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Make Ireland Sustainable for All - Small Grants Programme

Make Ireland Sustainable for All would like to invite organisations to apply for its small grant programme to support actions and initiatives on the Sustainable Development Goals in Ireland.

Grants are available up to a maximum of €1000 for:

- Local grass-root organizations/entities
- Local members of national CSOs operating at the local level
- Local citizens groups, including student groups, clubs, civic initiative groups.

The objective of this call is to raise awareness on the SDGs at local level and to engage local groups to mobilise actors and authorities in commitments and practical actions for the implementation of the SDGs.

The theme for the call is 'Fighting Inequalities'. This covers economic, environmental and social inequalities within and between countries. Applicants are encouraged to address this theme in their proposal.

How to Apply

To request an Application Pack and more details, please email info@sdgsforall.ie

Submissions to be sent to info@sdgsforall.ie

<http://makeeuropesustainableforall.org/get-a-grant/#lot1>

Deadline: 6 May 2018

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.

Central Grants – structure and approval process

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 are received for quarterly deadlines from registered charities 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 three chosen focus groups are selected or considered:

- Children and young people with disabilities
- Children and young people who are sick in hospital
- Children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care)

If favoured, grant applications for up to £5,000 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 three 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.

<https://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/dmtf-central-grants/>

Deadline: 8 May 2018

Irish Youth Foundation - Applegreen Blossom Fund

Do You Require Funding For A Children's Health And Wellbeing Group In Your Local Community?

Applegreen in partnership with the Irish Youth Foundation is providing €124,000 to fund not-for-profit, voluntary and charitable organisations supporting children aged 4-12 living in disadvantaged circumstances.

The goal of the Applegreen Blossom Fund is to support projects and programmes which focus on the health and wellbeing of children. We want to celebrate and assist projects that promote either positive physical or mental health, healthy eating or other innovative ways of supporting children under this theme.

Eligibility

The organisation must be a:

Charitable organisation with a registered charity number working within a community

or

Not-for-profit organisation with a bank account and constitution.

The fund is open to organisations working with children aged 4-12 living in disadvantaged circumstances in the ROI

The fund will be for grants of €2,000

There will be a regional spread of grants supporting projects across ROI with a focus on areas where Applegreen has a presence

Special consideration will be given to innovative or new programmes but the fund is also open to existing programmes with proven impact

Activities using the fund must be based in ROI

The organisation must be in operation for at least 12 months

Schools may not apply for the funding

Applicants for the fund must be over the age of 18 and have consent to make the application by their project director or board

The fund does not cover salary costs of an organisation but does fund programme facilitation/expertise costs if this expertise is required to deliver the programme.

None of the data collected from these applications will be shared by Irish Youth Foundation or Applegreen for use outside this grant application. If the applicant wants to be updated about further grant applications from the Irish Youth Foundation they may tick the relevant box in the online form

The organisation can provide a copy of their audited accounts/end of year accounts if requested

The organisation can provide a reference if requested.

How to Apply

The fund opens for application on the 16 April 2018 and closes on the 9 May 2018 at 6pm.

Learn more via the web link below, or email applegreenblossomfund@gmail.com for further information.

<https://iyf.ie/applegreenblossomfund/>

Deadline: 9 May 2018

Irish Aid - WorldWise Global Schools Programme

The WorldWise Global Schools (WWGS) Annual Grant Call, to support DE initiatives in Irish post-primary settings during the 2018/19 academic year, is now open.

Applications are invited from eligible organisations: schools, school clusters, NGOs and education networks.

How to Apply

To register your interest and to receive more information please visit:

<http://www.worldwiseschools.ie/grants/>

For more information or to register your interest please email:

laura.cahill@worldwiseschools.ie

Deadline: 9 May 2018

BAI - Sound & Vision 3

Sound & Vision 3 is a programming support scheme operated by the BAI and funded through the television licence fee. The Scheme was developed to operate for a period of five years, (2015- 2019) and as such includes enhanced flexibility for the BAI to respond dynamically to challenges being faced by broadcasters and content producers who access support through this Scheme.

About the scheme:

- The Scheme is financed from the Broadcast Fund which comprises 7% of the annual net receipts from television license fees.
- The BAI has been assigned the responsibility of administering this fund.
- The BAI Archiving Scheme is also financed from the Broadcast Fund.
- The BAI will generally allocate funding using a funding rounds system.
- For each round, the BAI determines the closing time and date; the types of applications that can be submitted and the amount of funding available.

Objectives of Sound & Vision 3

The objectives of Sound & Vision 3, as outlined in Section 155 of the Act, are as follows:

- Develop high quality programmes based on Irish culture, heritage and experience;
- Develop these programmes in the Irish language;
- Increase the availability of programmes referred to above to audiences in the State;
- Represent the diversity of Irish culture and heritage;
- Record oral Irish heritage and aspects of Irish heritage which are disappearing, under threat, or have not been previously recorded, and;
- Develop local and community broadcasting.

