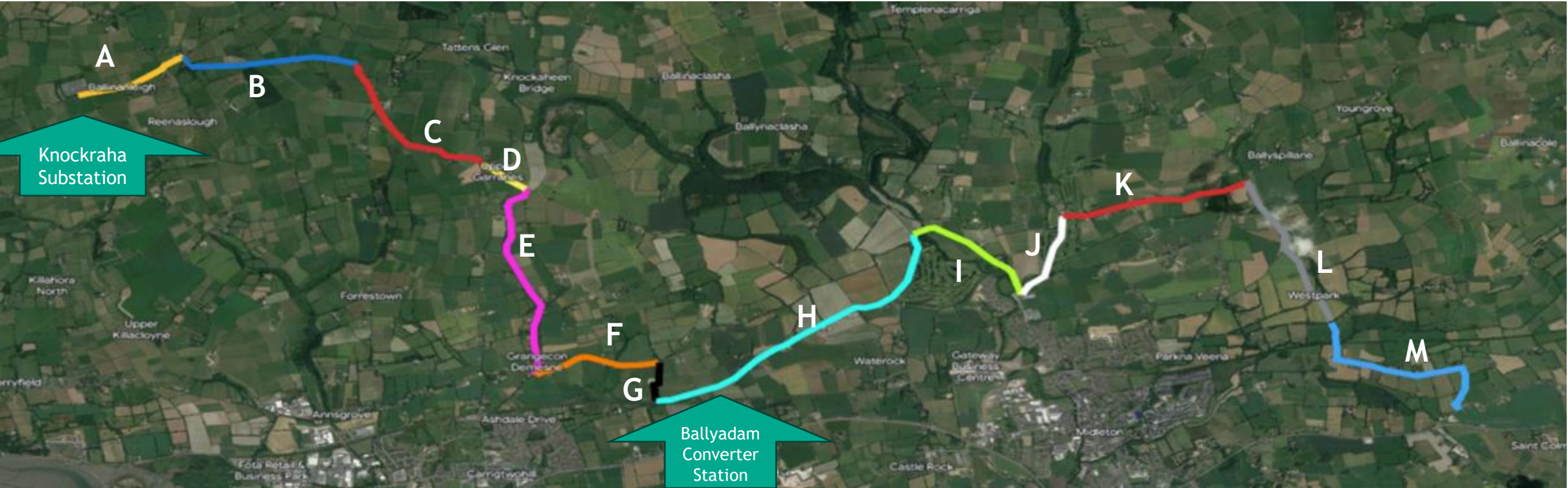


# Project progress and actions

Project	Actions
Road traffic disruption and delays	<p>Communicate frequently and transparently.</p> <p>Maintain good signage and traffic management. e.g. Additional signage in place to redirect traffic from Watergrasshill to Carrigtwohill and reverse.</p> <p>Maintain traffic management on Longstown Hill until Woodstock reopens.</p> <p>Remain open to feedback and adapt where feasible.</p> <p>Promote information to help understanding of process - <a href="#">Celtic Interconnector   Projects   EirGrid</a></p>
Communication	<p>Cable Information Days to be confirmed - early April 2024.</p> <p>Promote communication of road closure information - see <a href="#">Celtic Interconnector   Projects   EirGrid</a></p> <p>Promote registration for newsletter.</p>
Increased use of alternate routes	<p>Communication of approved diversion routes.</p> <p>Usage of additional signage where possible.</p> <p>Continue to work closely with authorities.</p> <p>Continue to work closely with communities and road users.</p>



# Road Closure Sections



Road Closure programme for Sections A - M i.e. Knockraha to the N25.

# Cable Route Programme 2024 - 2025

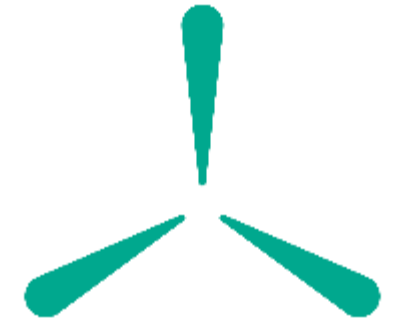


2024 - 2025 - All subject to change and licence requirements.

Section	Area	Start	End
C	Ballynakilla - Upper Garranes	March 2024	April 2024
F	Poulaniska	March 2024	April 2024
J	Gortacrue	April	May
G	Poulaniska - Carrigane	May	May
H	Carrigane	May	August
K	Gortacrue - Ballyspillane	May	July
L	Westpark	July	July
I	Carrigogna	August	October
M	Shanty Path	July	September



# Timeline





# Community Benefit Fund

Phase 1 : Opened **Thursday 29 June** and closed **Friday 15th September 2023**

Funding Phases: 40% at construction phase, 30% mid project and 30% when the project goes live .

