



## The Fundingpoint Local Access Digest | Mar - May 2019



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

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## The Community Foundation for Ireland - Older Persons' Grant

The Older Persons' Fund is a long term philanthropic fund which promotes the civic engagement of older people, as a means of working towards making a difference in their communities.

The Fund builds on our long-standing engagement and commitment to supporting older people in their communities. We have invested over €1m in this area to date.

This year we have the following two categories that you may apply for a grant under:

Inclusion of older people in active citizenship roles – Grants of up to €7,500 will be available to organisations working towards inclusion of older people in active citizenship roles

Supporting older peoples' voices at local & national level – Grants of up to €7,500 will available to organisations working towards supporting older peoples' engagement in advocacy.

### Criteria

Applicants must show that service users/beneficiaries are involved or have been consulted in project planning where appropriate. Applicants must be prepared to evaluate and learn from their work as well as share project learning and outcomes and participate in two Learning Networks of Grantees.

When applying online you will be asked to demonstrate the following:

- How does your project fit with the Fund's objectives in this particular category?
- Are there opportunities for collaboration?
- Demonstrate your organisation's capacity for the undertaking
- Provide a clear and realistic budget for the proposal
- Provide a timeline for the work.

### How to Apply

Full guidelines and application forms are available here:

<http://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/types-of-grants/the-older-persons-fund>

**Deadline:** 14 March 2019

## The Arts Council - Arts Grant Funding

Arts Grant Funding is a new funding programme that has been developed as part of the Arts Council's new funding framework. This framework has been informed by, and is designed to deliver on, the commitments set out within the Arts Council's ten-year strategy, Making Great Art Work. In offering this programme, the Arts Council wishes to foster and respond to a diverse and dynamic arts ecology by creating opportunities for a wide range of artists and organisations.

Funding amounts are not defined and unlimited.

### Purpose

The purpose of Arts Grant Funding is to ensure that there is a breadth of high-quality arts activity and programmes throughout the country. It offers flexible support for a fixed period of time, and in so doing responds to the needs of those who are making, presenting and supporting work.

Arts Grant Funding is intended to:

- Support more than one distinct arts activity taking place within a fixed period of time, or
- Provide supports or facilities to artists over a fixed period of time.

The focus of Arts Grant Funding is to deliver outcomes that develop the arts, either through:

- Generating high-quality experiences for the public to engage with the arts, or
- Providing excellent services, resources or facilities that support the work of artists or the arts sector.

Arts Grant Funding is available for activities that take place between either 1 January – 31 December 2020 or 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2021.

### Eligibility

Arts Grant Funding is available across all artforms and arts practice areas, and is open to organisations and individuals.

Note: Individuals applying must demonstrate that their proposal involves collaboration and/or partnership that include the delivery of public outcomes or outcomes that benefit other artists.

## Activities You Can Apply For

You can apply for the following activities:

- creation and presentation of an art work or event for the benefit of an audience or particular community;
- provision of arts experiences with participants or targeted communities;
- development and creation of a piece of work for future performance or distribution (for example, art work, script, music composition);
- delivery of activities that support the development of the arts or the work of artists;
- provision of supports, resources or facilities for artists.

Examples of activities might be:

- Production and presentation (live, broadcast, digital)
- Artistic experimentation, development and creation, including artistic laboratory or studio work
- Publishing
- Digital publishing
- Co-production
- Artistic residencies
- Creative activity enabling public engagement and participation
- Artist development or support programme
- Facilities and resources for artists (for example, studio space, work space, hot desks, Wi-Fi, meeting rooms, reading space, research facilities, networking and peer learning opportunities).
- Work in an international context
- Activities involving international exchange, collaboration or co-production are eligible provided that they show clearly the benefit to people, artists or the arts in the Republic of Ireland and that the overseas partners will contribute to the relevant activity costs.

## How to Apply

Full guidelines and details of how to register in order to apply online are available here on the Arts Council website.

<http://www.artscouncil.ie/Funds/Arts-Grant-Funding/>

**Deadline:** 14 March 2019

## Meath Council - Amenity Grant Scheme

Applications are invited from Communities within the County and registered with the Public Participation Network (PPN) for the development of sporting, recreational, environmental, amenity, heritage and cultural facilities.