To achieve these objectives, the Scheme offers grant funding to new television and radio programmes which deal with the themes of:

- Irish culture, heritage and experience;
- Improving adult or media literacy;
- Raising public awareness and understanding of global issues impacting on the State and countries other than the State; and/or
- Any of the above in the Irish language.

How to Apply

Visit the BAI website to download the full guidelines and application details.

<http://www.bai.ie/en/broadcasting/funding-development-3/sound-vision-3/>

Deadline: 10 May 2018

Erasmus+ Programme: 2014 - 2020

Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport for the years 2014 to 2020. It provides funding and support for organisations to operate projects consistent with its objectives and which encourage European exchange, co-operation and learning. Erasmus+ is funded by the European Union through the contributions of member states, including Ireland. Funding of almost €170 million has been allocated to Ireland for the duration of the programme.

Erasmus+ funding is available to all sectors (or fields) of formal, informal and non-formal education. Structurally, Erasmus+ is divided into three 'Key Actions' describing the kind of project activities possible.

Programme Objectives

Erasmus+ aims to modernise and improve the quality of teaching, training and youth work across Europe, and to support the development, transfer and implementation of innovative practices. These objectives are closely tied with the Europe 2020 strategy of achieving a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy by 2020 for all of Europe's citizens. Fundamental goals for Erasmus+ include improving key competences and skills, and fostering partnerships between education and employment. The programme also seeks to promote European values as stated in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union: respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

Eligibility

Erasmus+ is open to private or public organisations active in the fields of adult education, higher education, school education, sport, vocational education and training, and youth and community work, in any participating country. While the programme enables individuals to travel, work, volunteer and study abroad, project applications from individuals themselves are not accepted. However, individuals may apply to attend Transnational Cooperation Activities with the support of their organisations.

Some key actions / proposals are managed directly by the European Commission, while others are managed by the relevant national body (Leargas in the case of Ireland - note: Leargas managed items are in bold below).

Learning mobility of individuals (Key Activity 1)

This Key Action supports:

Mobility of learners and staff: opportunities for students, trainees, young people and volunteers, as well as for professors, teachers, trainers, youth workers, staff of education institutions and civil society organisations to undertake a learning and/or professional experience in another country;

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees: high-level integrated international study programmes delivered by consortia of higher education institutions that award full degree scholarships to the best master students worldwide;

Erasmus+ Master Loans: higher education students from Programme Countries can apply for a loan backed up by the Programme to go abroad for a full Master Degree. Students should address themselves to national banks or student loan agencies participating in the scheme.

Cooperation for innovation and exchange of good practices (Key Activity 2)

This Key Action supports:

Transnational Strategic Partnerships aimed to develop initiatives addressing one or more fields of education training and youth and promote innovation, exchange of experience and know-how between different types of organisations involved in education, training and youth or in other relevant fields. Certain mobility activities are supported in so far as they contribute to the objectives of the project;

Knowledge Alliances between higher education institutions and enterprises which aim to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, creativity, employability, knowledge exchange and/or multidisciplinary teaching and learning;

Sector Skills Alliances supporting the design and delivery of joint vocational training curricula, programmes and teaching and training methodologies, drawing on evidence of trends in a specific economic sector and skills needed in order to perform in one or more professional fields;

Capacity-building projects supporting cooperation with Partner Countries in the fields of higher education and youth. Capacity-building projects aim to support organisations/institutions and systems in their modernisation and internationalisation process. Certain types of capacity-building projects support mobility activities in so far as they contribute to the objectives of the project;

IT support platforms, such as eTwinning, the School Education Gateway, the European Platform for Adult Learning (EPALE) and the European Youth Portal, offering virtual collaboration spaces,

databases of opportunities, communities of practice and other online services for teachers, trainers and practitioners in the field of school and adult education as well as for young people, volunteers and youth workers across Europe and beyond.

Support for policy reform (Key Activity 3)

This Key Action supports:

Knowledge in the fields of education, training and youth for evidence-based policy making and monitoring, in particular:

country-specific and thematic analysis, including through cooperation with academic networks;

peer learning and peer reviews through the Open Methods of Coordination in education, training and youth.

