

Fundingpoint Local Access Digest

Feb - Mar 2024



Comhairle Contae Chill Dara
Kildare County Council



Stronger Charities.
Stronger Communities.

The Fundingpoint Local Digest provides up-to-date funding information for nonprofits in the County Kildare area. Funding sources reflect both local and national funding opportunities. All information is quoted directly from funder website / literature.

The bi-monthly Fundingpoint Local Digest is brought to you by Kildare County Council and The Wheel.

www.wheel.ie

Contents

Go for Life - National Grant Scheme for Older People	3
Interreg IVB - Northern Periphery and Artic Programme	5
Horizon Europe	9
European Solidarity Corps Programme.....	11
Charlemagne Youth Prize.....	14
Creative Europe Programme	17
Fit for Life Awards	19
Local Enhancement Programme 2024.....	21
HSE - National Lottery Grants	24
Rethink Ireland - The Social Innovation Regeneration Fund	25
Erasmus+ Programme.....	29
Emigrant Support Programme	36
The Arts Council - Commissions Award	40
EU Just Transition Fund (EU JTF): Community and Enterprise Grants Scheme	42
NYC - Artist in Youth Work Scheme	45
Christian Brothers Edmund Rice Trust Fund.....	47
European Social Fund + Programme.....	50
Kildare Local Grants	53
Mohamed bin Zayed - Species Conservation Fund.....	55
Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV).....	57
World Habitat Awards	59
The Arts Council - Artist in the Community Scheme.....	60
EPA Event Support Grants.....	62
EYF Grants - Annual Work Plan Grant.....	64
EYF Grants - International Activity Grant.....	67
Culture Ireland Grants.....	69
The Hospital Saturday Fund Charity	72
PwC Ireland Resilient Communities Fund	73
Additional Resources	74

Go for Life - National Grant Scheme for Older People

Since 2001 Sport Ireland has provided funding to Age & Opportunity for our Active programme to help increase the participation of older people in recreational sport and physical activity. This Active National Grant Scheme for Sport and Physical Activity for Older People is one element of the extensive Active programme which has resulted from this funding.

OVERALL AIM

The Active National Grant Scheme aims to assist in the implementation of locally-developed, well-planned initiatives designed to increase participation in recreational sport and physical activity by older people. In particular, the scheme is aimed at:

- supporting the work of Age & Opportunity's Active Programme including the network of
- PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) and CarePALs, and the development of Go for Life Games and other initiatives;
- assisting local clubs/organisations/care settings to enhance existing opportunities for their members in recreational sport and physical activity;
- assisting local clubs/organisations/care settings to start new initiatives geared at involving older people in recreational sport and physical activity;
- encouraging all sports clubs to provide new initiatives within their clubs aimed at getting older people back to their sport;
- assisting those working in care settings (both nursing homes and day care settings) to introduce more initiatives to increase physical activity levels of those in their care.

WHO CAN APPLY

Grants are available to all eligible local clubs, groups, care settings and organisations that promote increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people as a main element of their activities. Umbrella bodies, or their agents, are not eligible for funding under this grant scheme. An exception to this is Local Sports Partnerships who are eligible to apply.

Funding for sports clubs will only be considered if the application specifically relates to older people (aged 50+ years).

Grants are made available for sport or physical activity for older people and the overall club membership of applicants must be such that older people will be the beneficiaries of the grant monies.

KEY CRITERIA

Applications are encouraged from clubs/organisations/care settings that:

- have the potential to increase levels and frequency of participation in recreational sport and physical activity among older people in their setting or local area;
- can act as showcases or successful demonstration projects that can be replicated by other clubs/organisations/care settings in the future;
- have the potential to develop into a sustainable, longer-term programme;
- are developing initiatives in designated disadvantaged areas;
- are developing initiatives for minority older populations or older groups with special needs;
- have one or more active Physical Activity Leaders (PALs);
- have a CarePAL in their setting;
- are focussed on an outdoor sport or physical activity initiative;
- are developing an online sport or physical activity initiative;
- are making a joint application with other groups in their geographical community.

How to Apply

[Full guidelines and application forms are available here.](#)

Deadline: 1 Feb 2024 (opening) / 1 Mar 2024 (closing)

[back to top ↑](#)

Interreg IVB - Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme

For 20 years, the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme has provided a framework for regions to work together with a focus on promoting sustainable development in remote and sparsely populated communities.

The next programme will continue to do this, focusing on those themes and types of activities that are deemed to benefit most from transnational cooperation between the regions in the NPA area.

In the EU Member States, the Programme area covers Northern and Eastern Finland, Northern and Western Regions of Ireland, and Northern Sweden. Outside the EU, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, and Northern parts of Norway belong to the Programme area.

Priorities

The NPA programme area is vast and participating territories are separated by long distances. Yet, similarities and linkages between the participating territories as well as common characteristics and shared development concerns in the NPA regions offer a strong basis for cooperation.

A more detailed description of the territorial features in the NPA can be found in [the Area Analysis](#). The Interreg NPA 2021-2027 will also seek a wider and more active engagement of young people in both the projects and the programme.

Through transnational cooperation, the Interreg NPA Programme addresses the challenges and opportunities in the programme area through 3 Priorities.

1 Strengthening the innovation capacity for resilient and attractive NPA communities	1.1 Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies
	1.2. Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities
	1.3. Enhancing sustainable growth & competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investment

2 Strengthening the capacity for climate change adaptation, and resource sufficiency in NPA communities	2.1. Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
	2.2. Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem based approaches
	2.3. Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy
3 Strengthening the organisational capacity among NPA communities to make use of cooperation opportunities	3.1. Enhance institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies.

Funding / Budget

The final budget of the Interreg NPA Programme is 51,5 million euro. Between 2021-2027, the Programme will allocate 46 833 778 Euros to projects, of which 39 978 162 EUR in European funding (ERDF) will be available to partners in Member States (Finland, Ireland, Sweden) and 6 855 616 EUR for partners in the Non-EU partner countries (Norway, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Greenland). The remaining amount will cover programme administration costs, so called Technical Assistance.

The funding available for projects has been distributed as follows:

- 1. Priority 1 Innovation capacity: 45%
- 2. Priority 2 Climate change and resource sufficiency: 45%
- 3. Priority 3 Cooperation opportunities: 10%

The Programme is financed through European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and ERDF equivalent funding from the Non-EU partner countries, supplemented by match funding from projects.

Projects apply to the Programme for ERDF or ERDF equivalent co-financing and contribute to the project with public or private match funding.

Call overview

The 4th Call for projects opens for all three Priorities. Besides main projects in priority 1 and 2, Interreg NPA is looking forward to funding main and small-scale capacity building projects in Priority 3.

PRIORITY 1: Strengthening the innovation capacity for resilient and attractive NPA communities

1.1 - Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

1.2 - Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities and

PRIORITY 2: Strengthening the capacity for climate change adaptation, and resource sufficiency in NPA communities

2.1 - Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions

2.2 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches and

2.3 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

PRIORITY 3: Strengthening the organisational capacity among NPA communities to make use of cooperation opportunities

3.1 – Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies

Priority 3 thematic focus

The novelty of Priority 3, is that it aims to build the cooperation capacity and experience among the stakeholders in the NPA area, leading to the development of more resilient communities. Actions funded in this priority are developing and transferring concepts to engage stakeholders in cooperation based on local knowledge, and supporting them to implement strategies for Northern Periphery and Arctic regions.

Note: In Priority 3, the Monitoring Committee invites both main and small-scale projects to build capacity in cooperation in particular focusing on the following topics and target groups.

[Read more here.](#)

Budget

Main projects are expected to have an average budget of 1.500.000 EUR and run for 3 years.

Small-scale capacity building projects applying under Priority 3 have a total budget of no more than 200.000 EUR (handled as a lump sum), and run for 18 months.

CONSORTIUM

Both main and small-scale projects under Priority 3 must involve partners from at least 3 programme partner countries, at least one of which is from an EU Member State.

Partnerships are also recommended to include at least 2 of the 3 geographical zones of the Programme area: Finland/Sweden/Norway; Ireland; Faroe Islands/Greenland/Iceland. Lead Partners have to be a public sector organisation, based in the NPA Programme area; unless they have a national remit that covers the Programme Area.

How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 2 Feb 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe is the EU's key funding programme for research and innovation.

Aims & Objectives

It aims to:

- strengthen the EU's scientific and technological bases and the European Research Area (ERA);
- boost Europe's innovation capacity, competitiveness and jobs;
- deliver on citizens' priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals

What does it support?

It funds actions under its three pillars and one horizontal activity:

Pillar 1: Excellent Science aims to increase the EU's global scientific competitiveness. This pillar includes the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions which fund the development of excellent doctoral and postdoctoral training programmes and collaborative research projects.

Pillar 2: Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness supports research relating to societal challenges and reinforces technological and industrial capacities through its seven "clusters" or themes.

Pillar 3: Innovative Europe aims to make Europe a frontrunner in market-creating innovation via the European Innovation Council.

Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area: This horizontal activity will increase support to EU Member States in their efforts to make the most of their national research and innovation potential.

Who can apply?

- Academia and higher education institutions
- Researchers and research centres
- Public bodies (local, regional, or national)
- Industry and private businesses

- Non-governmental organisations and nonprofits who would like to promote and facilitate engaged and ethical research into issues impacting their beneficiaries.