The Community Amenity Project Scheme is a new grant scheme which is being introduced by Meath County Council for an initial three-year period subject to availability of funding. The scheme provides financial assistance to Communities within the County and registered with the Public Participation Network (PPN) for the development of sporting, recreational, environmental, amenity, heritage and cultural facilities.

The minimum project application is €10,000 with a maximum project application of €100,000 per Municipal District per annum.

### How to Apply

Further details and application forms can be downloaded here:

<http://www.meath.ie/Community/CommunityInformation/CommunityGrants/CommunityAmenityProjectScheme/>

You can also request them from the Community Department, Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath C15 Y291 or by emailing [communitygrants@meathcoco.ie](mailto:communitygrants@meathcoco.ie)

**Deadline:** 15 March 2019

## Social Entrepreneurs Ireland - The Academy

Do you have an innovative idea to solve a social problem? Are you ambitious, entrepreneurial, and passionate about social change? This six-day programme, over the course of six months, will provide you with the support and direction you need to help you to kick-start your idea and take the next steps.

The Academy, taking place in Cork, Dublin, and Galway in 2019, is worth in excess of €7,500 per project. Together with a small group of fellow innovators, you will receive:

### **Training & Support**

Targeted training and support will accelerate your knowledge and build your skills in the key foundational areas of leading a social business, such as solution design, governance, storytelling, and leadership.

### **A Powerful Community**

As members of Ireland's largest network of social entrepreneurs, you will have connection to and mentorship from a large number of extremely experienced social entrepreneurs currently driving social change across the country, along with Ireland's leading business experts.

### **Pitch for Funding**

You will have the opportunity to pitch for funding as a way to progress your idea to its next stage of development. Those who have successfully completed the 2019 Academy will have the opportunity to pitch for part of a pot of €30,000.

### **What We Are Looking For**

The Academy will provide guidance and support to people with ideas to solve societal problems, sparking a new generation of social entrepreneurs. We are seeking to identify individuals with an entrepreneurial drive and aptitude, a passion for social change, a strong understanding of the problem they are addressing, and a great idea to solve it.

What that means in more detail:

*We're looking to support potential social entrepreneurs...*

The Academy is for ambitious, driven individuals, who are interested in tackling a social or environmental problem. They should act in an entrepreneurial manner and be open to learning



and developing themselves through The Academy. We are accepting applications from individuals and two-person partnerships.

### *A societal challenge...*

There are a lot of problems and issues to be addressed in Ireland so we're looking for people who can clearly demonstrate why the issue they want to address is of particular importance and why they're passionate about it. The challenge that their project is addressing can be social or environmental.

### *An idea....*

Applicants should have an idea with the potential to solve a social problem. As social entrepreneurs don't replicate what is already being provided, but instead seek to approach issues from a different angle, the idea should be new or better than what is already done to solve this problem in Ireland. While our Awards Programme works with social entrepreneurs whose projects are already up and running, The Academy caters for those who are in the idea or conceptual stages of creating a solution.

### Eligibility Criteria

- You are aged 18 years or over at the time of applying for the programme.
- You are the person leading on this idea – the main driver and decision maker.
- The primary focus of your idea is on benefiting people in Ireland.
- You have identified a social or environmental issue and have a new or better idea to solve it.
- You are available to commit to full attendance for all Academy events.

## How to Apply

Visit the Social Entrepreneurs Ireland website for full application guidelines.

<http://socialentrepreneurs.ie/theacademy>

**Deadline:** 19 March 2019

## Energy for Generations Fund

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:** 22 March 2019

## Foras na Gaeilge - Summer Camp Scheme

Foras na Gaeilge is providing funding for appropriate Summer Camps 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 camps;
- which will last 5 days;
- which will run between 24 June and 30 August 2019;
- which will last at least 4.5 hours each day.

This is a nonprofit scheme to keep the camp fees low for the young people.

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 to download further guidelines.

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

**Deadline:** 22 March 2019

## 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. It does this by focusing on specific areas of needs. The focus for 2019 and 2020 is homelessness and so the fund will only fund groups that are working in this area.