Initiatives for policy innovation to stimulate innovative policy development among stakeholders and to enable public authorities to test the effectiveness of innovative policies through field trials based on sound evaluation methodologies;

Support to European policy tools to facilitate transparency and recognition of skills and qualifications, as well as the transfer of credits, to foster quality assurance, support validation of non-formal and informal learning, skills management and guidance. This Action also includes the support to networks that facilitate cross-European exchanges, the learning and working mobility of citizens as well as the development of flexible learning pathways between different fields of education, training and youth;

Cooperation with international organisations with highly recognised expertise and analytical capacity (such as the OECD and the Council of Europe), to strengthen the impact and added value of policies in the fields of education, training and youth;

Stakeholder dialogue, policy and Programme promotion involving public authorities, providers and stakeholders in the fields of education, training and youth for raising awareness about the European policy agendas, in particular Europe 2020, Education and Training 2020, the European Youth Strategy, as well as the external dimension of European education, training and youth policies. These activities are essential to develop the capacity of stakeholders to actively support the implementation of policies by stimulating the exploitation of the Programme results and generating tangible impact.

Jean Monnet

Jean Monnet activities will support:

Academic Modules, Chairs, Centres of Excellence in order to deepen teaching in European integration studies embodied in an official curriculum of a higher education institution, as well as to conduct, monitor and supervise research on EU content, also for other educational levels such as teacher training and compulsory education. These Actions are also intended to provide in-depth teaching on European integration matters for future professionals in fields which are in increasing demand on the labour market, and at the same time aim at encouraging, advising and mentoring the young generation of teachers and researchers in European integration subject areas;

Policy debate with academic world, supported through: a) Networks to enhance cooperation between different universities throughout Europe and around the world, foster cooperation and create a high knowledge exchange platform with public actors and the Commission services on highly relevant EU subjects; b) Projects for innovation and cross-fertilisation and spread of EU content aimed to promote discussion, reflection on EU issues and to enhance knowledge about the EU and its processes;

Support to associations, to organise and carry out statutory activities of associations dealing with EU studies and EU issues, and to publicize EU facts among a wider public enhancing active European citizenship.

The Jean Monnet Activities also provide operating grants to designated institutions which pursue an aim of European interest and organises Studies and conferences with the purpose of providing policy-makers with new insights and concrete suggestions.

Sport

Actions in the field of sport will support:

Collaborative Partnerships, aimed at promoting the integrity of Sport (anti-doping, fight against match fixing, protection of minors), supporting innovative approaches to implement EU principles on good governance in sport, EU strategies in the area of social inclusion and equal opportunities, encouraging participation in sport and physical activity (supporting the implementation of EU Physical Activity Guidelines, volunteering, employment in sport as well as education and training in sport), and supporting the implementation of the EU guidelines on dual careers of athletes. These partnerships include also Small Collaborative Partnerships, aimed at encouraging social inclusion and equal opportunities in sport, promoting European traditional sports and games, supporting the mobility of volunteers, coaches, managers and

staff of non-profit sport organisations and protecting athletes, especially the youngest, from health and safety hazards by improving training and competition conditions.

Not-for-profit European sport events, granting individual organisations in charge of the preparation, organisation and follow-up to a given event. The activities involved will include the organisation of training activities for athletes and volunteers in the run-up to the event, opening and closing ceremonies, competitions, side-activities to the sporting event (conferences, seminars), as well as the implementation of legacy activities, such as evaluations or follow-up activities;

Strengthening of the evidence base for policy making through studies; data gathering, surveys; networks; conferences and seminars which spread good practices from Programme Countries and sport organisations and reinforce networks at EU level so that national members of those networks benefit from synergies and exchanges with their partners;

Dialogue with relevant European stakeholders, being mainly the annual EU Sport Forum and support to Sport Presidency events organised by the EU Member States holding the Presidency of the EU. Other ad hoc meetings and seminars relevant to ensure optimal dialogue with the sport stakeholders may also be organised as appropriate.

How to Apply

Leargas serves as the Ireland contact for the Erasmus programme. [Learn more here >>](#)

Visit the main Erasmus programme website below:

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en

Deadline: 17 May 2018 (KA109 VET Mobility Charter Accreditation)

Social Innovation Fund Ireland - Youth Education Fund

The Youth Education Fund has been created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Department of Rural and Community Development provides match funding for all philanthropic funds raised by Social Innovation Fund Ireland, via the Dormant Accounts Fund.

Through the Youth Education Fund, we are aiming to improve access to higher and further education for students (up to age 25) affected by disability or disadvantage.

As part of the application requirements, we are asking applicants to demonstrate that they have secured private or philanthropic funding for the duration of this fund. If the applicant is successful, we will match their donation by providing a 50% uplift on their funds, as well as delivering other supports such as training, impact measurement and capacity building.

Education largely determines the opportunities afforded to people throughout their lives. Those who leave education without qualifications are hindered in their ability to find well-paying jobs, and as a result are more at risk of poverty.

We are calling out to innovative projects or programmes in Ireland that:

- Improve the retention of youth learners up to age 25 who are affected by disadvantage or disability at level 1 to 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) or equivalent accredited programmes/courses; and
- Demonstrate movement of learners along the NFQ ladder or equivalent.