Why the EU funds research and innovation

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [Research and innovation](#)

Budget

€95.5 billion over 7 years.

Project Examples

[Re-InVest](#): Investing in the right to a home. This qualitative research project used a participatory action approach to co-construct policy knowledge. The research focused on the experience of lone parent families living in emergency homeless accommodation, particularly in relation to their experience of the private rental subsidy Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and of Family Hubs, a new form of emergency.

[Find more case studies on the Campus Engaged website.](#)

National Contact Point in Ireland

For [Horizon Europe \(Cluster 2\) & European Research Council](#): Irish University Association, Chiara Loda, chiara.loda@iua.ie

For [Marie Skolodowska-Curie Actions \(MSCA\)](#): Irish University Association, Yvonne Halpin, yvonne.halpin@iua.ie

For Horizon Europe Health: Enterprise Ireland, [Dr Matha Cahill](#)

[Horizon Europe Contact List](#)

How to Apply

Current call: Horizon Europe - Cluster 5 - The role of social economy in addressing social exclusion, providing quality jobs and greater sustainability

[View Detail](#)

Deadline: 7 February 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

European Solidarity Corps Programme

The European Solidarity Corps is the EU's funding programme for volunteering and promoting solidarity.

Aims & Objectives

The European Solidarity Corps aims to:

1. Empower young people to participate positively in their world: The programme aims to provide young people, including young people with fewer opportunities, with easily accessible opportunities to take part in solidarity activities that bring about positive societal changes in the European Union and beyond.
2. Build an inclusive and democratic Europe: The programme aims to support young people and organisations across Europe and to strengthen cohesion, solidarity, democracy, European identity and active citizenship in the Europe Union and beyond.
3. Promote sustainable development through projects at grassroots level: European Solidarity Corps projects are about addressing societal challenges on the ground, with a particular focus on the promotion of sustainable development, social inclusion and equal opportunities.

The European Solidarity Corp's priorities are:

- Inclusion and Diversity
- Environmental Protection and Climate Action
- Digital Transformation
- Participation in Democratic Life
- Health Promotion and Support
- Connecting EU and Youth

What does it support?

The European Solidarity Corps supports young people aged 18 to 30 to address needs in their community or abroad by taking part in activities across Europe.

Young people can volunteer or develop solidarity projects that benefit their communities at local, regional or European levels.

Projects are funded under 'Volunteering Projects' and 'Solidarity Projects'.

Volunteering Projects are projects where young people are sent by an accredited organisation to volunteer in another European country to exchange ideas, learn, connect and grow. Volunteering may take place in Ireland or abroad. Funding is available for 'Individual Volunteering Projects', 'Volunteering Teams Projects' or 'Preparatory Visits'.

Solidarity Projects are organised by groups of young people who want to make a positive difference at national or international level.

Who can apply?

Any public or private body may apply for funding.

In order to take part in the European Solidarity Corps, organisations need to obtain a quality label, which certifies that they carry out high quality solidarity activities in compliance with the principles, objectives and requirements of the programme. Visit the European Solidarity Corps site for more [information about the Quality Label](#).

Why the EU funds European solidarity and volunteering

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [Education, training, youth and sport](#).

Budget

€1,1 billion over 7 years.

Project Examples

[My Experience as a European Solidarity Corps Volunteer: Laurita Maher-Bordalo](#)

[Amina Moustafa: The Evolution of the Erasmus+ Experience](#)

[Detached Youth Support - Supporting Young People in Time of Covid-19](#)

[More impact stories of the European Solidarity Corps](#)

National Contact Point in Ireland

[Léargas](#) is the National Agency for the European Solidarity Corps in Ireland and they hold a range of online application workshops and information sessions. Keep an eye on their [Event Calendar](#) or sign up to their [newsletters](#) for details.

Contact Suzanne Kavanagh at kavanagh@leargas.ie or Noeleen O'Callaghan at nocallaghan@leargas.ie for more information.

Website: www.leargas.ie

How to Apply

See open calls below:

European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas Health

Deadline: 8 February 2024

[View Detail](#)

European Solidarity Corps - Solidarity Projects

Deadline: 20 February 2024

[View Detail](#)

European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering Projects

Deadline: 20 February 2024

[View Detail](#)

[back to top ↑](#)

Charlemagne Youth Prize

The European Charlemagne Youth Prize is an award that is given to youth-run projects that support democracy in Europe and promote cooperation and understanding both in Europe and internationally. It highlights the daily work by young people in strengthening a shared sense of European identity and rewards their active participation in the development of Europe.

The award is run jointly by the European Parliament and the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen, and was established in 2008.

In order to participate in the Charlemagne Youth Prize, you will need to:

- Have a European project with which you wish to apply;
- Be between 16 and 30 years old;
- Be a resident of one of the EU Member States - You can submit a project either as an individual applicant or on behalf of an organisation or a group of young people.

All submitted projects will be first evaluated by the national jury of the project's Member State, which will select a single nomination. From these 27 national winners, the three top European laureates will be selected by the European Jury and awarded up to €7500 in prize money for their projects.

How to Apply

Are you an EU resident aged 16-30 and working on a European project? Then you could be the next winner of the European Charlemagne Youth Prize! Apply with your project, receive up to €7500 and get the help you need to further develop your initiative. Every year, the European Parliament and the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen award the European Charlemagne Youth Prize to inspiring projects that are changing Europe run by young people across the EU.

THE RULES

Before applying, make sure you read the full version of [the rules of the European Charlemagne Youth Prize](#). Projects that do not fulfil the criteria identified in the rules will not be taken into account for evaluation.

Projects must meet the following criteria in order to qualify:

1. They must have displayed achievements in the following areas:

Promoting cooperation and understanding both across Europe and internationally, based on democratic values (such as, for example, respect for human dignity, freedom, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights)

Promoting a shared sense of European identity and European integration;

Encouraging other young people in Europe to get involved in our democracy;

Offering practical examples of Europeans living together as a community.

2. They must have been submitted by a young person residing in one of the 27 EU Member States and aged 16 to 30 on the date of the application.

[Get some inspiration from the former prize winners and their projects.](#)

AWARD CRITERIA

Projects will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

How well the objectives of the prize have been achieved;

The creativity and originality of the project, including innovative initiatives;

Projects with transnational dimension (involving young people from more than one Member State) will be prioritised.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection is made in two steps. First, the national jury in every Member State decides the best national project. After that, out of 27 national winning projects, the European jury decides the three winning European projects.

The national jury in every Member State consists of two Members of the European Parliament and a representative from the youth sector, and is selected annually.

For more information on the national selection procedure in your Member State, [please refer to the European Parliament Liaison Office in your country.](#)

The European jury selecting the three European laureates consists of:

- The President of the European Parliament;
- Two Members of the European Parliament;

- Three representatives of the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen;
- Two representatives of the youth sector (including former prize winners).

The decision of the European jury is final.

THE AWARD

The three winning European projects receive the following awards: first prize is €7,500, second prize €5,000, and the third prize €2,500.

Representatives from each of the national winning projects are invited to the Charlemagne Youth Prize award ceremony in Aachen.

As part of the prize, the European laureates are invited to visit the European Parliament (in Brussels or Strasbourg).

One representative from each of the 3 European laureates will be offered the opportunity of a Schuman traineeship in the European Parliament. A representative nominated to take the traineeship should be part of the core team of the winning project and meet all the eligibility criteria for the traineeship scheme. The traineeship could be taken up starting on either 1 October or on 1 March in the 12 months following the award of the Prize. Details about this opportunity will be communicated directly to the national winning projects ahead of the Award Ceremony.

If you have any questions, contact us at youth@europarl.europa.eu. ([Privacy Policy](#))

[Full application details available here.](#)

Deadline: 12 Feb 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

Creative Europe Programme

Creative Europe is the European Commission's framework programme for support to the culture and audio-visual sectors.

The Creative Europe programme is open to cultural and creative organisations from EU Member States, as well as non-EU countries. Subject to certain conditions EEA (European Economic Area), candidate/potential candidate and ENP (European Neighbourhood Policy) countries can also participate in the programme on an equal footing with Member States.

Creative Europe Culture Sub-programme

Creative Europe (2021-2027) will support European creative sectors with a budget of €2.44 billion.

The Creative Europe programme 2021 – 2027 sets out common goals for the cultural and creative sectors. It puts a stronger emphasis on transnational creation, global circulation and promotion of European works, innovation across sectors, and ease of funding access through higher EU co-financing rates. All funded actions and projects should respect gender equality and the EU's environmental commitments in the design and implementation of their activities

The CULTURE strand of the Programme consists of the following actions:

- Horizontal actions covering all cultural and creative sectors: support to cultural cooperation projects, networks of professional organisations, platforms for the promotion of European artists and works, individual mobility scheme.
- Sector-specific support to complement horizontal actions in music, book & publishing, cultural heritage and architecture as well as other sectors.
- Special actions to reward and promote excellence and creativity such as the awards for literature, music, architecture and cultural heritage, European Capitals of Culture, and the European Heritage Label.

Creative Europe Media Sub-programme

The MEDIA sub-programme of Creative Europe supports European film and audiovisual industries in the development, distribution and promotion of their work. The programme supports projects with a European dimension while also enabling them to seek markets beyond national and European borders. Funding is also available for training, development, and new technologies.