### 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 also submit an end-of-grant report, using the official end-of-grant form, in relation to the funding received. You must also submit the most recent audited /externally reviewed and signed Financial Accounts. Any funding received from the Foundation should be identified separately in your audited/externally reviewed financial accounts. This can be in the Notes to the Accounts. If it is not possible to call out separately, the Income and Expenditure, then the headings under which the incoming

grant and out-going expenditure are included, should be highlighted. Details of the expenditure made should also be provided.

### **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:  
<https://loreto.ie/loreto-outreach/the-loreto-foundation-fund/>

**Deadline:** 31 March 2019

## World of Children Awards

It is important to recognize that our children are the world's largest voiceless minority, as well as its most important asset. The World of Children seeks to give this minority a voice by making children's issues central to the future of all societies around the world. All Award funds go to support the proven and sustainable programs initiated/managed by the winners.

The World of Children Award program was created to recognize and elevate those selfless individuals who make a difference in the lives of children here in the USA and across the globe, regardless of political, religious or geographical boundaries. These courageous leaders recognize that our children are the world's most important asset. Their stories are heroic.

The World of Children Award honors these leaders, and grants them funds to support the proven, high-impact programs they have created for children. These Awards assure that more children's lives will be touched, improved and changed forever.

### **2019 World of Children Education Award - minimum grant of \$75,000**

The Education Award recognizes individuals making extraordinary contributions to the education of children thus providing them the platform from which to become fully productive members of society. Our Award honors this courageous leader at an annual Awards Ceremony and grants them funds to elevate their work.

Ultimately, our Award ensures that more children's lives will be improved and changed forever.

### **2019 World of Children Health Award - minimum grant of \$75,000**

The Health Award recognizes individuals making extraordinary contributions to children through the fields of health, medicine, or the sciences. Our Award honors this courageous leader at an annual Awards Ceremony and grants them funds to elevate their work.

Ultimately, our Award ensures that more children's lives will be saved, improved, and changed forever.

### **2019 World of Children Protection Award - minimum grant of \$75,000**

The Protection Award recognizes individuals making extraordinary contributions to children so that they can live free from fear, abuse, and exploitation (including but not limited to trafficking, slavery and sexual imposition). Our Award honors this humanitarian leader at an annual Awards Ceremony and grants their organization funds to elevate their work. Ultimately, our Award ensures that more children live lives that are free and healthy.

### **2019 World of Children Humanitarian Award**

The Humanitarian Award recognizes individuals making extraordinary contributions to children through social services or humanitarian services. Our Award honors this humanitarian leader at an annual Awards Ceremony and grants them funds to elevate their work.

Ultimately, our Award ensures that more children's lives will be touched, improved and changed forever.

### **2019 World of Children Youth Award - minimum grant of \$25,000**

The Youth Award recognizes an individual 21 years old or younger who has made significant contributions in helping other youth. Our Award honors this young leader at an annual Awards Ceremony and grants them funds to elevate their work.

### **2019 World of Children Crisis Award - minimum grant of \$25,000**

The Crisis Award recognizes individuals making extraordinary contributions to children affected by war, natural disasters, or other crises creating large cohorts of extremely vulnerable children. The Crisis Award allows World of Children and our community of donors to agilely respond to the needs of these children.

In partnership with UNICEF USA, the first Crisis Award was presented at the 2017 Hero Awards Benefit. This award and the Honorees we select are outside our regular nominations cycles, if and when a substantial need is recognized and an effective response is identified.

### **2019 World of Children Advocacy Award**

World of Children recognizes individuals for their involvement, service, research and leadership in changing the lives of underserved and at-risk children through substantial efforts in public outreach and advocacy. We are grateful for the opportunity to publicly recognize the accomplishments of these individuals the contributions they have made to so many children.

## **How to Apply**

Learn more here:

<https://worldofchildren.org/award/>

**Deadline:** 31 March 2019

## 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

Full details are available on the EPA website:

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

**Deadline:** 31 March 2019



## EYF Grants - Annual Work Plan Grant

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

The maximum grant allocated is €50 000. The grant awarded for an annual work plan is paid in three instalments: 60% when the signed contract is sent to the EYF by post and the conditions in the contract (if any) are met, 25% upon receipt of the interim report and the remaining 15% upon receipt of a satisfactory activity and financial report.