WHAT DOES THE YOUTH EDUCATION FUND OFFER?

- 50% uplift on funds raised by applicants (applicants must provide evidence to verify the private funding has been secured)
- Peer to peer networking and knowledge sharing
- Training workshops
- Impact measurement
- A platform for awardees to showcase their work at an awards event

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Successful applicants are asked to provide evidence to verify the private funding they have secured. We require a minimum of €20,000 private funding per year for a minimum period of 2 years for the Youth Fund. A Donor Letter of Commitment should be provided in support of this application outlining the amount of funding and the duration. (Donor Letter of Commitment)

The Youth Education Fund provides a total uplift to the €60,000 of €30,000 making a total fund of €90,000. This €90,000 is paid over the 3 years at €30,000 p.a (€20,000 donor funds and €10,000 SIFI uplift).

WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS IS THE YOUTH EDUCATION FUND LOOKING FOR?

Applicants should be able to demonstrate how they improve the retention of youth learners up to age 25 who are affected by disadvantage or disability at NFQ levels 1 to 8 equivalent, moving them up the NFQ ladder.

All applicants should have a strong evidence base for their project and have an evaluation or assessment component.

Applicants should also be able to demonstrate that they have raised private or philanthropic funding for the period proposed and that the programme cannot be carried out without the match funding of SIFI.

WHAT ORGANISATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must have not-for-profit legal status to be considered for the Youth Education Fund. For example: charity, company limited by guarantee, trust etc...

Projects applying to the Youth Education Fund must meet the standard SIFI and Youth Education Fund core criteria listed below:

SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND IRELAND CORE CRITERIA

- The project must address a critical social issue – in this case educational disadvantage
- The project proposed must be innovative in an Irish context
- The project must have potential and a desire to scale or replicate in Ireland (it may also have potential internationally, but this is not a requirement)
- The project must provide evidence that it is up and running, or has been tested at least in a minimal way

- The project must be based on the island of Ireland and make its main impact in the Republic of Ireland
- Applicants must come from an entity that has a not-for-profit legal form e.g. school, charity, social enterprise, voluntary organisation or Higher Education Institution

YOUTH EDUCATION FUND CORE CRITERIA

- Projects that are focused on the retention of youth learners up to age 25 affected by disadvantage or disability (learning, intellectual or physical) leading to awards at level 1 to 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) or equivalent accredited programmes/courses
- Projects that can demonstrate progression of learners within the NFQ or to equivalent accredited programmes and thereby improving access to further and higher education and training
- Projects that have secured a minimum of €20,000 per year for 2 years in private pledged donations

YOUTH EDUCATION FUND ADVANTAGEOUS CRITERIA

- Projects with a research or evaluation component
- Projects with a proposed 3-5-year duration with funding secured for this time frame.
- Projects that seek to fill in the gaps of numeracy and literacy
- Where projects work with schools, projects that extend beyond the standard curriculum – for example through arts or 21st-century skills
- Where projects work with a school or group, projects that employ a holistic/multidisciplinary approach – whole school, community and/or parental involvement
- Projects that include attainable and measurable outcomes and impact in relation to learners' progression.

How to Apply

Visit the Social Innovation website for full details.

<http://www.socialinnovation.ie/youth-education-fund/>

Deadline: 18 May 2018

Social Innovation Fund Ireland - Equality Fund

The Equality Fund is a €300,000 awards fund created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland in partnership with the Peter Kinney and Lisa Sandquist Foundation and the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Department of Rural and Community Development provides match funding for all philanthropic funds raised by Social Innovation Fund Ireland, via the Dormant Accounts Fund.

This fund has been created with the vision of providing critical supports to social innovations that are aimed at strengthening equality while supporting some of the most marginalised and vulnerable communities in Ireland.

The Equality Fund is committed to equality for all. The initial focus of the fund is to find and back innovative projects that focus on supporting and strengthening equality for LGBTI persons, migrants, prisoners and former offenders, and persons affected by gender-based violence.

WHAT DOES THE EQUALITY FUND OFFER?

A €300,000 fund shared between 3 to 4 projects (This includes cash grants of up to €70,000 per project)

A place on our Accelerator programme from January to June 2019. The programme, which is designed to sustain and grow your project, will be made up of bespoke supports such as mentoring, assistance with strategic planning, and expertise on maximising your impact.

WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS IS THE EQUALITY FUND LOOKING FOR?

The Equality Fund is open to social projects with main beneficiaries who belong to one or more of the following groups: LGBTI persons, migrants, prisoners and former offenders, and persons affected by gender-based violence.

By definition for this fund, equality can be advanced through the elevation of status, rights and opportunity; as well as through protection from discrimination and other harm on the grounds of belonging to one of the above groups.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate how their project impacts upon the lives of their beneficiaries.