Creative Europe Cross Sector Strand

The Cross-sectoral strand of the Creative Europe programme is designed to serve three primary functions:

- The establishment of a Guarantee Facility targeting the cultural and creative sectors
- The promotion of transnational policy cooperation
- Supporting a network of Creative Europe Desks.

How to Apply

You can read more on the [Irish Creative Europe website](#) and contact the national [Creative Europe Desk](#).

Current funding calls:

Creative Europe - NEWS - Journalism partnerships - Collaborations

Deadline: 14 February 2024

[View Detail](#)

Creative Europe - NEWS - Journalism partnerships - Pluralism

Deadline: 14 February 2024

[View Detail](#)

[back to top ↑](#)

Fit for Life Awards

Every year, the Fit for Life Foundation awards grants of EUR 100,000 each to 3 non-profit organizations or social enterprises that are pioneering projects to promote lifelong fitness and health.

Winner will be announced during the awards ceremony that will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, in September/October 2023.

If your organization makes an impact on healthy aging for older (65+ years) or middle-aged people (45+ years), we would love to hear about your work.

Eligibility

To apply for the Fit for Life Awards, applicants must meet the following criteria:

The organization or initiative must be legally registered as a non-profit or social enterprise in its country/countries of operations.

We do not accept applications from the following types of organizations:

- Research institutes
- Government/public sector institutes
- Political organizations
- Organizations that discriminate in their leadership, staffing, or service provision on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, disability, national origin, political affiliation, religious belief or sexual orientation.

We welcome applications from organizations all around the world.

Areas of impact

The mission and activities of the organization or initiative must directly address healthy aging for older (65+ years) or middle-aged people (40+ years).

We welcome solutions relevant to:

- Physical fitness
- Exercise and sport

- Mental health
- Mental well-being
- Mobility
- Nutrition
- At-home care
- Community support for older people
- Prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs)
- Other forms of preventative health support.

How to Apply

Full guidelines and application details are available here: <https://www.fitforlife.foundation/awards>

Deadline: 15 Feb 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities Joe O’Brien recently announced €6 million in capital funding under the “Department of Rural and Community Development Local Enhancement Programme 2024”.

This funding will provide capital supports essential for the many small community groups and organisations, particularly those who serve disadvantaged areas in rural and urban areas.

There will be a particular focus on small capital works/improvements, and the purchase of equipment for community use. The funding may be used, but is not limited to; improved access for persons with a disability; enhancing community participation for disadvantaged and marginalised groups, and improving energy efficiency of community facilities to reduce ongoing costs.

The scheme is designed to ensure local priorities are identified and met, so as to improve and enhance community facilities for all.

Funding for each Local Authority area:

LCDC area	DRCD LEP allocation	Women’s Groups allocation	Total allocation
Carlow	€119,056.15	€23,811.23	€142,867.38
Cavan	€120,917.23	€24,183.45	€145,100.68
Clare	€138,380.55	€27,676.11	€166,056.66
Cork City	€193,504.02	€38,700.80	€232,204.83
Cork County	€204,632.59	€40,926.52	€245,559.11
Donegal	€215,647.39	€43,129.48	€258,776.86
Dublin City	€419,324.48	€83,864.90	€503,189.38
Dun Laoghaire	€149,273.40	€29,854.68	€179,128.08
Fingal	€184,035.81	€36,807.16	€220,842.98
Galway City	€111,935.52	€22,387.10	€134,322.62

Galway County	€154,480.86	€30,896.17	€185,377.04
Kerry	€149,954.79	€29,990.96	€179,945.75
Kildare	€173,747.35	€34,749.47	€208,496.83
Kilkenny	€126,519.02	€25,303.80	€151,822.82
Laois	€127,992.54	€25,598.51	€153,591.05
Leitrim	€99,775.36	€19,955.07	€119,730.43
Limerick	€190,572.89	€38,114.58	€228,687.46
Longford	€112,388.87	€22,477.77	€134,866.64
Louth	€162,843.74	€32,568.75	€195,412.48
Mayo	€160,850.55	€32,170.11	€193,020.65
Meath	€154,488.81	€30,897.76	€185,386.57
Monaghan	€112,377.35	€22,475.47	€134,852.82
Offaly	€135,499.47	€27,099.89	€162,599.36
Roscommon	€115,534.62	€23,106.92	€138,641.54
Sligo	€118,327.18	€23,665.44	€141,992.62
South Dublin	€254,979.91	€50,995.98	€305,975.89
Tipperary	€178,045.98	€35,609.20	€213,655.17
Waterford	€159,121.40	€31,824.28	€190,945.68
Westmeath	€128,134.89	€25,626.98	€153,761.87
Wexford	€180,708.85	€36,141.77	€216,850.62
Wicklow	€146,948.43	€29,389.69	€176,338.11

Criteria

The funding has been allocated by providing a baseline amount to each area and allocating the remainder based on the population and disadvantage level in each local authority area.

How to Apply

The funding is administered on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development locally by [Local Community Development Committees](#) (LCDCs) across the country, with support from their Local Authority. Applications for funding can be made to the relevant LCDC. [Contact details for LCDCs are available.](#)

Learn more here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/106e1-ministers-humphreys-and-obrien-announce-6-million-department-of-rural-community-development-local-enhancement-programme-2024/>

Deadline: 15 Feb 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

HSE - National Lottery Grants

The HSE offers National Lottery grants to health and social care projects. Community groups and voluntary organisations can apply.

You must provide health or social care services to the community. For example, you might help people with a disability, older people, carers or disadvantaged groups.

Projects we can fund

We fund one-off projects and services that improve the health of communities.

For example, you can apply for funding to:

- buy equipment and small fixtures and fittings like hoists, tables, and chairs
- run camps, classes, courses, personal development training, information or activity events

You must be able to start and finish your project in the same year you apply for the grant.

Respite care

Your group or organisation may apply for funding for short-term or once-off respite care.

For example, if your organisation supports carers you might apply for funding for respite care or a break for carers or the people they are caring for. You must use your respite care funding by 30 June the following year.

How much you can apply for

You can apply for between €300 and €10,000 in funding for each project.

You can apply for funding for more than 1 project. But there is a limit on how much funding you can get from your local HSE Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO). The maximum that a CHO can give to an organisation or group is €10,000.

How to Apply

[Full details and guidelines are available here.](#)

Deadline: 16 Feb 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

Rethink Ireland - The Social Innovation Regeneration Fund

The Social Innovation Regeneration Fund aims to build the capacity of social innovations with proven impact and a desire to scale. This Fund has been set up to support previous Rethink Ireland awardees who have encountered a temporary core funding gap and are seeking support to revisit their business model and improve their financial sustainability.

Over the past three years, social innovations have grappled with challenges like the Covid-19 pandemic, enforced closures, the Ukraine war, and the cost-of-living crisis. These changes in the external environment mean that some social innovations are experiencing a core funding gap i.e. a gap of financial resources that can be spent on their core functions, such as senior management salaries, communications, operations, governance, income generation, or other spending that is not project-specific.

This two-year Fund offers a package of cash grants and non-financial supports to a maximum value of €950,000 for up to 3 organisations, to help them address their recent core funding gap by reviewing their financial/business models. Ultimately this Fund aims to support successful applicants to improve their financial sustainability and increase their social impact.

What do successful applicants get?

- A minimum 50% uplift on funding secured*
- A place on Rethink Ireland's Accelerator Programme
- A tailored non-financial supports package to support them to improve their financial sustainability including supports in the areas of financial/business modelling, market assessments and growth strategies
- Access to Rethink Ireland's networks

*Applicants need to secure philanthropic funding commitments totalling at least €200,000 (€100,000 per annum) to make an application.

The Rethink Ireland Board will decide how much money to award, which may be less than the amount requested. The final amount of the award will depend on how many organisations are selected.

Eligibility & Criteria

Projects must meet both Rethink Ireland’s criteria and the specific criteria for the Social Innovation Regeneration Fund, as set out below:

Rethink Ireland Criteria

- The project must address a critical social issue
- The project must be innovative in an Irish context
- The project must be based in the Republic of Ireland
- The project must have the potential and desire to scale or replicate in Ireland
- The project must provide evidence that it is up and running, or has been tested at least in a minimal way
- Applicants must come from an entity that has a ‘not for profit’ legal form for example, a charity, voluntary organisation, Company Limited by Guarantee among other not-for-profit legal forms.

Social Innovation Regeneration Fund Core Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a previous recipient of Rethink Ireland funding and have graduated from a Rethink Ireland programme
- Have been operating for at least 3-5 years with a developed strategic plan, funding base and evidence of impact
- Have a proven track record of impact and have clear ambition to increase their impact
- Be experiencing a temporary core funding challenge and have a clear need to revisit their business model
- Have the motivation and capacity to revisit their strategy and business model as part of this Fund
- Be able to secure philanthropic funding commitments totalling at least €200,000 (€100,000 per annum)

Advantageous criteria

- Organisations engaging meaningfully with minority/disadvantaged groups including but not limited to those led by women, ex-prisoners, recovering addicts, Travellers, and migrants.
- Organisations that have a positive effect on Ireland's Green Transition through their activities/interventions. These criteria apply if the organisation tackles issues related to the environment and green transition such as carbon reduction, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture, pollution and/or the just transition.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

You will be required to provide a '[Donor Letter of Commitment](#)' when submitting your application. Please download this letter for editing.