The following criteria are a requirement for annual work plans:

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

### What kind of activities can be included?

#### **International activities**

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

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

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

### **Other activities**

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

Examples of activities that can be included in a work plan as an “other” activity.

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

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

### **Aim and objectives of an annual work plan**

You will be asked to provide the objectives of each activity of the work plan and also the objectives and the aim of the work plan as a whole. The objectives of each individual activity should contribute to achieve the overall objectives of the work plan.

You need to show the relevance of the set of activities submitted to the EYF within the medium or long-term development of the organisation, but also show how this contributes to the priorities, mission and vision of the Council of Europe.

### **Gender perspective criteria included in all EYF grants**

Special attention will be given to applications integrating a gender perspective. This should be clearly explained in the grant application. Gender perspective does not mean having an equal number of female and male participants. You should try to develop your project looking through different gender glasses, taking into account the needs of young women and men. More information on gender mainstreaming [www.coe.int/equality](http://www.coe.int/equality) and our gender mainstreaming page developed having in mind youth NGOs.

## Eligibility

### Who can apply?

- International youth NGOs;
- International networks of youth NGOs.

### How to Apply

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

For further criteria and registration, please visit the EYF website.

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/european-youth-foundation/annual-work-plan>

**Deadline:** 1 April 2019

## EYF Grants - International Activity Grant

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

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

- Participants must represent at least 7 Council of Europe member states\*;
- It has to be run by an international team (4 nationalities represented in the project team);
- 75 % of participants under 30 years old;
- A gender and geographical balance must be ensured;
- A gender perspective is taken into account throughout the whole process.

Importance is also given to a non-formal education approach in your projects.

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

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

The maximum grant allocated is €20 000. The EYF will cover up to two-thirds of the total real costs of the activity. NGOs need to find additional resources to cover the remaining one-third.

### **Gender perspective criteria included in all EYF grants**

Special attention will be given to applications integrating a gender perspective. This should be clearly explained in the grant application. Gender perspective does not mean having an equal

number of female and male participants. You should try to develop your project looking through different gender glasses, taking into account the needs of young women and men.

More information on gender mainstreaming [www.coe.int/equality](http://www.coe.int/equality) and our gender mainstreaming page developed having in mind youth NGOs.

### **What costs are covered by the grant?**

Participant's travel, accommodation and food are covered. Also trainer/expert fees, production of material and renting of rooms and equipment. Volunteer time can be included up to a maximum of 10% of the total budget.

The volunteer cannot be paid (travel, accommodation, food can be covered) but the monetary value of the volunteers's contribution can be included in expenditure and income. A more detailed explanation can be seen in the Volunteer time recognition

### **Eligibility**

- International non-governmental youth organisations can apply on their own;
- International networks of youth NGOs can apply on their own;
- Regional networks of youth NGOs can apply on their own;
- National non-governmental youth organisations can apply if the activity is prepared in partnership with at least 3 other national NGOs or networks from different countries or with at least 1 international NGO or network.

### **How to Apply**

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

For further criteria and registration, please visit the EYF website.

<http://www.coe.int/web/european-youth-foundation/how-to-apply>

**Deadline:** 1 April 2019

## 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/respite 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).

The Hospital Saturday Fund has two grant categories: - Standard grants of up to £2,000 or €3,000 OR - Large grants to up to £10,000 or €13,500 (please note this is the maximum sum that HSF will grant). Large grant applications should be towards specific projects, research or equipment rather than running costs. Organisations may make one application for a meeting and can apply for a standard or a large grant. The Grant Making Committee (GMC) meets quarterly.

### How to Apply

Applications for grants should be made online at [www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org](http://www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org)

**Deadline:** 3 April 2019

## Foras na Gaeilge - Youth Events Scheme

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 2019 and 30 June 2020;
- 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:** 5 April 2019

## The Ireland Funds - Small Grants & Flagship Investment Grants

The mission of The Ireland Funds is to be the largest worldwide network of people of Irish ancestry and friends of Ireland dedicated to raising funds to support programs of peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development throughout the island of Ireland.

