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Social Innovation Fund - Engage & Education Fund

Social Innovation Fund Ireland with support from Mason Hayes & Curran & the Irish Government believe that education can be a powerful tool. However, some people can be restricted from accessing education, which can hinder them from reaching their potential and contributing fully to society.

The Engage and Educate Fund is open to projects that empower people through education, to achieve their full potential and to contribute to community. Projects that focus on people from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds, people with disabilities, and people with migrant status are encouraged to apply. Project activities can also include adult education & physical education for adults and/or children and young people.

The Engage & Educate Fund offers:

- A share of €150,000 fund, including both cash grant and non-financial supports, shared between 4 or 5 projects
- 2/ 3 month bespoke programme (activities may including mentoring and growth planning).

Eligibility

The Engage and Educate Fund is open to projects that empower people through education to positively impact their wider communities. Projects that focus on people from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds, people with disabilities, and people with migrant status are encouraged to apply. Projects can also include adult education & physical education for adults and/or children.

The Engage and Educate Fund will accept applications from;

- Not for Profits

- Voluntary Organisations
- Charities
- Schools
- Higher Education Institutes.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate how their project impacts upon the lives of their participants & their local communities.

Applications are likely to come from charities, voluntary organisations, schools, higher education institutions and other not for profits.

Criteria

- The project must address a critical social issue – in this case educational disadvantage
- The solution proposed must be innovative in an Irish context.
- The solution 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 solution must provide evidence that it is up and running, or have been tested at least in a minimal way.
- That it is based on the island of Ireland and will 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 or higher education institutes.

Projects must demonstrate they incorporate 3 of the following list to have an advantage:

- Focus on students from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds, including travellers
- Focus on students with disabilities (intellectual, mental health, physical)

- Focus on students from a migrant background
- Employs a holistic approach – whole school, parent, community involvement
- Involves target groups in the project design
- A research & evaluation component
- Clear short term & medium goals
- A numeracy or literacy component.

How to Apply

Full guidelines and application details are available here:

<http://www.socialinnovation.ie/engage-and-educate/>

Deadline: 5 April 2017

The Arts Council - Deis Recording & Publication 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 Deis Recording & Publication Award is to provide support for traditional arts projects, or projects involving collaboration between the traditional arts and other artforms, that focus on the recording or publication of work. Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate:

- attention to artistic quality
- innovation
- significant benefit to the traditional arts community.

Eligibility

The Deis Recording & Publication Award is open to individuals, groups, bands and organisations.

Proposals are accepted from all areas in the traditional arts (traditional music, song, dance and oral artforms such as storytelling and agallamh beirte)

Proposals received from organisations who are funded by the Arts Council under RFO, Annual Programming grants or Annual Funding grants must provide evidence that the project is exceptional and outside the remit of their funded activities.

What and how much can I apply for?

The Deis Recording & Publication Award is open to individuals and organisations and projects of the following nature will be considered:

- Recordings and publications that are of a significant archival nature or that are pertaining to the music of a specific region or in a particular style;

- assist in making the music/song of an exceptional performer/composer/region publicly available;
- have a particularly innovative theme or original artistic format;
- form part of an individual's career development.

The maximum award available is €10,000. The maximum award available is €10,000. However, this is a highly competitive award, and the average award in 2015 was €4,500.

How to Apply

Visit the Arts Council website:

http://www.artscouncil.ie/en/view_fund.aspx?fid=692f180d-da55-4795-b531-4ac99a58affd

Deadline: 6 April @ 5.30pm

WorldWise Global Schools Grants

Development Education (DE) grants are available to all post primary schools in the Republic of Ireland to apply for, with categories of grant funding ranging from €600 up to €8,000.

How much can our school apply for?

- Starter Schools – schools that are relatively new to development education and/or new to engaging with WWGS – are eligible to apply for grants of up to €600.
- Established Schools – schools that are experienced in development education and previously engaged with WWGS – are eligible to apply for grants of €700 – €2,000.
- School Clusters – A group of schools (minimum three) that wish to run joint DE activities and facilitate peer learning between their schools – are eligible to apply for grants of up to €8,000

What type of DE activities can our school apply for?

Our Grant Application Guidelines outline the specific type of DE activities for which you will be eligible to apply for funding – depending on which category your school is in (Emerging, Established or Established Partnership). Please click below to access the 2017 guidelines. You can also get in touch with a member of the WWGS team, on the kind of DE activity that your school may be best suited to apply for.