The minimum amount of philanthropic funding eligible for uplift funding is €200,000 (€100,000 per annum).

Note that the Rethink Ireland Board will decide how much money to award, which may be less than the amount requested. The final amount of the award will depend on how many organisations are selected.

If you are successful, you will be asked to provide further evidence to verify the private funding you have secured.

How the funding process works:

These private funds, once received by the awardee, are transferred to Rethink Ireland and then returned to the awardee within 30 days.*

Rethink Ireland provides evidence of committed donor funds to Government.

Government releases funding to Rethink Ireland.

Rethink Ireland provides an uplift of 50% on the donor funds and makes uplift payments to the awardee and provides non-financial supports.

*The philanthropic funding can be received and transferred in instalments but uplift funding will only be available once philanthropic funding has been received and transferred. All funding should be received by the awardee and transferred to Rethink Ireland in 2024 or in 2024 and 2025. All funding should be received and transferred by 30th June 2025 latest.

For example: If an applicant raises €200,000 in private funds over 2 years, Rethink Ireland will provide an uplift of €100,000 in total. The total Rethink Ireland cash grant will be calculated as €300,000 (private funds plus uplift).

How to Apply

Full guidelines and application details available

here: https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/the-social-innovation-regeneration-fund/

Deadline: 16 Feb 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

Erasmus+ Programme

Erasmus+ is the EU's funding programme for education, training, youth and sport.

Aims & Objectives

It aims to:

- Provide support for lifelong learning
- Contribute to building a European Education Area
- Promote learning mobility in education, training, youth, and sport
- Improve the quality of education and training systems
- Strengthen European identity and active citizenship

What does it support?

Projects addressing sector-specific priorities in the programme's strands:

- Adult Education
- Higher Education
- School Education
- Vocational Education and Training

Projects that address one (or more) of the programme's four key horizontal priorities:

- Inclusion and diversity
- Digital transformation
- Environment and the fight against climate change
- Participation in democratic life

Projects take the form of the following Key Actions:

- Key Action 1: Learning Mobility for Individuals
- Key Action 2: Cooperation Among Organisations and Institutions

- Key Action 3: Support to Policy Development and Cooperation

Who can apply?

- In general, any public or private organisation in a Erasmus+ Programme country can apply if they are a legal entity. Sole traders cannot apply for Erasmus funding.

Higher Education

- Students
- Staff
- Higher Education Institutions

Adult Education

- Organisations providing formal, informal and non-formal adult education
- Local and regional public authorities, coordination bodies and other organisations with a role in the field of adult education
- Organisations whose aim is to educate the general public on a specific topic or issue

School Education

- All schools - pre-primary, primary and post-primary
- Teachers
- Learners – individuals or groups/classes
- School Education staff

Vocational Education and Training

- Organisations providing initial or continuing vocational education and training
- Local and regional public authorities, coordination bodies and other organisations with a role in the field of vocational education and training
- Companies and other public or private organisations hosting, training or otherwise working with learners and apprentices in vocational education and training

- Organisations creating training and/or educational materials for staff, volunteers or other professionals

Youth

- Young people
- Youth workers
- Organisations that work directly with and/or advocate for youth

Sport

- a public body in charge of sport at local, regional or national level;
- a sport organisation at local, regional, national, European or international level;
- a National Olympic Committee or National Sport confederation;
- an organisation representing the 'sport for all' movement;
- an organisation active in the field of physical activity promotion;
- an organisation representing the active leisure sector;
- an organisation active in the field of education, training or youth.

Budget

€26.2 billion over 7 years.

Project Examples

The [SCOPE](#) project is aimed at third sector staff and volunteers in need of capacity building, skills development and recognition of non-formal learning, particularly those who are socially excluded in such a way that it is difficult for them to access training opportunities.

The [Ethics4Sport](#) project investigates and promotes ethics and perceptions of fairness in grassroots sport.

[ASPIRE](#) was an international collaborative project that sought to find out how to best support migrants and refugees, building on the wide popularity of sports and other forms of physical activity.

National Contact Point in Ireland

[Léargas](#) for Adult Education, School Education, Vocational Education and Training, and Youth strands

[Higher Education Authority](#) for Higher Education strand

Erasmus+ Sport is managed centrally in Brussels by the [European Education and Culture Executive Agency](#) and can be contacted at EACEA-SPORT@ec.europa.eu

How to Apply

Find open calls for [Erasmus+](#). Or, see specific calls details below.

ERASMUS+ - Accredited projects for mobility of learners and staff in vocational education and training

Deadline: 20 February, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Youth Participation Activities

Deadline: 20 February, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Mobility of Young People

Deadline: 20 February, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Accredited projects for mobility of learners and staff in adult education

Deadline: 20 February, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Accredited projects for youth mobility

Deadline: 20 February, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Mobility of Youth Workers

Deadline: 20 February, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - DiscoverEU inclusion action

Deadline: 20 February, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Short-term projects for mobility of learners and staff in adult education

Deadline: 23 February, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Short-term projects for mobility of learners and staff in vocational education and training

Deadline: 23 February, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Erasmus+ - Capacity Building in the field of Vocational Education and Training

Deadline: 29 February, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Cooperation Partnerships in Adult Education

Deadline: 5 March, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Cooperation Partnerships in Vocational Education and Training

Deadline: 5 March, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Small-scale partnerships in Adult Education

Deadline: 5 March, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Small-scale partnerships in Vocational Education and Training

Deadline: 5 March, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Small-scale partnerships in Youth

Deadline: 5 March, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Cooperation Partnerships in Youth

Deadline: 5 March, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Capacity Building in the Field of Youth

Deadline: 6 March, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills (implementing the 'Blueprint')

Deadline: 7 March, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Alliances for Education and Enterprises

Deadline: 7 March, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - European Youth Together

Deadline: 7 March, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Centres of Vocational Excellence

Deadline: 7 March, 2024

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

[back to top ↑](#)

Emigrant Support Programme

The Irish Abroad Unit in the Department of Foreign Affairs manages and coordinates the programme.

This work is conducted in partnership with Ireland's Embassies and Consulates and the huge number of Irish organisations abroad.

Since 2004, the Emigrant Support Programme (ESP) has assisted more than 850 organisations, across 51 countries. Grants issued total over €237 million.

Individual grants have ranged from small amounts for grass-roots groups to major allocations awarded to voluntary and community organisations operating on a large scale.

How does ESP work?

The ESP prioritises projects which are in line with the objectives of the [Government's Diaspora Strategy 2020-2025](#).

The funding year runs from 1 July each year until 30 June the following year. The application window for the Emigrant Support Programme runs from mid-January to mid-February each year.

Criteria for grant aid

Applicant organisations should be established as registered charities, charitable bodies or voluntary/not for profit organisations.

Evaluation is based on the following criteria:

- the need for the project
- beneficiaries in the Irish community (including second and later generations), their needs and vulnerabilities
- the impact of the project, based on clear expected outputs and outcomes
- partnerships with other statutory, voluntary and ESP-funded organisations to maximise service delivery to vulnerable Irish people
- how the outcomes will contribute to the achievement of ESP's objectives
- the capacity of the organisation to deliver the project

- the total project cost and value for money offered
- what funding has been secured from other sources for the project
- the monitoring and evaluation systems in place to measure the outcomes for target beneficiaries
- commitment to good governance and best practice throughout the organisation.

Categories of funding

All funding decisions are based on the information submitted in the official application form. Application must be submitted online through our grant portal. No hard copy application forms will be accepted.

The categories under which ESP can be applied for are as follows;

- Heritage - projects involving the promotion and maintenance of Irish heritage and identity overseas, such as Irish sports, Irish music, Irish dance and other arts.
- Welfare (Elderly) - projects that are specifically targeted at the older members of the Irish community.
- Welfare (Other) - projects involving the provision of front-line welfare services including advisory, counselling, information and outreach services to Irish communities.
- Business networks - projects to support Irish business networks or other Irish professional networks overseas.
- Capital - projects involving the construction, refurbishment or purchase of capital assets. This includes projects related to website development and large digital/software projects.

Organisations may make applications in more than one category.

Principles governing recipients of Irish Government funding

The ESP is funded through taxpayer's money and is therefore public funding. The highest levels of transparency and accountability are applied. Reports on the impacts and the success of projects funded and financial reports are required as part of the ESP process.

In line with regulations governing the receipt of grants from the Irish Government, all grantees must strive for:

Clarity

- Set out clearly the objectives, inputs and outputs of their funding spend:
- Show clearly that funding was spent only for the business purposes for which it was provided
- Seek clarification from the grantor where necessary – on use of funds, governance and accountability arrangements.

Governance

Ensure appropriate [governance](#) arrangements are in place for oversight and administration of funding:

- control and safeguarding of funds from misuse, misappropriation and fraud
- accounting records which can provide, at any time, reliable financial information on the purpose, application and balance remaining of the public funding
- accounting for the amount and source of the funding, its application and outputs/outcomes.

Value for money

Be in a position to provide evidence on:

- effective use of funds
- value achieved in the application of funds
- avoidance of waste and extravagance.

Fairness

Manage public funds with the highest degree of honesty and integrity:

- Act in a manner which complies with relevant laws and obligations e.g. tax, minimum wages
- Procure goods and services in a fair and transparent manner
- Act fairly, responsibly and openly in dealings with the grantor.