The objective of this grant is to enable as many organisations as possible to fund new and innovative responses to social need.

The objective of the Flagship Investments Grant Round is to support exceptional non-profit organisations to become effective, impactful leaders in their fields. Funding may be used to support programme or core operating costs.

### How to Apply

Specific/updated criteria for the above grants has not yet been published. An early April opening is expected.

Please visit/bookmark for full details.

<https://irelandfunds.org/grants/>

**Deadline:** TBC



## Human Rights and Equality Grant Scheme 2019

Organisations across Ireland who work on issues of human rights and equality are being invited to apply to the Human Rights and Equality Grant Scheme 2019.

The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission will award small grants of up to €6,000 and general grants of up to €20,000 to support activities in Ireland that advance economic and social rights and equality in relation to the prioritised areas of:

1. Housing/Accommodation;
2. Health and Decent work.

### How to Apply

To promote awareness of this national grants programme, the Commission will be hosting four regional events with local partners through March starting in Limerick (13th March), then onto Galway (14th March) and Carlow (20th March) before concluding in Dublin (21st March).

Full details of the grant scheme are available on the Commission's website: [www.ihrec.ie/our-work/human-rights-and-equality-grants-scheme/](http://www.ihrec.ie/our-work/human-rights-and-equality-grants-scheme/)

**Deadline:** 15 April

## Social Innovation Fund Ireland - The Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Fund

The Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Fund is a €1.8 million fund over three years created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland in partnership with Bank of America 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.

The Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Fund is the first fund in Ireland to support charities and social enterprises that seek to enhance the economic mobility of women, and is designed specifically to equip these organisations to expand their business acumen, drive growth and deepen their impact across Ireland.

We are calling for applications from organisations that support and empower women to progress their education or progress into new or more sustainable employment.

### **WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE FUND?**

Through the Fund, we aim to achieve the following over 3 years:

- 1) Empower 1,000 women to find and secure sustained employment across Ireland by investing in organisations that provide training, upskilling, education and other services directly to women experiencing disadvantage.
- 2) Double the impact of successful applicants by providing growth capital and support to organisations with a proven track record of social impact.

### **WHAT DOES THE FUND OFFER?**

- Cash grants between €50,000 – €100,000 per year for three years
- A bespoke business supports package designed to equip not for profit organisations to expand their business acumen, drive growth and deepen their impact
- A place on Social Innovation Fund Ireland's Accelerator programme which provides training from best-in-class experts across the private, not for profit and public sectors
- Performance management & impact management
- Access to Social Innovation Fund Ireland's networks

- Access to training and mentoring from Bank of America’s employees.

### **WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS IS THE FUND LOOKING FOR?**

All applicants to Social Innovation Fund Ireland must meet a set of standard criteria as listed below. All applicants to the Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Fund must meet the minimum fund criteria which is also listed below.

Note: as part of Social Innovation Fund Ireland’s standard eligibility requirements, applicants seeking funding for capital assets are not eligible.

### **SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND IRELAND STANDARD CRITERIA**

- The project must address a critical social issue
- The project 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 have a proven track record
- 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.

### **MNÁ NA HÉIREANN, WOMEN OF IRELAND FUND’S CORE CRITERIA**

- Projects that focus on women who are experiencing disadvantage (socio-economic, educational disadvantage, disability, members of minority group and other)
- Projects that focus on developing economic mobility for women in Ireland experiencing disadvantage through:
  - Increasing access to job opportunities
  - Increasing female labour force participation
  - Assisting women to progress their current positions

- Workforce development – building employment-related skills that lead to employment (includes soft skills)
- Projects that have evidence of sustained impact
- Organisations or projects with strong financial and governance structures, with the ability and resources to handle multi-year funding
- Organisations or projects with a viable fundraising model that can maximise and leverage grant funding
- Organisations or projects that have demonstrated strong leadership.

## MNÁ NA HÉIREANN, WOMEN OF IRELAND FUND'S ADVANTAGEOUS CRITERIA

- Organisations and their projects with a sustainable future business model
- Organisations and their projects demonstrating a gender-balanced board
- Organisations and their projects with a developed network and pipeline of participants
- Organisations and their projects that will participate in helping to tell the narrative of advanced economic mobility in Ireland.