Applicants must meet Social Innovation Fund Ireland standard criteria and specific criteria for the Equality Fund listed below.

SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND IRELAND CORE CRITERIA

- The project must address a critical social issue
- The project proposed must be innovative in an Irish context
- The project must have potential and a desire to scale or replicate in Ireland (it may also have potential internationally, but this is not a requirement)
- The project must provide evidence that it is up and running, or has been tested at least in a minimal way
- The project must be based on the island of Ireland and make its main impact in the Republic of Ireland
- Applicants must come from an entity that has a not-for-profit legal form e.g. company limited by guarantee, trust etc.

EQUALITY FUND CRITERIA

Growth and mature stage projects will have an advantage. Innovative early stage projects will also be considered if supported by an established organisation.

Projects must be focused on supporting and enhancing equality for one or more of the following beneficiary groups;

- LGBTI's
- Migrants
- Prisoners/former offenders
- Persons affected by gender-based violence*

*According to the UN, gender-based violence includes "acts that inflict physical, mental or sexual harm or suffering, threats of such acts, coercion and other deprivations of liberty".

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF APPLICANTS?

Applicants are expected to be available for interviews in Dublin between the 3rd and 7th September 2018.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF EQUALITY FUND AWARDEES?

Awardees will be expected to participate in an Accelerator programme from January to June 2019. It is expected a minimum of 2 days per week will be devoted to working on your awarded project.

How to Apply

Visit the Social Innovation website for full details.

<http://www.socialinnovation.ie/equality-fund/>

Deadline: 18 May 2018

Social Innovation Fund Ireland - Youth Mental Health Fund

The Youth Mental Health Fund has been created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Department of Rural and Community Development provides match funding for all philanthropic funds raised by Social Innovation Fund Ireland, via the Dormant Accounts Fund.

Through the Youth Mental Health Fund, we aim to provide meaningful, lasting support to innovative mental health programmes and initiatives that reach out to young people before and during the societal, academic, physical, and emotional pressures of early adolescence and early adulthood.

As part of the application for this fund, we are asking applicants to demonstrate that they have secured private or philanthropic funding for the duration of their project. If the applicant is successful, we will match their donation by providing a 50% uplift on their funds, as well as delivering other supports such as training, impact measurement and capacity building.

THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FUND OBJECTIVE

Mental health is increasingly being recognised as an important health issue in Ireland. It is estimated poor mental health will affect one in four people over the course of their lives, with the onset often starting in childhood, adolescence, and early adulthood. The development of poor mental health at adolescence and early adulthood can have devastating impacts that may last over the course of a person's lifetime. By promoting mental, emotional and social wellbeing, we can enable young people to fulfil their potential and cope with the challenges faced during this critical development period.

The objective of the Youth Mental Health Fund is to provide meaningful, lasting support to innovative mental health programmes and initiatives that reach out to young people before and during the societal, academic, physical, and emotional pressures of early adolescence, adolescence and early adulthood. The fund is open to all innovative projects offering either preventive supports or interventions for young people and their mental health.

WHAT DOES THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FUND OFFER?

- 50% uplift on funds raised by applicants (applicants must provide evidence to verify the private funding has been secured)
- Peer to peer networking and knowledge sharing
- Training workshops

- Impact measurement
- A platform for awardees to showcase their work at an awards event

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Successful applicants are asked to provide evidence to verify the private funding they have secured. We require a minimum of €20,000 private funding per year for a minimum period of 2 years for the Youth Mental Health Fund. A Donor Letter of Commitment should be provided in support of this application outlining the amount of funding and the duration. (Sample Donor Letter of Commitment)

The Youth Mental Health Fund provides a total uplift to the €60,000 of €30,000 making a total fund of €90,000. This €90,000 is paid over the 3 years at €30,000 p.a (€20,000 donor funds and €10,000 SIFI uplift).

WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS IS THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FUND LOOKING FOR?

Applicants should be able to demonstrate how they improve the capacity of those up to age 25 to cope with mental health challenges and difficulties. These projects may be preventative initiatives, group or one to one interventions or tailored projects that reflect the specific requirements/needs of its target group.

All applicants should have a strong evidence base for their project and have an evaluation or assessment component (at least commenced).

Applicants should also be able to demonstrate that they have raised private or philanthropic funding for the proposed period and that the programme cannot be carried out without the match funding of SIFI.

WHAT ORGANISATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must have not-for-profit legal status to be considered for the Youth Mental Health Fund. For example: charity, company limited by guarantee, trust etc...