Additional points to note

It is recognised that it may not be possible to immediately begin a project which has been approved for funding. However, it is expected that the project will have commenced within six months of receipt of the grant. Irish Government accounting practices require the money to be used for the approved purpose within the same funding year.

The funding year runs from 1 July each year until 30 June the following year.

Grant aid not used in accordance with the terms and conditions specified by the Irish Government must be repaid in full.

If a grant has been awarded towards funding for a staffing position and a vacancy arises in that position during the funding year, organisations should expect a clawback for the period the position was unfilled.

Contact your nearest [Embassy or Consulate](#) if you have questions about your project's eligibility for ESP funding.

How to Apply

You may apply at www.irishabroadgrants.ie.

Deadline: 22 Feb 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

The Arts Council - Commissions Award

The Arts Council is the national agency for funding, developing and promoting the arts in Ireland. The Council recognises that the arts have a central and distinctive contribution to make to society.

The purpose of the Commissions Award is to enable the commissioning of new work from freelance artists.

In general, the finished work may be in a form capable of being presented, exhibited, published, performed and/or disseminated in its entirety at the point of completion, or it may be capable of being presented as a work-in-progress, either live or online. Please see the artform/arts area specific guidance below for the priorities for the award in each area.

STRAND 1 – Artform commissions

Commissions can be applied for in the areas of:

- Opera
- Music
- Traditional Arts

This means that any applicant, whether an organisation or an individual, can apply to commission an artist working within one of these artform areas. [\[1\]](#)

STRAND 2 – Cross arts-area commissions

In order to assist with the animation of arts organisations working across different artforms and with the commissioning of work by artists working in particular contexts, the award is open to organisations in the following categories:

Festivals

In these cases, organisations can apply to commission an artist working in any artform, with the exception of festivals applying for a commission in Dance, Music, Opera, Traditional Arts or Literature, which should apply directly to those artforms in Strand 1. The application will be assessed primarily in relation to the context in which the commission is proposed. The Arts Council's artform specialists will provide a secondary comment where their artform is integral to the proposal.

How to Apply

[Full guidelines available here.](#)

Deadline: 22 Feb 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

EU Just Transition Fund (EU JTF): Community and Enterprise Grants Scheme

The EU JTF Community and Enterprise Grants Scheme has now been [launched](#) and is open for applications. The scheme is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the EU Just Transition Fund (EU JTF) and is the second funding call that provides support to the implementation of [Local and Regional Economic Strategies](#).

This scheme will provide up to €300,000 to community, voluntary and not-for-profit organisations, and micro and small to medium sized enterprises operating in the wider Midlands area (see 'Eligible area for scheme' below). The grants aim to support projects that will contribute to a green transition and a sustainable local economy, including through creating sustainable employment and building relevant capacities within local communities. All successful projects must demonstrate how they contribute to the implementation of the relevant Local and Regional Economic Strategies.

SCOPE OF PROJECTS

The following types of projects will be supported in this scheme:

- Innovation in energy and resource efficiency
- Circular Economy
- Training and upskilling
- Retrofit readiness
- Digitalisation and Connectivity
- Bioeconomy
- Nature restoration and regeneration
- Renewable energy and heat networks

Read more on each of these project types in the [Application Guidelines](#) document.

ELIGIBLE AREA FOR THIS SCHEME

The 'designated areas', for the purposes of this grant funding are Laois, Offaly, Longford, Westmeath and Roscommon. There are also three counties which are partially included,

namely parts of Galway (Ballinasloe), Kildare (Athy, Clane-Maynooth) & Tipperary (Carrick-on-Suir and Thurles). Please [see this \(external\) map](#) of the EU Just Transition Fund territory in Ireland for further detail.

All projects must be delivered in or provide benefit to the eligible territory.

Eligible organisations

The following organisations are eligible to apply for funding under the scheme:

- Community and Voluntary Organisations (CVOs) or Not for Profit Organisations (NGOs)
- Social Enterprises (SEs)
- Micro, Small to Medium Sized Organisations (MSME)

For a full list of eligible organisations, see the [Application Guidelines](#).

ABOUT THE OVERALL LOCAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGIES SUPPORT SCHEME

The overall objective of the Scheme, as part of Ireland's EU JTF Programme, is to support the implementation of bottom-up local and regional economic strategies to promote the generation of employment for communities previously reliant on peat production by investing in the modernisation and diversification of the local economy.

Note: The Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) is the Managing Authority for Ireland's EU Just Transition Fund programme and further information on all funding available under this programme is available [here](#). The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) is the sponsoring Department for the Local and Regional Economic Strategies Support Scheme. Pobal is responsible for the administration of the Scheme on behalf of DECC as sponsoring Department and EMRA as Managing Authority.

Local community organisations and small to medium sized enterprises are integral to the creation of employment opportunities and supporting those that may be negatively affected by the transition to a low carbon economy.

This grant scheme is an opportunity to implement projects that can contribute to meeting local needs and priorities identified in the Local Economic and Community Plan or Regional Enterprise Plan for the local authority area within which a project is based.

All applicants must outline in their application how their project contributes to the implementation of the relevant Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) of the local

authority area concerned or to the relevant Regional Enterprise Plan (REP). Read more about this alignment in the [Application Guidelines](#) document.

How to Apply

All potential applicant organisations must register a Primary Authorised User (PAU) on the [MyPobal Portal](#) in order to download and submit the official Application Form and other supporting documents. Please see the videos under 'Other Useful Resources' below on how to register a PAU and the [MyPobal User Registration Guide](#).

Please ensure that your organisation has the PAU registration completed by 2 February 2024 at the latest as it takes 1-2 working days for PAU approval and an approved PAU is required to submit an application. PAU Registration is mandatory for new users. Existing or previous users can use their login details on MyPobal Portal to access the documents.

Please review the next two tabs, for further detail on the application process, events information and FAQs.

Visit the Pobal website here for additional resources and guidance for applying for the Fund: <https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/euitf-communityenterprise/>

Deadline: 22 Feb 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

NYC - Artist in Youth Work Scheme

The National Youth Council of Ireland is the representative body for national voluntary youth work organisations in Ireland. Is é Comhairle Náisiúnta na nÓg an eagrais ionadaíochta an óige in Éirinn. It represents and supports the interests of 50 voluntary youth organisations and uses its collective experience to act on issues that impact on young people.

The Artist and Youth Work Residency Grant Scheme is designed to promote innovative partnerships between youth groups, artists and (where relevant) arts organisations. A residency may take the form of an artist in residence in a youth work setting and/or a youth group in residence in an arts setting.

The scheme is managed by the National Youth Council of Ireland on behalf of the Arts Council and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

There are two strands to the artist and youth work residency scheme: the Youth Arts Explorer Grant and the Artist and Youth Work Full Residency Grant.

YOUTH ARTS EXPLORER GRANT €1,500

This grant is for projects, services and organisations that are exploring the introduction of youth arts experiences to their youth work setting but are not yet sufficiently experienced/confident to develop or manage a larger scale residency project. The aim of the grant is to support an organisation to explore the introduction of arts practice to the youth service.

Potential activities could include: testing an idea or concept, hosting introductory sessions, facilitating exploratory meetings between artist, young people and the youth service; or connecting the group to a local arts centre, cultural venue, etc. for a performance, workshop, or exhibition (with a view to facilitating further partnership).

ARTIST AND YOUTH WORK FULL RESIDENCY GRANT €5,000

The Artist and Youth Work Full Residency Grant aims to promote innovative partnerships between youth groups, artists and (where relevant) arts organisations; to support the development of youth arts practice in youth work and support young people's access to quality youth arts experiences. A residency may take the form of an artist in residence in a youth work setting and/or a youth group in residence in an arts setting.

This grant is intended to support residency programmes that have been jointly developed by the partners involved (i.e., the artist, youth group and any other key partner organisation), that

offer meaningful creative experiences where young people are at the heart of decision-making and that fully meet the criteria for the award.

How to Apply

[Download the application form and guidelines here.](#)

Deadline: 23 Feb 2024 (opening) / 29 Mar 2024 (closing)

[back to top ↑](#)

Christian Brothers Edmund Rice Trust Fund

To mark the beatification of their founder in 1996, the Christian Brothers in Ireland established a Trust Fund to respond, in the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice, to the challenges facing Christianity in the modern world. The fund is managed by a Board of Trustees in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust. The Trust is a registered charity.

The annual income from the fund is available to promote the objectives of the Trust. These objectives include helping individuals and groups in the pursuit of projects which are in accordance with the objectives of the Trust and which are deemed worthy by the Trustees.

Among the projects it may assist are:

- The alleviation of poverty
- The training of teachers, parents, youth leaders or others engaged in the provision of education, leadership or development
- Research into educational disadvantage, school effectiveness, youth leadership and religious development of young people
- Educational facilities

APPLICATIONS

Applications are invited each year between January 1st and February 28th. Applications received after the closing date of February 28th are not considered.

Applications must be presented on the official application form available from the Secretary at the address below.

Applicants are requested to give serious consideration to the enclosed Rules Governing Funding, giving special attention to Rules 9,10 and 11.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

The Trustees meet in May each year to review applications received by the Trust. The applicants are advised of the Trustees decision in June. Successful applicants will receive funding in September and the funds received are to be applied from that September to June of the following year. Exceptions may be approved when circumstances are deemed deserving.