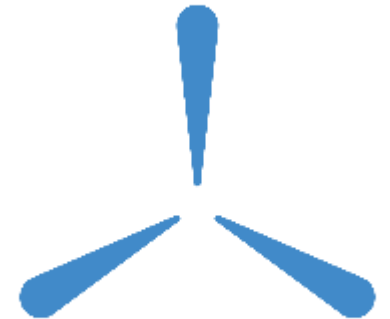
Fund principles :

- must support projects that are community-led.
- will leave a positive legacy within communities that host the Celtic Interconnector infrastructure.
- will support projects which align with the Sustainable Development Goals .

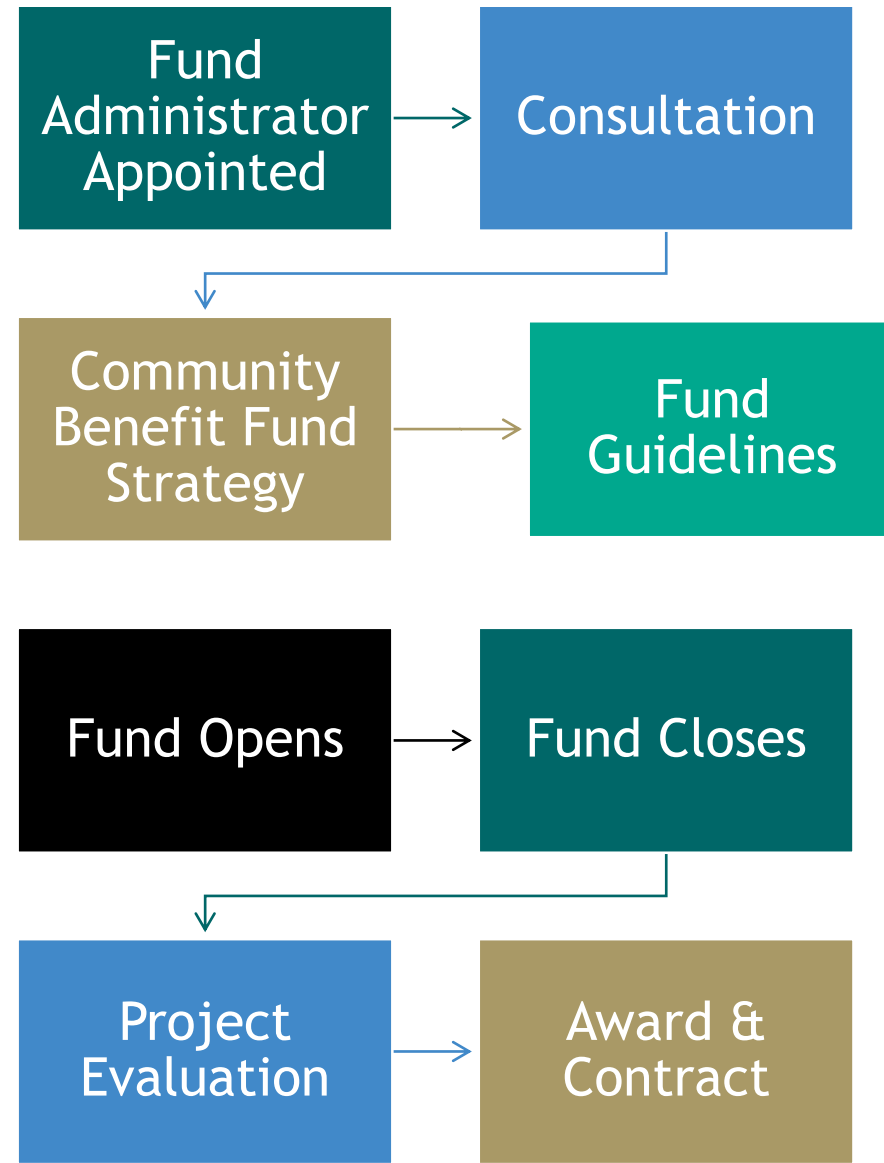
Funding streams: **Community, Sustainability and Biodiversity**

Fund strategy: Resulting from collaborative consultation process led out by SECAD and supported by EirGrid

The outcome from the first phase of the Celtic Interconnector Community Benefit fund was announced on **Monday 11 December 2023**.