Projects applying to the Youth Mental Health Fund must meet the standard SIFI and Youth Mental Health Fund core criteria listed below:

SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND IRELAND CORE CRITERIA

- The project must address a critical social issue – in this case, youth mental health
- The project proposed must be innovative in an Irish context

- The project must have potential and a desire to scale or replicate in Ireland (it may also have potential internationally, but this is not a requirement)
- The project must provide evidence that it is up and running, or has been tested at least in a minimal way
- The project must be based on the island of Ireland and make its main impact in the Republic of Ireland
- Applicants must come from an entity that has a not-for-profit legal form e.g. company limited by guarantee, trust etc.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FUND CORE CRITERIA

- The project must focus on young adolescents, adolescents and young people up to the age of 25.
- The project must use the most up to date evidence-based approaches such as best practices from internationally accredited programs
- The project must have a research or evaluation component, for example, it must have built in an assessment or evaluation of impact from the start (including the use of direct feedback from young people)
- The project must have secured a minimum of €20,000 per year for 2 years in private pledged donations.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FUND ADVANTAGEOUS CRITERIA

- Projects that work on awareness, prevention and skills training such as empathy, compassion, resilience (coping with failure and disappointment), sense of belonging, etc
- Projects that use “practice rather than preach” and 21st-century teaching models, such as youth-led workshops, civic engagement models and other active experiential learning methods
- Projects that promote the development and implementation of appropriate professional mental health training for educators as a means of increasing capacity and confidence to identify and support young people with mental health issues
- Projects targeting young people and groups at high risk of mental health issues e.g. LGBTQ young people, early school leavers, Traveller young people, etc.)

- Projects that demonstrate partnerships with other existing organisations (national or international)
- Projects that employ a holistic approach – school-wide approach, community and/or parental involvement

How to Apply

Visit the Social Innovation Fund website for full details.

<http://www.socialinnovation.ie/youth-mental-health-fund/>

Deadline: 18 May 2018

SuperValu TidyTowns Competition

The national SuperValu TidyTowns competition is an annual contest organised by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The competition is supported by the title sponsor SuperValu and many other agencies.

The competition involves participating areas being rated on all aspects of their local environment and prizes awarded to the best under many different categories. The overall winner is “Ireland’s Tidiest Town”. which is announced at a national ceremony in September each year.

With progress monitored and detailed feedback provided year on year, most participants initially enter the competition to generate interest about the environment in their community and create a solid platform on which to raise issues with the relevant authorities. Over time, the areas attain a standard where competing for major prizes is within reach. As such it is very much a development programme for towns and villages across Ireland.

Eligibility

The SuperValu TidyTowns competition is open to all areas, big or small, urban or rural, and each are entered under their respective population categories. These range from the smallest, Category A – Under 200, to the largest, Category H – 25,001 and over. Entry is free regardless of the size of an area.

Entrants are the ‘ambassadors’ for their area in SuperValu TidyTowns and therefore are the primary contact in relation to correspondence. Ideally, entry should be made by a broad-based group that represents all sectors of the community.

However, it is not expected that these structures have to be in place before entering. Entry from a credible body, such as a Local Authority, Development Agency, Residents’ Group or Local Business, will also be accepted. Nonetheless, in all cases, it is expected that participation will be used to generate wider interest in the effort within the community. Progress on encouraging broader community involvement is a major part of the SuperValu TidyTowns’ assessment criteria.

The documentation needed to participate is a completed entry form forwarded to the TidyTowns Unit of the Department of Rural and Community Development, either by email, on-line or via post. Additional information may also be provided with the form to assist the TidyTowns adjudicators in their assessment.

All participants are encouraged to prepare a multi-annual strategic plan to guide their activities. This may be forwarded with the entry form when available. However, it is not a requirement for entry.

Prizes

There are over 200 prizes given out each year, with more than €200,000 of the total prize fund of €250,000 awarded under the main competition. The rest is awarded in special prizes outside the main competition.

All main prizes are based on the scores achieved by entrants in the competition as follows:

- Endeavour Awards for the biggest improvement by an entrant in each county from the previous year.
- County Awards for the top three entrants in each county.
- Regional Awards for the top-scoring entrant in each region.
- Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals for entrants with scores that fall within a set range from that year's winning score.
- Category Awards for the highest scoring entrants in the Village, Small Town, Large Town and Large Urban Centre categories.
- Ireland's Tidiest Town Award for the highest scoring entrant in the whole competition.

There are also separate awards sections for Island entrants and Gaeltacht entrants.

How to Apply

Visit the Tidy Towns website for full information.

<http://www.tidytowns.ie/competition>

Deadline: 23 May 2018

Community Water Development Fund 2018

The Local Authority Waters & Communities Office are pleased to announce the launch of an open call for applications to a Community Water Development Fund 2018.

The Community Water Development Fund aims to support communities in progressing water related projects and initiatives, delivering benefits locally whilst also helping to meet the objectives of the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland and the wider EU Water Framework Directive.

Eligibility

This fund is open to all community and voluntary groups to assist in the protection and management of water quality, both locally and in the wider catchment. This can include the development of a catchment partnership or River/Lake Trust, and delivery of local projects to protect and improve water quality in a local waterbody.