## How to Apply

Full details available on the Fund website.

<http://www.socialinnovation.ie/mna-na-heireann-fund/>

**Deadline:** 18 April 2019

## Koch Foundation Grants

The Koch Foundation is an independent, private Catholic family foundation that administers grants for projects and programs that spread the Catholic faith. Established in 1979 by the founders, Carl and Paula Koch, the Foundation uses its endowment to support evangelization activities of the Catholic faith. Over the years, the Foundation has committed more than \$100,000,000 to Catholic organizations worldwide.

Irish organisations that have received funding from the Koch Foundation include:

- Congregation of the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul - \$15,000
- Sisters of the Cross and Passion - \$15,000
- All Hallows College, Dublin - \$20,000

## Funding Focus

The Koch Foundation funds in five areas to promote evangelization of the Catholic faith:

1. Catholic Schools - the Koch Foundation provides funding for Catholic Schools in impoverished areas where the schools are the primary means of evangelization, or for specialized programs that have the potential to provide future Church leaders.
2. Capital Expenditures - part of the mission of the Koch Foundation is to provide financial resources in the form of Capital Expenditures for the development of Catholic organizations in promoting the Catholic faith. Priority is given to financially distressed, underdeveloped areas.
3. Mass Media - evangelization is not only the spoken word, but is also given through visual media. The use of Mass Media to carry the Word of God to all parts of the world has grown and has become an integral part of the Koch Foundation's mission. Funding is provided to programs that have developed unique methods of communication as pivotal tools of evangelization efforts to assist others to hear and see the message of the risen Christ.
4. Direct Evangelization - the mission to proclaim the Gospel, which comes from a life-giving encounter with Christ and his Church, is provided by countless men and women who have dedicated their lives to sharing Christ with others. The Koch Foundation funds Direct Evangelization programs and religious activities which directly supports, strengthens or spreads the teaching of the Catholic faith.

5. Preparation of Evangelists - the Preparation of Evangelists is central to the mission of the Koch Foundation. From education and religious formation of men and women for missionary congregations, to the spiritual development of lay leaders, we assist programs that prepare individuals for the work of teaching, as Jesus taught, and sharing the wisdom of the Catholic faith. Funding is provided to official Catholic organizations only, not to individuals.

## How to Apply

Visit the Foundation website here:

<http://www.thekochfoundation.org>

**Deadline:** 1 May 2019

## Social Innovation Fund Ireland - Ignite Fund

The Ignite Fund is a €550,000 fund created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland in partnership with several private philanthropists 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 from the Dormant Accounts Fund.

‘Ignite’ means to ‘spark’ or ‘set in motion’. The objective of the Ignite Fund is to spark meaningful social impact in communities across Ireland by providing support to some of the most innovative charities and social enterprises. Several private philanthropists have been inspired to provide substantial support to organisations addressing some of the most critical social issues we face today. The Department of Rural and Community Development has committed to matching their support euro for euro. We are now seeking applications from organisations and projects who are ‘igniting’ impact in any of the four categories which are listed below;

1. Empowering Families
2. Music to Impact
3. Harnessing Ability
4. Youth Resilience

### WHAT DOES THE FUND OFFER?

1. Awards of between €55,000 and €75,000 including:
2. Cash grants of up to €60,000
3. Business supports package worth up to €15,000
4. A place on an Accelerator Programme from January to June 2020. The programme will include mentoring, growth-planning, impact measurement, and communications training as well as access to Social Innovation Fund Ireland’s expertise and networks.

### WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS IS THE FUND LOOKING FOR?

All applicants to Social Innovation Fund Ireland must meet a set of standard criteria as listed below. Each of the four ‘Ignite categories’ have their own requirements which must also be met. These are listed below.

Note: As part of Social Innovation Fund Ireland’s standard eligibility requirements, applicants seeking funding for capital assets are not eligible.

## **SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND IRELAND STANDARD CRITERIA**

- The project must address a critical social issue
- The project 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 have a proven track record
- 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.

