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

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Culture Ireland Grants

Culture Ireland offers support to Irish artists, arts organisations and international presenters to present work by Irish artists at significant international venues and festivals. Proposals are considered for events (e.g. performances, exhibitions or readings) the full costs of which cannot be met by the artist, company or international presenter.

To be eligible for funding the primary purpose of the proposed international visit must be to present the work of Irish artists to a wide audience through performance or exhibition.

The applicant must demonstrate how the event will meet the criteria set out below. Decisions on applications for funding will be based on the extent to which they meet these criteria. Given the level of demand for Culture Ireland support, it will not be possible to fund all eligible applications, or to fund all applications for the full amount sought.

Eligibility

An application may be made by the Irish organisation/artist or the international presenter/venue/festival.

Eligible Costs

In supporting an event, Culture Ireland will typically offer funding towards the costs of travel/transport and sometimes also accommodation/subsistence, i.e. costs which relate directly to the international presentation of the event. Culture Ireland does not fund fees, production costs, publicity or copyright/royalties.

How to Apply

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

Deadline: 15 June 2017

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 is a registered Charity whose aims are to provide assistance through its charitable funds for:

- individuals with a medical condition or disability who would benefit from assistance with the purchase of specialised equipment or from practical forms of treatment
- registered health charities such as hospitals, hospices, medical organisations who are in need of grants for medical projects, care, research or support of medical training.

How to Apply

[Visit the Fund website here.](#)

Deadline: 19 June 2017 (large grants - up to €13,500) & 17 July 2017 (standard grants - up to €2,700)

EPA - Event Support Grants

The EPA research programme has allocated budget to provide funding to support workshops, seminars and other events.

Normally the amount of funding per event will not exceed €3,000.

Funding is provided only 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 showcase current national research by the organisers and EPA funded-groups, and also could include an international keynote speaker.

In terms of audience/participants, the event should target other researchers working in the area and the expected end-users of the research (e.g. Local Authorities, EPA, DECLG, Industry).

How to Apply

Applications should be made online via SmartSimple, the EPA's grant application and project management portal. [Learn more here.](#)

Deadline: 30 Jun 2017

International Charity Bazaar Grants

The International Charity Bazaar is an Irish Charity run by The Diplomatic Community in Dublin and Irish Friends. Our mission is three-fold:

1. Fundraising for Irish charities
2. Promoting multi-cultural awareness in Ireland
3. Promoting community support and co-operation.

Each year International Charity Bazaar undertakes various initiatives aimed at raising funds for nominated charities and promoting cultural heritage of other countries.

How to Apply

Programme expected to launch in July (exact date tbc).

[Visit the website](#) for full details in July.

Deadline: TBC

Coca-Cola Thank You Fund

Set up in 2011 to mark Coke's 125th anniversary, the Thank You Fund has already awarded €755,000 to 56 non-profit organisations in the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland.

Over the years, the Coca-Cola Thank You Fund has supported many projects. These have included community, social and education programmes aimed at youth, promoting healthy and active lifestyles, as well as environmental leadership.

Grants of €5,000, €10,000 and €30,000 will be given to groups fitting this bill that emerge successful from an initial shortlist selection process and subsequent pitch to a panel of expert judges.

Eligibility

The Thank You Fund is currently looking for projects from non-profit organisations with new ideas. The big theme this year is – ‘Working with communities in Ireland and Northern Ireland to inspire and support young people.’

Within this theme, the Fund is seeking applications which fall under one or more of the following three categories:

- Bridging the divide between education and the workplace
- Fostering diversity and inclusion among young people
- Empowering young people aged 12 to 25 to become the leaders of the future.

How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 14 July 2017

DM Thomas Foundation for Young People Grants

Previously known as the Hilton in the Community Foundation, the DM Thomas Foundation for Young People (DMTFYP) is able to reach directly into communities and offer help where it is needed, as a funder to smaller charities and organisations that may be otherwise overlooked. We run a number of campaigns which seek to support young people.