This fund will enable communities to get more involved in the management of their local water environment, delivering multiple benefits for present and future generations. The fund is administered by the Waters and Communities Office on behalf of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Types of projects considered will include:

- Capital projects such as restoration/habitat conservation/natural flood mitigation measures.
- Projects that promote public awareness/education and events such as biodiversity days, surveys, training workshops, surveys and plans, etc.
- General amenity such as beach clean, improving amenity areas, bird watching facilities, etc.

Grants awarded will range from up to €5,000; up to €10,000 and up to €25,000.

How to Apply

For more details please contact your local Community Water Officer or the Waters and Communities Office at 0761 06 5262 or info@lawco.ie

<http://watersandcommunities.ie/community-water-development-fund-2018/>

Deadline: 28 May 2018

Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme

This programme shall contribute to the further development of an area where equality and the rights of persons, as enshrined in the Treaty, the Charter and international human rights conventions, are promoted and protected.

This programme's nine specific objectives are to:

- Promote non-discrimination
- Combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance
- Promote rights of persons with disabilities
- Promote equality between women and men and gender mainstreaming
- Prevent violence against children, young people, women and other groups at risk (Daphne)
- Promote the rights of the child
- Ensure the highest level of data protection
- Promote the rights deriving from Union citizenship
- Enforce consumer rights

Eligibility

Which countries are eligible?

All EU Member States together with Iceland and Liechtenstein.

To be eligible, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

(a) The applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit organisations.

(b) The project can be either national or transnational, unless stated otherwise.

(c) The application must involve at least two organisations (applicant and partner), unless stated otherwise.

(d) The EU grant requested cannot be lower than €75 000.

Co-funding for REC projects is 80% unless stated otherwise.

Types of Projects

- Training activities (staff exchanges, workshops, development of training modules)
- Mutual learning, cooperation activities, exchange of good practices, peer reviews, development of ICT tool
- Awareness-raising activities, dissemination, conferences
- Support for main actors (key European NGOs and networks, Member States' authorities implementing Union law)
- Analytical activities (studies, data collection, development of common methodologies, indicators, surveys, preparation of guide).

All actions funded by the programme must produce results whose benefits go beyond one single Member State. [Click here](#) to find out more about EU Added Value.

How to Apply

Current calls are as follows:

Call for proposals on capacity-building in the area of rights of the child - putting in place robust national or regional integrated mechanisms to support children ageing out of/leaving alternative care

Projects should support capacity building of professionals working for and with children on the rights of the child and child protection. Activities should focus on putting in place robust national or regional integrated mechanisms to support children ageing out of/leaving alternative care and they should encompass a strong child participation component (in project conception and design/empowerment of children/the child's right to be heard/children's involvement in reviewing service delivery).

Conditions: the initial duration of the projects should not exceed 24 months

The project can be either national or transnational

The application must involve at least two organisations (applicant and partner)

The EU grant requested cannot be lower than €75, 000

Co-funding: 80%

Learn more:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rchi-prof-ag-2018.html>

Deadline: 31 May 2018

Conrad N Hilton Fund for Sisters

In 1986 the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation established the Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sisters specifically to support the apostolic work of Roman Catholic sisters in accordance with his Last Will and Testament.

Only vowed members of officially recognized Roman Catholic congregations of women religious are eligible to receive funding.

International projects (all countries except US):

- women and children
- education/communications
- healthcare/HIV
- clean water/food and agriculture
- immigration/refugee services
- anti-trafficking.

Despite great need, the Fund for Sisters is not able to fund all requests. The size of the average grant is \$10,000 USD. Our grants rarely exceed \$15,000 USD.

How to Apply

Please visit the website for further detail.

<http://www.hiltonfundforsisters.org/grantprocessoverview/>

Deadline: 1 June 2018

Energy for Generations Fund

Our aim with the Energy for Generations Fund is to maximise the impact of our investment by taking a more strategic approach to effect change. Funding is only part of the jigsaw – we also want to leverage the skills and knowledge we have within the company to bring about more sustainable and positive outcomes.

Criteria

ESB's Energy for Generations Fund sees over €2m per year disbursed across a range of community and issues-based initiatives.

Each year the Fund awards €1m in direct funding through a quarterly fund to charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support.

ESB has been supporting initiatives in the areas of suicide prevention and homelessness since 2005. The Energy for Generations Fund introduced a new focus on education in 2014, which recognises the need for educational supports at all levels to ensure that Ireland has the skills it needs to compete effectively in the future.

The remainder is allocated across a range of initiatives including support for ElectricAid, wind farm community funds, fuel poverty programmes and support for staff volunteering.

Eligibility

Charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support can apply to the Fund for project specific funding.