## **EMPOWERING FAMILIES AWARD**

Supported by a private donor

This Award is open to innovative projects working with families experiencing disadvantage. The Award is open to projects providing training and support to parents or guardians of children age 6-12 years, in order to develop their parental capacity. Project’s working in this area must be able to demonstrate how their work improves the development and outcomes of children.

For the purposes of this Award, disadvantage is defined as one of the following:

- People from a low socio-economic background
- People with a disability
- People who are members of a minority group
- People experiencing disadvantage through circumstances such as lone parents or homelessness

### **Empowering Families Award Criteria:**



- Projects that focus on improving outcomes for children age 6-12 years, using an early intervention approach
- Projects that consider the voices of children and parents in their design and implementation
- Projects working holistically with the parent or guardians and child as part of the solution
- Projects that strengthen the parental capacity
- Projects that demonstrate how they will be delivered in an integrated way with other services – statutory or voluntary
- Projects that have a proven track record of impact for parents, guardian or children

Note: This Award is not open to projects working to address the medical needs of a family.

There are 2 x Awards Packages available.

Projects can apply to win an Awards package worth €75,000, which includes cash grants up to the value of €60,000 and business supports package to the value of €15,000.

### **MUSIC TO IMPACT AWARD**

Supported by a private donor

The Music to Impact Award is open to innovative projects using music as a means to enhance wellbeing or promote social inclusion for children, young people or adults.

Projects must be able to show a substantial impact on participants. Projects can focus on intervention or prevention. This may include therapeutic use, intellectual or personal development, or community development approaches.

Projects focusing on the following groups will have an advantage:

- People with an intellectual, physical, sensory, or learning disability
- People with mental health issues
- People experiencing socio-economic or other disadvantages

- People who are members of marginalised communities (including but not limited to LGBTI+ people, people with ethnic minority or migrant status, and ex-offenders or ex-prisoners).

Note: Projects that offer one-off interventions only will not be considered for this Award. Projects that focus solely on improving musical ability or performance will not qualify.

There are 2 x Awards Packages available through the Music to Impact Award.

Note: Projects can apply to win an Awards package worth €55,000, which includes cash grants to the value of €40,000 and business supports package to the value of €15,000.

### **HARNESSING ABILITY AWARD**

Supported by W2 Foundation and Ralph and Maureen Parkes

The Harnessing Ability Award is open to organisations whose mission is to create economic opportunity for adolescents or adults with disabilities through innovative programmes that enhance skills, drive leadership potential and provide job opportunities.

Projects focused on the following will be considered for this Award:

- Projects benefiting adolescents or adults with a disability (this includes people with an intellectual, physical or sensory disability)
- Projects whose mission is to advance economic opportunities for people with disabilities through training, upskilling, and/or provision of job opportunities
- Projects must have measurable outputs and outcomes for their participants
- Projects providing work experience and placements or career progression will have an advantage.
- Projects based in Munster or actively seeking to expand into Munster will have an advantage.

There is 1 x Awards Package available through the Harnessing Ability Award.

Projects can apply to win an Awards package worth €75,000, which includes cash grants to the value of €60,000 and a business supports package to the value of €15,000.

### **YOUTH RESILIENCE AWARD**

Supported by W2 Foundation and Ralph and Maureen Parkes

The Youth Resilience Award is open to innovative projects focused on the mental health of young people in Ireland in the context of increasing social and digital media use.

This award calls for projects focused on the safe and positive use of the internet, including the prevention of cyberbullying, online grooming, and education of young people on internet safety. Projects can focus on prevention or intervention methods, Projects based in Munster or actively seeking to expand into Munster will have an advantage.

There is 1 x Awards Package available through the Youth Resilience Award.

Projects can apply to win an Awards package worth €75,000, which includes cash grants to the value of €60,000 and business supports package to the value of €15,000.

## How to Apply

Full details available here:

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

**Deadline:** 6 May 2019

## 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:** 7 May 2019

## Additional Resources

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

### 1. Fundraising Guidance Library

- [Fundraising Essentials](#)
- [Applying to Grant Makers](#)
- [Fundraising From The Public](#)
- [European Funding](#)

### 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](mailto:paul@wheel.ie) and we'll get back to you shortly. [www.wheel.ie](http://www.wheel.ie).