REPORTS

An Annual Report form, available from the Trust, should be completed and submitted to the Trustees for their information in June each year for funding received in the previous year

As part of this report, a detailed breakdown of how the funding was used should include the different items of expenditure, together with invoices and receipts, the total expenditure, and the balance in hand.

RULES GOVERNING FUNDING

- Projects must be deemed by the Trustees to conform fully to the objectives of the Trust.
- The Trust has strict a policy whereby it will only provide funding to groups/organisations with a child and vulnerable adult safeguarding policy. The Trust will not consider applications from any group/organisation which does not have such a policy in place.
- The decision of the Trustees, regarding funding for any project, shall be final.
- Funding from the Trust will be made available in the form of a donation which does not have to be repaid. However, if for any reason, after receipt of funding from the Trust, the implementation of the project becomes impossible, the Trustees shall be made aware of this immediately and they may require the return of whatever portion of the donation to the project that remains unexpended.
- Any change in the details of the project, as submitted to the Trustees, must be made known to them immediately.
- The Trustees must be informed immediately if funds, other than those already specified in the original application, later become available to finance the complete project or any section of it. This may have implications for ongoing funding.
- The exact amount of funding received from the Trust must be acknowledged immediately to the Trustees. Where foreign exchange is involved, the acknowledgement must state (1) the exact amount received, in the currency in which it is received and (2) the equivalent in the local currency.
- A payment schedule will be decided by the Trustees.
- The Trustees require annual reports in June each year for funding received in the previous year. Failure to submit year end reports will impact the consideration of future funding applications.

- The financial section of the year-end report should detail the financial aspects of the project, including all income and expenditure. All project-related records and documents, including receipts for expenditure, invoices, vouchers and bank statements, must be retained for a minimum period of seven years, in accordance with standard accounting practice
- The Trustees have the right, at their discretion, to nominate a representative to visit the project in order to check progress and/or substantiate financial reports and records.
- If applicants do not object, the Trustees may use information relating to the project in any statements by them concerning the operation of the Trust.

How to Apply

Contact the funder directly here: cbert@edmundrice.eu.

Download the application form [here](#).

Deadline: 28 Feb 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

European Social Fund + Programme

The European Social Fund + (ESF) aims to support Member States and regions to improve employment and education opportunities, to enhance social inclusion and to tackle poverty.

ESF+ is a combination of four funds that were separate in the 2014-2020 programming period: the European Social Fund (ESF), the Fund for European Aid to the most Deprived (FEAD), the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and the European Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI).

Aims & Objectives

The European Social Fund + (ESF) aims to achieve:

- high employment levels
- fair social protection
- the eradication of poverty
- a skilled and resilient workforce
- equal opportunities
- equal access to the labour market
- fair and quality working conditions
- social protection and inclusion

ESF+ has a particular focus on:

- quality and inclusive education and training
- lifelong learning
- investment in children and young people
- access to basic services
- In all its investments, the ESF+ promotes its overall priorities of gender equality, respect for fundamental rights, equal opportunities and non-discrimination.

What does it support?

ESF+ co-funds local, regional and national employment-related projects and its funding will focus on the following priorities:

- Social Inclusion
- Active inclusion
- Socio-economic integration of third-country nationals
- Socio-economic integration of marginalised communities, such as Roma people
- Equal access to quality services and modernising social protection systems
- Social integration of people at risk of poverty and social exclusion
- Addressing material deprivation
- Education and Skills
- Better education and training systems at all levels
- Equal access to quality education and training
- Upskilling, reskilling and lifelong learning for all
- Employment
- Access to quality employment for all, including youth employment
- Modernising labour market institutions and services
- Gender-balanced labour market participation
- Adaptation of workers, enterprises and entrepreneurs to change

Who can apply?

Civil society organisations, public authorities or bodies, social security institutions and employment services, as well as microfinance institutions and institutions providing finance to social enterprises or other social investment actors.

Why the EU funds employment and social inclusion

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [Human rights, justice and equality](#).

Budget

€99 billion over 7 years.

ESF+ is a co-financed programme, meaning that EU funding must be matched by a set percentage of national funding.

Project Examples

[Funded projects in Ireland](#)

How to Apply

Learn more here: <https://eufunds.ie/european-social-fund/operational-programmes/esf-2021...>

Current calls details below:

ESF+ - Social Innovations for Upskilling of Vulnerable Youth, Especially Young People not in Employment, Education, or Training (NEETs)

Funding available: 9 000 000 EUR

Learn more: <https://www.accesseurope.ie/open-funds/esf-social-innovations-for-upskilling-of-vulnerable-youth-especially-young-people-not-in-employment-education-or-training-neets>

Deadline: 29 February 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

Kildare Local Grants

1. Community Climate Action Programme

The Community Climate Action Programme is currently open for applications from community groups in County Kildare. 100% grant funding is available to support the people of Kildare to build low carbon communities. Submit your applications through the [submit portal](#) before the deadline of 5pm Wednesday 6th March 2024. Community groups are encouraged to apply to the grant under the 5 following themes: community energy, travel, food, shopping & recycling and local climate and environmental action.

Some examples of eligible projects include retrofitting community buildings, the installation of solar panels, planting, rewilding, mini forests, improving active travel, projects that reduce single use plastic and water harvesting.

Funding is available for projects that range from small, medium and large scale.

1. 10% of the fund is allocated for small projects <€20,000.
2. 40% of the fund is allocated for medium scale projects between €21,000 and €50,000.
3. 50% of the fund is allocated for large projects between €51,000 and €100,000.

Please contact Community Climate Action Officer Victoria Kavanagh on 0874759946 or email vkavanagh@kildarecoco.ie for more information.

2. Community, Festival and Residents Association grants scheme

Kildare County Council are currently inviting applications for funding under its Community, Festival and Residents Association grants scheme.

Community and festival grants schemes are designed to provide financial assistance to voluntary community groups engaged in the planning, organisation and roll-out of activities, events or projects which encourage local community participation and development in County Kildare.

For residents' associations, the grants represent a contribution towards open space annual maintenance costs.

Full details can be found [here](#)

3. The Local Enhancement Programme

The Local Enhancement Programme 2024 funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development is now open for applications in Kildare. Please see the following link to the press release announcing the Local Enhancement Programme 2024 at national level, by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD: [\[Press release\]](#)

Kildare County Council through Kildare Local Community Development Committee has €198,071 to be awarded to community groups and organisations in Kildare allocated as follows:

€163,322 capital funding to use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment, etc. The minimum application amount is €1,000 and the maximum application amount is €10,000.

€34,749 capital funding for Women's Groups. There is a separate application form for Women's Groups. They can apply for funding under both application processes.

How to Apply

Deadline: 29 Feb 2024 @ 5pm

Please click on the relevant link below to commence your application.

[Community Groups/Organisations - Capital projects/equipment](#)

[Women's Groups - Capital projects/equipment](#)

[back to top ↑](#)

Mohamed bin Zayed - Species Conservation Fund

The Fund will consider grants for the conservation of any threatened or poorly known animal, plant or fungus species.

Its focus is global and eligibility for grants will extend to all plant, animal and fungi species conservation efforts, without discrimination on the basis of region or selected species.

The Fund intends to be as flexible and accommodating as possible when reviewing applications, and to take into account as many different factors as is reasonable when assessing the merit of a suggested project. To support this and to try to streamline the application process, the review process is kept comparatively simple.

Grants will be awarded based on their ability to meet criteria pre-determined by the Species Fund, and are for maximum of \$25,000 for each project.

Criteria

Conservation status: The Fund was established to support species conservation work, and so if your project is not about an endangered species it is probably not worth your while submitting an application.

The Fund will use the IUCN Redlist (www.iucnredlist.org) as the primary guide to the conservation status of a given species, although documented variations for sub-species, distinct populations and sub-populations will be taken into account. For those species not assessed through the IUCN Redlist we welcome other methods of assessment and the submission of quantitative data to confirm a species status. Generally the Fund gives priority to those species facing a high threat of extinction (with an emphasis on Endangered and Critically Endangered species), as well as those which are listed as Data Deficient or unlisted but are suspected as highly threatened. Please ensure that the conservation status mentioned in the application is correct and cross-referenced to a website or publication. It might be of use to consult with the relevant IUCN/SSC Specialist Group if you are in doubt or would like some guidance.

Please note that applications with clearly incorrect conservation status and no justification will NOT be considered for funding.

Content: Text provided in an application should be kept concise and clear, with clearly stated quantitative goals, aims and methods. When writing an application, please bear in mind that there is only so much text which the Advisory Board and the Fund's board of directors are

capable of reading. Priority will be given to those projects that support the professional development of young conservationists.

In situ conservation: Generally, the Fund is primarily interested in providing support to in situ conservation work in the field (such as survey work and data gathering, direct action, recovery management, training and the like), focusing on the species in its natural habitat. However, the importance of ex situ work (genetic analysis, workshops, ex situ populations etc) is also recognised, and so a few grants may be given to projects which focus on ex situ conservation work in certain circumstances.

Core costs: The Fund will not contribute to the core running costs of an organisation or administrative overheads, and yet does recognise that sometimes support salaries, stipends, per diems and project related living costs can be a vital part of in situ conservation work.