How to Apply

Visit the World Wise website for full application details:

<http://www.worldwiseschools.ie/who-can-apply/>

Deadline: 7 April

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:

<https://www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org/>

Deadline: 10 April 2017 (Large grants - up to €13,500))

Foras na Gaeilge - Youth Events Scheme

Foras na Gaeilge is the new body responsible for the promotion of the Irish language throughout the whole island of Ireland.

Foras na Gaeilge is providing funding for appropriate Youth Events programmes (which must contain a minimum of 12 sessions) through Irish for young people (3 to 18 years of age):

- which aim to strengthen the Irish language through a mix of activities;
- that are not residential events;
- which will run between 1 September 2017 and 30 June 2018;
- applications for festivals, competitions or one-off events will not be accepted
- Grants are provided out of public funding, and Foras na Gaeilge has statutory duties to ensure value for money for all funded projects.

Foras na Gaeilge recommends to applicants to seek joint funding for projects, when appropriate, and to cooperate with other organisations in order to achieve the best value from the Foras na Gaeilge grant.

We particularly welcome applications from organisations located in areas recognised in Government strategies or legislation.

How to Apply

Visit the Foras na Gaeilge website for further guidelines:

<http://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/funding-schemes/?lang=en#>

Deadline: 13 April 2017

The Arts Council - Theatre Resource Sharing Support

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 Theatre Resource Sharing scheme is to provide funding to established theatre organisations who wish to share their administrative and production resources with individual professional theatre artists and with non-funded theatre companies in a structured or programmed way.

Applicant organisations put together a resource-sharing programme that details the infrastructure, resources and expertise that they will make available, as well as details of how they will select the participating artists and companies.

The aims of this scheme are as follows:

- Administrative and management resources to assist individual theatre artists and companies in career development
- Production assistance to individual theatre artists in the development of projects and ideas
- Expertise in strategic planning and sustainability in the context of professional theatre
- Support for collaborative projects between funded and non-funded theatre organisations – including support for:
- Initiatives that enable joint applications between colleague organisations for funding (to bodies other than the Arts Council)
- Activities such as audience development, sponsorship and fundraising.

Priority will be given to proposals based on:

- The relevance of the applicant organisation's track-record and experience to the content of the proposed resource-sharing programme

- The clarity of the proposed activities as part of a coherent resource-sharing strategy
- The extent and quality of the engagement proposed with individual theatre artists
- The suitability of the artistic and administrative resources available to the proposed resource-sharing programme
- The positive level of engagement and reciprocal support between all parties involved in the proposed resource-sharing programme.

Maximum awarded: €20000.

Eligibility

Applications are welcome from the following organisations in (the Republic of) Ireland:

- Those with a track record for offering administrative and other production support within theatre to individual artists
- Those with proposals to enhance the capacity of non-funded organisations to build an audience for their work.
- There are certain exceptions where the Arts Council may deem eligible applications made by those based outside (the Republic of) Ireland. However, before admitting as eligible any such application, the Arts Council would need to be satisfied that the outcomes of any such proposal would benefit the arts in (the Republic of) Ireland.

The Arts Council is committed to equity and inclusion, and welcomes applications from individuals or groups within culturally diverse communities and from artists with disabilities.

How to Apply

All applications for funding must be submitted via the Arts Council online services website. <http://www.arts council.ie/funds/Theatre-resource-sharing-support-scheme/>

Deadline: 13 April 2017

Community Foundation for Ireland - Social Change Grants 2017

The Social Change grants that will be open for application will be under the categories of LGBT+ people who are Migrants and Leadership for Ethnic Minorities.

Inclusion for LGBT Migrants Social Change Grants 2017

The Community Foundation for Ireland's ongoing grants strategy, now named "Social Change grants" has been confirmed for 2017. The social change grants that will be open for application on 1st March 2017. This year though our Social Change Grants Scheme we have a dedicated category for LGBT+ people who are Migrants.

Criteria Summary

Grants of up to €10,000 are available for projects working towards the promotion of inclusion for LGBT+ people who are Migrants

Grants will support community based and national work promoting activities that will increase the inclusion of LGBT+ people who are migrants. Organisations working with the above persons can apply for activities at local and national level which will promote equality and inclusion for those LGBT+ people who were not born in Ireland. The ultimate aim of this grants scheme is to address the unique issues for these persons, raise awareness and find innovative social solutions to these issues.

Leadership for Ethic Minorities Social Change Grants 2017

THIS CATEGORY IS NOW OPEN!! The Community Foundation for Ireland's ongoing grants strategy, now named "Social Change grants" has been confirmed for 2017. The social change grants that will be open for application on 1st March 2017. This year though our Social Change Grants Scheme we have a dedicated category for Leadership for Ethnic Minority Groups.