Every quarter ESB allocates an amount from the Fund for disbursement. The amount may vary because of the volume of applications received or seasonal considerations - wintertime and Christmas may require more funding than summer.

Applications submitted during each quarter are appraised at the end of the quarter and funding allocated accordingly.

How to Apply

The guideline application amount is c. €10,000. This is neither a minimum nor a maximum, rather an indication of the scale of the resources available. Average funding awards in recent years have been c. €6-7,000

Visit the ESB website for full application details.

<https://www.esb.ie/acting-responsibly/community-stem-and-the-arts/esb-corporate-responsibility>

Deadline: 12 June 2018

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.

<http://www.cultureireland.ie/funding/schemes/regular>

Deadline: 15 June 2018

Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 is the EU's research and innovation programme. It focuses on three main priorities:

- Excellent Science
- Competitive Industry
- Better Society/Societal Challenges.

This page will focus on Excellent Science and Better Society as they have the most potential for civil society organisations. However, you can visit the Irish or EU Horizon 2020 for more details on all funding opportunities.

For a full overview of the H2020, we recommend completing the free, online workshop created by Dr. Séan McCarthy of Hyperion Ltd for The Wheel, Horizon 2020: Opportunities for Voluntary Organisations.

Eligibility

Eligibility criteria vary according to the type of project.

Types of Projects

By coupling research and innovation, Horizon 2020 is helping to achieve this with its emphasis on excellent science, industrial leadership and tackling societal challenges. The goal is to ensure Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation.

How to Apply

Current Calls:

Centre Of Excellence – Remote Decentralised Clinical Trials

The action will focus on disaggregating the current model of running clinical trials, defining building blocks and mapping new technologies (e.g. telemedicine, mobile health...) to support the new DCT model. The objectives are: to demonstrate the feasibility of running remote DCTs in Europe. This will increase access of patients to clinical research, enriching clinical trial data from more diverse and representative patient population and improve patient experience during the trials, with a higher speed of recruitment and better retention.

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/imi2-2018-14-04.html>

Deadline: 14 June 2018

The European Capital of Innovation Award (iCapital)

The traditional city innovation ecosystem is opening up to new models of innovation engaging citizens. An increasing number of cities are acting as test-beds for innovation and run citizens-driven initiatives to find solutions for their relevant societal challenges.

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/h2020-european-i-capital-prize-2018.html>

Deadline: 21 June 2018

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.

Eligibility

Which organisations may apply?

Charities (registered medically related charities)

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants towards medical projects, capital projects, medical care or research, hospice/respice care and in support of medical training. The Hospital Saturday Fund will also consider grants for running costs. For UK NHS hospitals only, applications will normally be accepted for projects only, the application to detail the scope of the project with supporting documentation, the amount requested and a copy of the hospital's Annual Report (or the hospital's related charity raising funds for the project).

How to Apply

Applications for grants should be made online at www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org

Deadline: 18 June 2018 (large grants)

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 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

Full details are available on the EPA website.

<http://www.epa.ie/researchandeducation/research/epafunding/eventssupport/#.VWzK089Viko>

Deadline: 30 June 2018

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.

<https://www.speciesconservation.org/grants/criteria>

Deadline: 30 June 2018

Patagonia Environmental Grants

Patagonia funds only environmental work. We are most interested in making grants to organizations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. Because we believe that the most direct path to real change is through building grassroots momentum, our funding focuses on organizations that create a strong base of citizen support.

We support small, grassroots, activist organizations with provocative direct-action agendas, working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect our environment. We help local groups working to protect local habitat, and think the individual battles to protect a specific stand of forest, stretch of river or indigenous wild species are the most effective in raising more complicated issues—particularly those of biodiversity and ecosystem protection—in the public mind. We look for innovative groups that produce measurable results, and we like to support efforts that force the government to abide by its own—our own—laws. Your efforts should be quantifiable, with specific goals, objectives and action plans, and should include measures for evaluating success.

Because we're a privately held company, we have the freedom to fund groups off the beaten track, and that's where we believe our small grants are most effective. We support the use of creative methods to engage communities to take action, including film, photography and books. However, media projects will only be successful in our proposal process if they are tightly linked to a direct-action campaign on the issue, with specific goals that go beyond education and awareness.

We fund work that:

- is action-oriented
- builds public involvement and support
- is strategic
- focuses on root causes
- accomplishes specific goals and objectives
- is happening in these countries only: United States, Canada, Japan, Chile, Argentina, United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Norway, Luxembourg, Italy, Ireland, Germany, France, Denmark, Belgium, Austria, Australia and the Czech Republic.

How to Apply

The first step towards applying for a grant is to take the eligibility test - visit the Patagonia website to get started.

<http://eu.patagonia.com/gb/en/grant-guidelines.html>

Deadline: 30 June 2018

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