The Foundation has a rigorous grant process which aims to identify the most effective projects helping disadvantaged young people in the UK and Ireland. Applications from registered charities in the UK and Ireland are first assessed by the Foundation office, with a shortlist of approximately 20 of the strongest and regionally representative applications put forward for consideration by our Grants Committee.

The Grants Committee comprises independent members and members nominated by the Foundation's business partners and meets quarterly to discuss the applications. There is approximately £200,000 available to distribute each quarter.

Eligibility

Applications working in the areas of education or health with one of our four chosen focus groups are selected or considered:

- Children and young people with disabilities
- Children and young people who are sick in hospital
- Employability and training programmes for disadvantaged young people
- Children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care).

If favoured, grant applications for up to £5,000 (or euro equivalent) can be approved by the Director, up to £10,000 can be approved by the Grants Committee, and applications for more than £10,000 are recommended to the Trustees for final approval. The Foundation is a small charity and generally will not make awards of over £30,000 (per year). Funding can be requested for up to 2 years for any particular project.

Reapplications are welcome, however unsuccessful applicants are asked not to reapply for at least 12 months from the date of their rejection letter. Successful applicants are asked to wait five years before reapplying.

The Foundation receives thousands of telephone and email enquiries and hundreds of completed applications each year, making the grant award process highly competitive. To help us to help you, please read our application guidelines and restrictions carefully. Unfortunately, with a limited grant fund we are unable to respond favourably to all requests, however worthy. We provide specific feedback on grant rejections where guidance and improvements can be made however due to the volume we are unable to provide specific feedback to first round rejections given the competitive nature of the process.

Sample Grants Made to Irish Organisations

- Irish Autism Action - multiple grants
- Barretstown - £40,000.
- Debra Ireland - £10,000.

How to Apply

[Visit the Foundation website now](#) for application forms and full guidelines.

Deadline: 25 July 2017

Ireland Wales 2014-2020 European Territorial Co-operation (ETC) programme

The programme is one of a family of ETC programmes which provide opportunities for regions in the EU to work together to address common economic, environmental and social challenges.

The Ireland Wales programme focuses on seeking solutions to shared challenges on both sides of the Irish sea, to improve the economic and sustainable development priorities of Wales and Ireland.

The programme focuses on:

- Cross border innovation
- Adaptation of the Irish Sea and Coastal Communities to Climate Change
- Cultural and Natural Resources and Heritage.

Eligibility

The programme eligibility rules and guidance document helps you understand and apply the rules and conditions when applying for EU funding. It sets out the methods of calculating and declaring eligible costs. It also lists the eligible activities and the location of those activities.

There are 2 stages to applying for funding. These are:

1. The Pre-Planning Stage

If you have an idea for a project involving Welsh and Irish partners, please email us and we'll contact you to discuss your idea: IrelandWalesCrossBorderProgramme@cymru.gsi.gov.uk

We may then invite you to provide further details to help us to identify the suitability of your proposed project for EU funding (i.e. complete an Operation Logic Table (OLT)).

When there is sufficient evidence, the information will be submitted to our Programme Technical Group for a decision. If successful, you will be invited into the Business Planning stage.

Contact: Breda Curran

Ireland Wales Operation's Officer

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2. The Business Planning Stage

It is at this stage that you will start to develop your business plan working closely with your assigned Operations Officer. Your business plan will be formally assessed against the following selection criteria:

Strategic Fit including cross border co-operation

Delivery

- Financial & Compliance
- Management of Operation
- Indicators & Outcomes
- Value for Money
- Long Term Sustainability
- Suitability of Investment
- Cross Cutting Themes

Further information is available in the Stage 2 business planning guidance and an overview of the process in the Implementation Arrangements document.

WALES IRELAND NETWORKING SCHEME

The Wales Ireland Networking (WIN3) Scheme provides financial support to organisations travelling overseas to meet or seek potential partners. The aim is to increase the formation of new partnerships in Ireland and Wales.