Criteria Summary

Grants of up to €7,500 are available for projects working towards building leadership skills in local Ethnic Minority community groups.

Grants will support community based and national work that will build leadership skills in local Ethnic Minority community groups, for example through capacity building, leadership training or strategic planning with very clearly identified objectives.

How to Apply

Visit the Community Foundation for Ireland website here for full criteria and application forms for both strands.

<http://www.foundation.ie/social-change-grants-2017/>

Deadline: 13 April 2017

Meath County Council – Community Heritage Grants Scheme

Meath County Council, in association with the County Meath Heritage Forum, is pleased to announce the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2017, which is an action of the County Meath Heritage Plan 2015- 2020.

The aim of this grant scheme is to support community groups and organisations to undertake projects that will gather information, help to appropriately manage and promote an awareness and appreciation of our heritage.

Who may apply?

The scheme is open to community groups/organisations or individuals who are carrying out local heritage projects within County Meath. Only one grant per organisation is permitted. All projects funded must have a community benefit.

What types of projects or activities are considered?

Below some examples of projects, please note this list is not exhaustive.

Heritage Research

The objective of this scheme is to provide assistance for data collection and research relating to Meath's heritage. Here are some examples of possible projects:

- Archaeology and wildlife survey to inform a graveyard management scheme
- Conservation report a stained glass window
- Assessing the conservation needs of a particular object or collection.

Heritage Management

The objective of this scheme is to support projects that apply good heritage practice in managing sites, collections, objects etc.

- Conservation planning and habitat (or wildlife site) management
- Conservation of heritage collections and objects, including documents

- Works to ensure the survival of a heritage building or structure, under a management plan that applies good practice in building conservation
- Control of invasive species.
- Management works to restore important habitats
- Carrying out the work recommended in an earlier conservation report or wildlife management plan
- Removal of an invasive species such as rhododendron from woodland
- Archival boxes for vulnerable documents.

Heritage Education, Community and Outreach

The objective of this scheme is to support fresh approaches and initiatives that link heritage to communities, promote active engagement with heritage and raise awareness. Some examples of possible projects include:

- Conference/public seminar or exhibition on heritage of an area; heritage publication in print and/or film/video. Conduct of workshops aiming to enhance the knowledge and skills of local historians and others involved in promoting Meath heritage.
- Heritage Week activities e.g. walks and talks
- Seminar on traditional skills such as lime mortar, thatching
- Education project involving a museum or archive with local schools
- Field trips to heritage sites for schools
- Events using art, drama or new media.

How to Apply

[Download full guidelines here.](#) [Download application form here.](#)

Deadline: 24 April 2017

Meath County Council - Funding for National Bike Week Events

Meath Local Sports Partnership is currently inviting applications from groups for funding to assist with the organisation of a cycling themed event during Bike Week 2017, which will take place from 10th to 18th June.

Bike Week is a cross-community effort to highlight cycling as a fun, cost effective and healthy way not only to travel but to be physically active. The objective of Bike Week is to celebrate cycling in all its forms and to get more people participating in cycling.

The type of groups which may apply are community groups, voluntary organisations, schools, cycling clubs, active retirement groups, community childcare service providers, work places or any group that wishes to organise a bike related event on a 'not for profit basis' during Bike Week 2017.

Examples of possible Bike Week events include (but are not limited to):

- Guided bike tour of a town/village. These can be themed, for example, heritage, gardens, or food trips.
- Cycles from your school to a local amenity on cycle to school/work Wednesday (14th June) for bike based games such as treasure hunts and slow bicycle races;
- A midsummer night/dawn cycle
- Bike maintenance workshops
- Bike art exhibition
- Bike school art competition, quiz or drama
- Family fun cycle.

Grants available may be somewhere in the range of €100 to €350 per successful group/event, depending on applications received and the nature of those applications.

How to Apply

Full criteria / application form available here: <http://www.meathsports.ie/funding-for-national-bike-week-2017-events-in-meath/>

Deadline: 26 April 2017 @ 4pm

Patagonia Environmental Grants

Patagonia give at the grassroots level to innovative groups overlooked or rejected by other corporate donors. Patagonia funds activists who take radical and strategic steps to protect habitat, wilderness and biodiversity.

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.

Eligibility

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

We accept one proposal per group, per fiscal year (May 1st - April 30th). Our typical grant size ranges between \$2,500 - \$15,000..