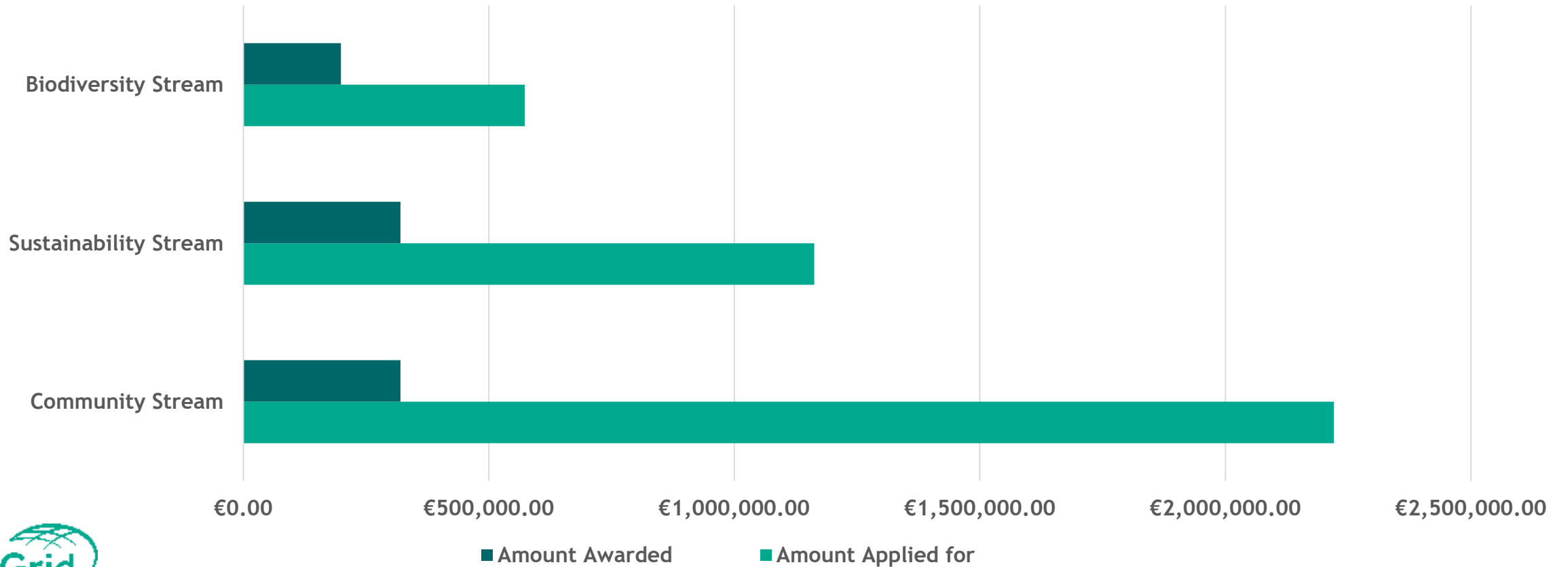
# Community Benefit Fund Process



# Fund Application Overview

- 52 submitted applications
- A total of €3.95 million requested in grant aid, from the 52 applications

Amount Awarded per stream V's Amount applied for per stream



# Your feedback?

How did you find the application process?

Have you any recommendations for how we can support the next phase of funding?

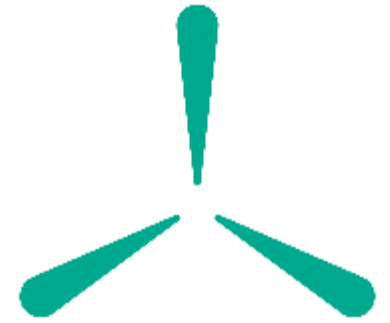
How can we support bio-diversity projects?

# Stakeholder Communication

Sorensen Liaison Officer	EirGrid Community Liaison Officer
Elaine Cronin 086 032 6171	Michelle Walsh 085 870 4999
<i>When are works commencing on my road? I need access to an address on a closed road? When are you finishing on my road?</i>	<i>When will the landfall works commence? What is the overall project timeline?</i>

Cable Works Information Days	April TBC
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- Subscribe to the FREE Text update service by texting **INTER** to **50015**.
- Register for email updates on the cable route works email **celticinterconnector@sorensen.ie**
- Posters available for local halls and organisations.
- Whatsapp image/message for promotion through community networks.
- Register to receive the Celtic Interconnector quarterly community newsletter by emailing [celticinterconnector@eirgrid.com](mailto:celticinterconnector@eirgrid.com)
- Go to the 'What's Happening Now' page on the EirGrid Project Page <https://www.eirgridgroup.com/the-grid/projects/celtic-interconnector/whats-happening-now/>



Questions?