Species: Generally, the Fund would prefer to support projects which focus on a single species, but it also recognises that in some geographic and taxonomic circumstances it makes more sense to group a number of species.

Grants for continuation: The Fund is happy to provide continuation support for a project which had previously been supported, which is now completed and for which the Fund has received all required reporting by the time of the respective submission deadline.

External review: In some cases, the Advisory Board and/or the Fund's board of directors may ask for an application to be passed on for additional review, which may add to the response time.

How to Apply

[Visit the Fund website](#) to learn more before submitting an online application.

Deadline: 29 Feb 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

Citizenship, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) is the EU's funding programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values. It replaces both Europe for Citizens and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme.

Aims & Objectives

The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme's aims are to:

- protect and promote Union rights and values
- promote rights, non-discrimination, equality, including gender equality
- promote citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union and exchanges between citizens of different Member States
- raise awareness of the common European history

What does it support?

CERV funds actions:

- promoting non-discrimination and gender equality, the rights of the child, European remembrance and citizens' engagement, as well as combat racism and gender-based violence
- strengthening the protection and promotion of the rule of law and democratic dialogue, transparency and good governance
- supporting, empowering and building the capacity of civil society organisations active in the promotion of values and rights, at local, regional, national and transnational level.

Specific activities funded include:

- training activities, workshops, conferences
- mutual learning and cooperation, capacity building
- town twinning
- media campaigns, awareness raising and dissemination activities

Eligibility

Who can apply?

Civil society organisations as well as public authorities, European-level networks and think tanks.

EU Policy

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [European citizenship and values](#).

Budget

€1,56 billion over 7 years

Project Examples

[Examples of successful projects from Ireland](#)

National Contact Point in Ireland

Not yet decided, information will follow soon.

Assistance is also available via www.accesseurope.ie.

How to Apply

Find open calls for [CERV](#), or see direct links below:

CERV - Proposals to promote gender equality

Funding available: The available call budget is EUR 10 100 000

Partners required: Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 2 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities).

Full details here: <https://www.accesseurope.ie/open-funds/cerv-proposals-to-promote-gender-equality>

Deadline: 29 Feb 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

World Habitat Awards

The World Habitat Awards competition has been run by World Habitat in partnership with UN-Habitat since 1985. In that time some of the world's most remarkable and innovative housing projects have received international recognition for their work. This year we will be presenting Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards to the most outstanding projects and programmes.

The two GOLD Award-winning projects receive:

- a trophy in recognition of their work to develop and deliver good practice in housing;
- prize money of £10,000;
- follow-up support from World Habitat through our [exChange](#) programme; and
- entry to the [World Habitat Awards Network](#), along with the Silver and Bronze winners.

Eligibility

We want to hear about projects from around the world that:

- focus on affordable and adequate housing;
- have taken action to address the climate emergency;
- are in progress or have been completed in the last ten years;
- are taking steps to promote diversity, equality and inclusion; and
- have been designed and/ or delivered in close collaboration with the residents/ local community.

Please note that projects at design/ prototype/ planning stage or completed over ten years ago will not be considered. We do not fund projects.

How to Apply

If you have any questions, please message us at wha@world-habitat.org.

Read the full guidelines and apply online at the [Awards website](#).

Deadline: 3 Mar 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

The Arts Council - Artist in the Community Scheme

Are you an artist working collaboratively with a community? Are you an artist or community group with an interest in working on a collaborative, socially engaged project?

The Arts Council's Artist in the Community (AIC) Scheme, managed by Create, offers awards to enable artists and communities of place and/or interest to work together on projects. The AIC Scheme also offers an annual bursary, as well as residencies and a summer school. The AIC scheme is open to artists from any of the following artform disciplines: architecture, circus, street art and spectacle, dance, film, literature (Irish and English language), music, opera, theatre, visual arts and traditional arts.

The aim of the AIC scheme is to encourage meaningful collaboration between communities of place and/or interest and artists. Create defines community in the broadest sense of the word, however for the AIC Scheme the artist or artists must be collaborating with a community of non-arts professionals. Create defines collaborative arts as artists and communities working closely together, often over extended periods of time, to make art.

Applying for the AIC Scheme

In advance of the closing date, application packs are available linked on the Create website in both English and Irish. The forms will not be available past the closing date. Please choose which award you wish to apply for, and follow the instructions found on that page.

Information Sessions

We recommend that you attend an information session if you are thinking of applying to the AIC Scheme. Find out more about upcoming info sessions, which feature Create staff and previous AIC Scheme recipients, [on Create's events page](#).

How can Create support you?

Create and The Arts Council aim to make the application process accessible to all. We have increased supports to remove barriers for artist applicants to Artist in the Community awards. These additional supports may include: translation from other languages, Irish Sign Language (ISL) interpretation for advisory sessions, or transcription of audio and video files. To find out more please contact Create at least 3 weeks in advance of the closing date. Email us at info@createireland.ie or call us on (01) 473 6600. If you feel your needs are not outlined here please contact us and we will do our best to support you.

If you have a technical query about using the online application form, email [info\[at\]create-ireland.ie](mailto:info@create-ireland.ie) in advance of the deadline.

Advisory Session

If you would like to book a 1:1 advisory session call Create on (01) 473 6600 or email [info\[at\]create-ireland.ie](mailto:info@create-ireland.ie) or use the following button to go to our online Inquiries form:

How to Apply

[Further details available here.](#)

Deadline: 25 Mar 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

EPA Event Support Grants

The Environmental Protection Agency provides funding to support science, technology, research and innovation projects through grant-aid to third level institutions, state agencies, government departments, local and regional authorities, the private sector and individuals.

The EPA Research Programme will consider applications for the financial support of small workshops, seminars, and other events which showcase current Irish research by the organisers and EPA funded groups. Applications must meet the following criteria:

- The amount of funding per event will not exceed €3,000.
- Funding is not provided for large-scale events, conferences, symposiums, festivals etc.
- Funding is only provided for events with a clear relevance to Irish environmental research priorities and on the condition that the events are run on a not-for-profit basis.
- The event should target other researchers working in the area and the expected end-users of the research (e.g. local authorities, EPA, government departments, industry, academia, etc).

How to Apply

Applications should be made online via the EPA's Grant Management and Application Portal.

Funding is available as a rolling call with four submission deadlines each year (31st December; 31st March; 30th June; 30th September).

Applications for events taking place within the first 28 days of a call period must be submitted prior to the closure of the penultimate call period (i.e. an application for an event taking place between 1st and 28th January must be submitted by the deadline of 30th September).

A response shall be communicated to applicants within one month of the call deadline date.

Requests for funding should be made using the appropriate application form using the following headings:

- Background and Work Programme (20 marks)
- Relevance to Environmental Research in Ireland (30 marks)
- Expected outputs and benefits (30 marks)

- Environmental Policy (20 marks)

Applications will be judged competitively against others received in the period using these criteria and regarding the need to balance funding across institutions and thematic areas.

[Full details are available on the EPA website.](#)

Deadline: 31 Mar 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

EYF Grants - Annual Work Plan Grant

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities. Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

An annual workplan is a project that includes a set of successive activities over a period of one year, interconnected and which contribute to the same broader aim. Within the strategic approach or global action plan of an organisation (what the organisation would like to achieve in the year(s) to come), you are asked to identify a coherent set of activities/elements to be submitted to the EYF. It should be in line with what you do and want to achieve, but it should also be in line with the work, priorities and [principles of the youth sector of the Council of Europe](#).

Each activity/element should contribute to the aim of the work plan and the accomplishments of the work plan as a whole should contribute to the global purpose of the organisation. The work plan does not need to reflect the whole strategy of your NGO; it can be one element of it only.

The different activities of a work plan have to contribute to achieve the objective of the work plan as a whole and have to be interconnected.

It is useful to look at the "flow" of the various actions chronologically: individual activities are linked to each other, feed off and feed into each other (content-wise, through the participants and/or multipliers, towards one common result).

Material production or preparatory meetings should not be included as separate activities. They should be included in the activities they are contributing to.

The maximum grant allocated is €60 000. The grant awarded for an annual work plan is paid in three instalments: 60% when the signed contract is sent to the EYF by post and the conditions in the contract (if any) are met, 25% upon receipt of the interim report and the remaining 15% upon receipt of a satisfactory activity and financial report.

The following criteria are a requirement for annual work plans:

- Composed by several activities (international/other); at least one international activity;

- Clear flow/link between activities: interconnected;
- Each individual activity contributes to the overall objectives of the work plan;
- Link with priorities, missions and vision of the CoE youth sector;
- At least one third of co-funding for international activities;
- A gender perspective is taken into account throughout the whole process.
- Importance is also given to a non-formal education approach in your projects.

Until now, four working days were considered as a minimum duration for an international activity based on the principles of non-formal education/learning. However, in order to adapt to NGOs' needs, the EYF will no longer consider this duration as a hard criterion. Nevertheless, the EYF will continue to assess grant applications on the basis of their merit and the quality of the programme provided. NGOs applying for activities lasting less than four days will have to convince the EYF that the activity is based on a non-formal education approach.

Activities Funded

International activities

A work plan cannot be a set of very small activities or material production only. A work plan needs to have a "European dimension" and this means it should still contain international activities (at least one).

Remember the criteria of international activities (see [link](#)): 4 nationalities represented in the team, a gender and geographical balance among participants (minimum of 7 nationalities).