If your work is located near one of our retail stores, your proposal will be reviewed by store employees. Our stores accept proposals on a rolling basis, throughout the year.

If your work is not located near one of our retail stores, your proposal will be reviewed by an employee Grants Council at our company headquarters.

There are two annual deadlines for this process:

1. April 30 (all applications received in April will receive a response by the end of August)
2. August 31 (all applications received in August will receive a response by the end of January).

Visit the Patagonia website for eligibility quiz and further details.

<http://www.patagonia.com/grant-guidelines.html>

Deadline: 30 April 2017

Loreto Foundation Fund

The Loreto Foundation Fund is the annual income from an initial capital which was invested by the Loreto Sisters following the sale of Loreto Abbey, Rathfarnham, Dublin, their first house in Ireland.

It supports groups which are of benefit to, and improve the lives of, the most vulnerable in Irish society.

Essential Criteria

- Applications **MUST** be completed using the official application form (see below), using only the allocated space on the form and be returned electronically.
- Your group must have some form of governance structure e.g. Trustees, Board of Directors, Board of Management, etc
- Your group must maintain books of account and have a system of financial reporting. You must submit a copy of your group's most recent annual report and accounts as part of your application.
- Any funding received from the Foundation must be identified separately in your financial accounts. This can be in the notes to the accounts.
- Your group will need to be clear on the specific changes and benefits that your work will provide for your users / beneficiaries. As such, your application must be clear on the objectives for your project and who will be benefiting directly from it. In addition, your objectives should be measurable in order to allow you to monitor your project and to evaluate its success.
- You must immediately receipt / acknowledge any funding received.
- You must utilise the grant within the specified time period (see timelines below).
- You must submit an end-of-grant report, using the official end-of-grant form, in relation to the funding received.

Desireable Criteria

- Your group has a charity number
- Your accounts are externally reviewed or audited.

Other relevant information

- The Foundation has the right, at its own discretion, to nominate a representative to visit the project in order to check on progress and / or check on the financial reporting system for the project.
- The maximum grant awarded is €6,000.
- Grants must be used for purpose(s) for which they were given and should not be used for any other purpose without the written approval of the Foundation.
- Unfortunately, demands made on the Foundation always out-strip the funds available, and this means that many good applications, whilst meeting the criteria, will still be unsuccessful.
- The committee reserve the right to apply enhanced criteria when the demand exceeds the funds available.

How to Apply

Download the application form and full guidelines from the Loreto Foundation Fund here. <http://www.loreto.ie/loreto-foundation-fund>

Deadline: 30 April

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.

<https://ie.usembassy.gov/education-culture/grants-program/>

Deadline: 1 May 2017

GSK Ireland IMPACT Awards

GSK has announced the launch of its inaugural GSK Ireland IMPACT Awards, designed to recognise and reward community-based charities nationwide doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing.

Is your charity making an IMPACT in health communities around Ireland? The GSK Ireland IMPACT Awards 2017 are now open for applications. The awards are designed to recognise and reward community-based charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing in Ireland. These awards are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in Ireland, with a total annual income between €20,000 and €1,000,000.

The name 'IMPACT' derives from the criteria that winners must have demonstrated in their application submissions: Innovation, Management, Partnership, Achievement, Community focus and Targeting need. To apply, please download the application form to the right.

If you have any questions, please email: ie.gskirelandimpactawards@gsk.com or call our Dublin office on (1) 4955000 and ask to speak to a member of the GSK Ireland IMPACT team.

Benefits of winning a GSK Ireland IMPACT Award:

- Up to five winners will receive €10,000 in unrestricted funding.
- Up to five runners up will receive €2,000.
- Winning organisations will be visited by a professional photographer and film crew to provide them with a short film and photography for self promotion.
- Winners will also receive an opportunity to network and learn from other charitable organisations in Ireland. You do not need to present a new project, and you decide how to spend the award money.
- The awards provide organisations with an important quality mark to use on websites, email signatures and stationary.

- The GSK Ireland IMPACT winners will be presented with their awards at a ceremony in Dublin in November 2017.

About the Awards

This is the third year of the GSK Ireland IMPACT Awards, an expansion of the GSK IMPACT Awards in the UK and USA that have been running for over 20 years, focusing solely on health and wellbeing charities in Ireland.