The scheme offers a €250.00 payment towards travel and subsistence costs. While the scheme is primarily aimed at voluntary, charity and community-based organisations, public sector organisations are also eligible to apply. Full details can be found in the rules, eligibility criteria and procedures document.

How to Apply

[Access full guidance and application details here.](#)

Deadline: 31 July 2017

DWF Foundation Grants

The pillars of the DWF Foundation are: Homelessness, Health & Wellbeing, Employability and Education and within these the Foundation has been set up to particularly help with initiatives that develop and improve local communities by:

- Tackling a specific community issue;
- Helping voluntary and community groups become more effective and efficient;
- Encouraging the involvement in the community of those too often excluded; and
- Enabling young people to develop skills for the benefit of the community.
- Funding themes are health and wellbeing, homelessness, education and employability so anything that fits within one of those themes will be considered.

Eligibility

Registered charities (only) are invited to make an application from anywhere on the island of Ireland.

Grant Size

The Foundation does not have a minimum grant size but the majority of our grants will fall under £5,000 (or the Euro equivalent).

How to Apply

[Visit the DWF Foundation website here](#) for full details and to access the online application form.

Deadline: 31 July 2017

U.S. Embassy in Ireland - Grants Program

The U.S. Embassy in Ireland is pleased to announce an open competition for awards through the Mission's Public Diplomacy Small Grants Program. This initiative provides support for projects proposed by Irish non-profit, cultural, educational and civil society organizations that aim to promote mutual understanding and shared values; strengthen U.S.-Ireland ties, and foster people-to-people exchange between the United States and Ireland.

We invite Irish non-profit organizations to submit innovative educational and cultural programming proposals. The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Ireland is particularly interested in projects that engage and empower youth and diverse Irish audiences, safeguard the democratic ideals of freedom of expression and tolerance, strengthen social entrepreneurship, address environmental sustainability, and support people-to-people exchange between Ireland and the United States. All programs must have an American element to be considered for funding. Programming outside of Dublin will be considered favorably.

In deciding which projects to support, the Embassy will give consideration to the full range and diversity of Irish organizations. The Public Affairs Section encourages geographically and demographically diverse audiences in Ireland. Preference will be given to Irish individuals and institutions with a proven track record of executing high quality educational events and programs. New grantees will be generally given priority over previous grantees. Preference will be given to proposals that demonstrate the long-term sustainability of the project and that include some form of cost-sharing with the partner institution(s).

Eligibility

Particular areas of interest for programming include:

- Investing in young leaders and youth initiatives;
- Supporting peace, reconciliation and cross-border dialogue;
- Promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls globally;
- Responding to the challenge of global climate change and sustainable development;
- Promoting tolerance, diversity and multiculturalism; and
- Promoting economic opportunity through social entrepreneurship.

The U.S. Embassy will award multiple grants through the year with a rolling review of proposals. The U.S. Embassy seeks to give as many grants as are feasible. Project proposals in the \$500-3,000 range will be favored. The total number and amount of awards is dependent on funding. Applications that demonstrate cost-sharing will be regarded favorably. Below is a sample list, though not exhaustive, of the types of projects the U.S. Embassy has prioritized in the past:

- Bringing an American artist, social entrepreneur, educator, scientist, or other innovative expert to Ireland for participation in a conference, festival, school function, seminar or training program.
- Funding for a conference, festival, or event fitting within the funding priorities.
- Youth initiative to generate solutions to pressing social challenges.

How to Apply

[Visit the Embassy website](#) for full information and details.

Deadline: 1 August 2017

Additional Resources

Non-profits seeking fundraising advice and guidance can avail of two additional resources:

1. Fundraising Guidance Library

[Help with Fundraising](#): if you're just getting started in fundraising and need to learn the ropes, these resources will help bring you up to speed.

[Applying to Grant Makers](#): a wealth of practical guidance on how to make effective and successful funding applications.

[Fundraising From The Public](#): tips and ideas on how to run successful fundraising events, develop a fundraising pack and much more.

[Trading Goods and Services](#): advice on the nitty gritty of donations, loans, direct debits and other advanced fundraising issues.

2. 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