You should find co-funding for the international activities. The EYF will not be able to cover more than two-thirds of the total cost of the international activities calculated together (i.e. the two-third rule will not apply to each separate international activity).

Other activities

"Other activities" can be included such as campaigns, study visits, series of workshops, "mobile" activities (activities which involve travel).

Preparatory meetings, research, needs analysis should be linked to an activity in the work plan, not an activity in itself. Material production should be the "result of" or part of the "follow up of" an activity and not an activity standing on its own.

Statutory or internal meetings (e.g. Board meetings, General Assemblies) cannot be included as separate activities in a work plan. These are covered by an EYF [structural grant](#). If a statutory meeting takes place in conjunction with an activity supported by the EYF (e.g. a Board meeting directly after an international activity), this has to be clearly explained and the relevant costs must be separated.

Who can apply?

[International youth NGOs;](#)

[International networks of youth NGOs.](#)

How to Apply

Non-governmental youth organisations must be registered before being able to submit an application.

For further criteria and registration, [please visit the EYF website](#).

Deadline: 1 Apr 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

EYF Grants - International Activity Grant

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities. Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

International activities are international meetings of young people or youth leaders in Europe which contribute to the work of the youth sector of the Council of Europe in topic, methodology and with a clear European dimension.

The following hard criteria are a requirement for an international activity:

- Must fall under the [priorities of the youth sector of the Council of Europe](#);
- Participants must come from at least 7 Council of Europe's member states*;
- The activity must have a core project team where people of at least 4 nationalities are represented (this includes the trainers, facilitators, project coordinator, etc.);
- 75 % of participants are under 30 years old;
- A gender and geographical balance must be ensured;
- In the planning and running of the international activity, the grantee organisation puts in place measures to ensure gender equality and inclusive practices;
- the activity responds to the needs of young people and participants are at the centre of the activity, with non-formal educational approaches included;
- the activity does not need to have a fixed duration; however, the EYF has considered in the past that 4 working days is a minimal duration to ensure a suitable educational and intercultural process. Organisations applying for shorter activities will need to explain their choice;
- the international activity must take place in the year for which the organisation applied for (the next year in comparison to the deadline). The applicant organisation must include in its application all the project duration, including the preparation, international meeting, follow-up activities, if any, and evaluation. The project duration is the period in which the project costs incur. The project duration must be within one calendar year.

- Statutory or internal meetings (e.g. Board meetings, General Assemblies) cannot be supported as a one-off international activity. These are covered by an EYF [structural grant](#). If a statutory meeting takes place in conjunction with an international activity supported by the EYF (e.g. a Board meeting directly after the activity), this has to be clearly explained and the relevant costs must be separated.

The maximum grant allocated is €25 000. The EYF will cover up to two-thirds of the total real costs of the activity. NGOs need to find additional resources to cover the remaining one-third. The EYF will normally request the payment of the first instalment of the grant – 80% of the grant awarded – 10 weeks before the start of your activity. However it can take up to 3 weeks until the money arrives on your bank account. The remaining 20% will be paid upon receipt of a complete activity and financial report (check the [Reporting](#) page).

Who can apply?

[International non-governmental youth organisations](#) can apply on their own;

[International networks of youth NGOs](#) can apply on their own;

[Regional networks of youth NGOs](#) can apply on their own;

[National non-governmental youth organisations](#) can apply if the activity is prepared in partnership with at least 3 other national NGOs or networks from different countries or with at least 1 international NGO or network.

How to Apply

Non-governmental youth organisations must be registered before being able to submit an application.

For further criteria and registration, [please visit the EYF website](#).

Deadline: 1 Apr 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

Culture Ireland Grants

Culture Ireland promotes Irish arts worldwide. We create and support opportunities for Irish artists and companies to present and promote their work at strategic international festivals and venues.

Purpose of Awards

Culture Ireland offers support to Irish professional artists, arts organisations and international presenters to present work by Irish artists at significant international venues and festivals.

In supporting an event, Culture Ireland offers grant funding towards costs which relate directly to the international presentation of the event, i.e. travel and travel related costs such as transport, accommodation and subsistence.

Culture Ireland considers applications for all forms of the arts as defined in the Arts Act 2003: “arts means any creative or interpretative expression (whether traditional or contemporary) in whatever form, and includes, in particular, visual arts, theatre, literature, music, dance, opera, film, circus and architecture, and includes any medium when used for those purposes”.

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

- Application must be in respect of a Irish professional artist/s or arts organisation
- Application must be in respect of an art form defined under the Arts Act 2003
- Only international events are supported (i.e., outside the island of Ireland)
- The event must be accessible to an open public audience and fees must be payable to the artist/s or arts organisation
- Funding support is limited to travel and travel related costs
- Grants are only payable to the person/organisation named on the initial application

Applications deemed eligible are assessed in line with the following criteria:

- Artistic quality of work and track record of artist/s or arts organisation
- Financial and operational viability of the event (including fees and level of support from presenter/venue/other partners)
- Profile of international venue/festival

- Proven capacity of applicant, artist/s or arts organisation to present work internationally
- Wider promotional and media impact

What does Culture Ireland mean by artistic quality? Artistic quality can be defined as work that is ambitious, excellent and original, connects to audiences and has been presented nationally to critical acclaim. It should be noted that the assessment of the artistic quality of the proposed work is made using knowledge, experience and specialist advice.

Examples of eligible applications include:

- Theatre, circus and dance performances by professional companies
- Film-makers presenting films at key international film festivals
- Performances by professional or professionally-led musicians and ensembles
- Visual artists/galleries exhibiting at internationally recognised art fairs/galleries
- Readings by writers/poets in English or Irish or otherwise at international literary festivals

Please note that because of the competitive nature and context of each grant round, limited funding and a large number of applicants, eligibility and compliance with criteria for assessment alone does not guarantee that you will receive grant funding.

Examples of ineligible applications include:

- Events which have already taken place
- Research, opportunities, study or professional training
- Production Costs
- Residencies
- Bursaries
- Workshops/Conferences
- Amateur events
- Work by non-professional artists

- Events of a competitive nature.

How to Apply

Application forms and further information can be accessed on [the Culture Ireland website](#).

Deadline: 1 Apr 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

The Hospital Saturday Fund Charity

The Hospital Saturday Fund was founded in 1873, at a time when poverty, overcrowding and ill-health were prevalent and little help was available for those needing costly hospital care.

The Hospital Saturday Fund has two grant categories:

1. Standard grants of up to £2,000 or €3,000
2. Large grants to up to £10,000 or €13,500 (please note this is the maximum sum that HSF will grant).

Eligibility

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants to registered medical health charities within the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. The Hospital Saturday Fund will also consider giving grants to individuals within the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

For medically related charities, hospitals, hospices and medical clinics:

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants towards medical capital projects, medical care or research and in support of medical training. The Hospital Saturday Fund will also consider grants for running costs.

For Individuals:

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving partial or full grants to individuals for the following: Specialised mobility equipment, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, car adaptations, medical appliances and aids, hearing aids, nebulisers, specialised vision aids, specialised computer equipment, therapeutic equipment/treatment, orthopaedic beds, mattresses or pillows, riser /recliners chairs, lift hoist/aids.

Physiotherapy, Hydrotherapy, Acupuncture, Speech Therapy, Osteopathy, Chiropractic treatment, Reflexology, Massage Therapy and Aromatherapy. Home adaptations, walk in showers, accessibility adaptations to bathrooms, access ramps, non-slip flooring, stair lifts.

How to Apply

Full guidelines and access to online applications are [available here](#).

Deadline: 3 Apr 2024 (large grants)

[back to top ↑](#)

PwC Ireland Resilient Communities Fund

PwC has launched the PwC Ireland Resilient Communities Fund in collaboration with ChangeX. The PwC fund is designed to empower individuals and teams to spearhead local community projects that promote inclusion, equitable access to opportunities, skills development, and sustainability.

This €100,000 fund is designed to empower individuals and teams across Ireland to spearhead local community projects that promote inclusion, equitable access to opportunities, skills development, and sustainability.

Check out these inspiring ideas that might be of interest in your local community:

[FIRST LEGO League - Explore](#) : FIRST LEGO League is an engaging and educational program designed to introduce young minds to the exciting worlds of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

[Community Fridge](#) The Community Fridge concept revolves around the idea of sharing and supporting those in need. Anyone can contribute or take from the fridge, promoting a sense of community responsibility and solidarity.

[STEAM In A Box](#) STEAM In A Box is an immersive program that centres around educating the next generation of problem solvers, creative thinkers and innovators in the area of science, technology engineering, arts and maths.

How to Apply

Applications to the PwC Ireland Resilient Communities Fund can be made on the [ChangeX PwC Fund page](#).

Deadline: 5 Apr 2024

[back to top ↑](#)

Additional Resources

Nonprofits seeking fundraising advice and guidance can avail of two additional resources:

Fundraising Guidance Library

1. [Fundraising Essentials](#)
2. [Applying to Grant Makers](#)
3. [Fundraising From The Public](#)
4. [European Funding](#)

Fundraising Helpdesk

Can't find an answer to your fundraising question in the above articles? Then get in touch with The Wheel's Fundraising Helpdesk now. Email as much detail as possible to: paul@wheel.ie and we'll get back to you shortly. www.wheel.ie.

[back to top ↑](#)