Organisations applying for funding via the GSK Ireland IMPACT Awards will be measured using the following criteria:

- Innovation - Leadership, creativity and initiative in addressing current challenges in healthcare access and delivery.
- Management – Efficient use of resources; quality of management processes; clear objectives and plans; measurement and monitoring of performance; strength and financial effectiveness of the organisation.
- Partnership – Working effectively with others (members, users, private and public sector partners, etc); willingness to share ‘best practice’ and to learn from others.
- Achievement – Measurable results achieved; numbers of people benefited, impact on access to healthcare; difference made.
- Community focus – Involving and responding to users and the community; openness and provision of information; adaptability to changing circumstances and needs.
- Targeting need – Awareness of community issues and priorities; focus on people in need.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- A registered charity by the deadline for applications. The organisation must also have existed for a minimum of three years by this date. We may ask for a copy of your constitution to confirm this.

- Located and registered in the Republic of Ireland.
- Targeting community health needs in Ireland. Community can be defined as a geographical community or a community of interest.
- Able to point to a track record of achievement in community health issues.
- Small or medium sized organisations with total annual income between €20,000 and €1,000,000 as shown in your most recent accounts.
- Previous Runners Up of a GSK Ireland IMPACT Award are welcome to apply.

How to Apply

Access full guidelines and the application form here.

<http://ie.gsk.com/ie/responsibility/health-for-all/gsk-ireland-impact-awards>

Deadline: 5 May 2017

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- 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.

<https://www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org/>

Deadline: 8 May 2017 (Standard grants - up to €2,700)

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 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.

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

Deadline: 9 May 2017

HSE - National Lottery Grants

The HSE has been allocated National Lottery Funding for distribution to community based groups and voluntary organisations under the Respite Care Grant Scheme and the National Lottery Grant Scheme. Groups and organisations involved in the provision of Health and Personal Social Services can apply for once off funding for suitable projects.

Please note the following will apply in the case of all applications received:

- Applications will be accepted from organisations both within the Community Healthcare (CHO) Area and those who geographically lie outside of CHO but provide services to clients residing in CHO.
- Successful Applicants will be required to complete a Grant Aid Agreement with the HSE and be compliant with minimum Financial and Governance requirements.
- Applications that have major on-going revenue implications which includes the employment of staff, capital funding and running will not be considered
- Applications must be for once off projects that can be completed within the year of application (excluding respite)
- Applications for projects which are already covered by HSE Funding through and SLA/Grant Aid Agreement or otherwise will not be considered
- There will be an upper limit (to be decided based on number of valid applications received) of funding awarded to an individual organisation. Where multiple applications are received by an individual organisation that same upper limit will apply. Therefore it is recommended that an organisation intending to submit multiple applications should consider this upper limit and prioritise on that basis.

It is envisaged that generally individual grant allocations will be in the range of €500.00 - €10,000.00 approximately.

An upper limit of €10,000 for applications relating to Transport Initiatives will apply

How to Apply

Completed Application Forms must be returned to the local Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO)

Access full details here. <http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/National-Lottery-Grants-2017/>

Deadline: 27 May 2017

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: 2 June 2017

Meath County Council - Community Facilities Scheme

The aim of the Scheme is to enhance communities, address disadvantage and improve social cohesion at a local level by providing access to small-scale capital grants.

It will operate in a complementary manner with other schemes or programmes being operated in communities, including in particular, the SICAP (Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme), a recast RAPID (Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development) and CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd Riachtanais) Programmes, adding value to those and other front-line schemes.

It will also seek to address some of the difficulties local community groups face in terms of accessing very often small scale levels of funding to match their own fundraising efforts, in order to get community projects off the ground.

Eligibility

The following will be considered eligible for the scheme:

- Locally based community and voluntary groups
- Projects with a clearly defined community and social cohesion focus;
- Not-for-profit organisations;
- Eligible facilities will include community centres, youth clubs, sports/recreation facilities, other not-for-profit organisations facilities.

Available Funding

The Scheme will offer grants up to a maximum of €1,000 per project.

In certain cases, the Local Community Development Committee will use its discretion to exceed the maximum limit where it believes the project requires the additional funding to be delivered successfully.

Applicant groups shall self-certify that they do not have the funding to undertake the work, without the grant aid, or alternatively that with the grant they will now undertake a larger project which they otherwise would not be able to afford.

If the funding application is for one element of a project, applicants will be required to provide documentary evidence of the availability of the balance of funding for that particular element of that project.

There is no limit on the number of applications for different projects from any organisation however applicants should be aware that an equity/fairness approach will be taken by the LCDC to ensure an even distribution of funding.

How to Apply

Download full guidelines / application form here:

<http://meath.ie/Community/CommunityInformation/CommunityGrants/CommunityFacilitiesScheme/>

Deadline: 30 June 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