Fundingpoint Local Access Digest

May - June 2020

The Fundingpoint Local Digest provides up-to-date funding information for nonprofits 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 2020 Student Bursary Scheme

In 2020, as part of our work in promoting the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty, the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission will run for the fifth year its bursary scheme for prospective students of the Professional Diploma in Human Rights and Equality at the Institute of Public Administration.

The student bursary scheme 2020 will support applications from civil society organisation representatives only.

The Professional Diploma in Human Rights and Equality is a one-year, part-time programme that has been developed in conjunction with the Institute of Public Administration and is enrolling until September 2020. The bursary scheme will cover all course fees for successful applicants.

The 2020 Bursary application process will open in May.

The aim of this bursary is to contribute towards building participants' skills to advance implementation of the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty in public bodies.

Civil Society Organisations can advance public bodies' implementation of the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty in many ways, including through advocacy.

As a NUI Level 8 Special Purpose Award the Professional Diploma in Human Rights and Equality at the Institute of Public Administration is primarily academic in its nature. While there is no requirement to have completed study of such a nature previously, it does involve the submission of written assignments and a formal written examination.

There are 6 bursary places available for people working in civil society organisations, including community and voluntary organisations, non-governmental and non-profit organisations, groups representing geographic communities or communities of interest, and trade unions.

Bursary places on the Professional Diploma in Human Rights and Equality are open to people working at all levels and functions. However, preference will be given to applications demonstrating clear intention to advocate for implementation of the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty (the Duty) in one, or more, public bodies.

The bursary scheme will cover all course fees for successful applicants.

Please note that bursary recipients who do not complete the diploma course or assessments will be required to provide the cost of the fees covered by the bursary.

Please note that bursary recipients will be required to report back and liaise with the Commission during and after the course and participate in meetings / focus groups and impact reporting relating to their participation in the course.

How to Apply

[Full details available here](#).

Deadline: not specified, but set to open in May.

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WWGS Grant Funding

WorldWise Global Schools (WWGS) provides grant funding to Schools and Organisations (NGOs and School Networks) working in the post-primary sector in the Republic of Ireland (ROI).

Grant funding can be applied for on an annual basis (April/ May) to assist Schools/Organisations with activities and initiatives, which promote Global Citizenship Education, to take place in the following academic year.

Scroll down to watch our video about Global Citizenship Education and please click on the Grant Application Guidelines for more details on the grant and your eligibility.

Grant Guidelines 2020-2021 – Schools

Grant Guidelines 2020-2021 – School Clusters

Grant Guidelines 2020-2021 – NGO/Networks

How to Apply

Full details available here.

Deadline: 15 May 2020

Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme 2020

The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission is now accepting applications for the Human Rights and Equality Grant Scheme 2020-21.

Activities eligible for grant support include:

- Capacity building training

- Research, legal, policy & needs analysis

- Education and training tools

- Conferences, seminars & roundtables

- Print and digital tools to promote awareness.

The Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme is open to civil society organisations, including community and voluntary organisations, trade unions, groups representing geographic communities addressing poverty and social exclusion or communities of interest protected under the 9 equality grounds including groups led by people with disabilities and ethnic minorities.

How to Apply

[Full details available here](#).

Deadline: 19 May 2020 @ 4pm

2020 Artist and Youth Work Residency Grant Scheme

The 2020 Artist and Youth Work Residency Grant Scheme is open for applications!

Apply now for the Youth Arts Explorer Grant €1,500 or Youth Arts Full Grant €5,000.

Do you have a good idea for a youth arts project in your youth group but require the funding to work with an artist?

Applications are now invited to support innovative partnerships involving artists in residence in youth work settings and/or youth groups in residence in arts settings commencing in June 2020. The scheme is managed by the National Youth Council of Ireland on behalf of the Arts Council and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs.

About the scheme

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

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

YOUTH ARTS EXPLORER GRANT €1,500

This grant is for projects, services and organisations who are beginning to explore introducing youth arts experiences to their youth work setting but are not yet sufficiently experienced/confident to develop or manage a larger scale residency project.

The aim of the grant is to support an organisation to explore the introduction of arts practice to the youth service through a flexible approach.

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

ARTIST AND YOUTH WORK RESIDENCY GRANT €5,000

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the form of an artist in residence in a youth work setting and/or a youth group in residence in an arts setting.

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

How to Apply

[Full guidelines and relevant documents available here](#).

Deadline: extended to 20 May 2020

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3rd EU Health Programme

The Health Programme is a funding instrument to support cooperation among EU countries and underpin and develop EU health activities. The following call for proposals focuses on the dissemination of a successful "Housing First" model.

With a budget of €449.4 million and throughout 23 priority areas, the Health Programme serves four specific objectives:

Promote health, prevent disease and foster healthy lifestyles through 'health in all policies',

Protect EU citizens from serious cross-border health threats

Contribute to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems

Facilitate access to high quality, safe healthcare for EU citizens.

This deadline will fund actions to support the implementation of best practices in the area of mental health and specifically the widespread adoption of a successful model "Housing First" model developed in Portugal.

Fighting Depression Call Detail

This deadline will fund actions to support the implementation of best practices in the area of mental health and specifically the widespread adoption of "iFightDepression", an initiative by the European Alliance Against Depression to provide information, tailored resources and recommendations to community professionals and healthcare professionals

The Commission has undertaken and supported many actions on mental health over the past fifteen years. It wishes to support the Member States in building on the expertise gathered and ensure that decision makers have access to the most up to date knowledge on best practices to better support national health systems and EU citizens. Supporting the awareness, commitment and roll-out of initiatives that have been shown to work is an essential way of creating and delivering value to the citizens.

This call aims to spread an example of best practice called iFightDepression: A 4-level intervention programme aiming at improving care for patients suffering from depression and preventing suicidal behavior.

It comprises several simultaneous intervention activities, which have been proven to work together well, including cooperation with primary and mental health care, focusing on training general practitioners; public awareness campaigns; cooperation with community facilitators

and stakeholders; support for people at high risk, and their relatives. It focuses on action programs, campaigns, e-mental health, mental health in all policies, policy work, research, service delivery approaches, tools/instruments, and training. Originating in Germany, the practice has been implemented since 2004 in several countries. Various aspects have been evaluated since, indicating the programme's effectiveness in reducing suicides and improving the care of people suffering from depression.

This call for proposals shall involve entities, namely NGOs, that are responsible for development, stewardship and implementation of (mental) health practices on the ground, in direct contact with the citizens, also with regard to prevention. They can and should also involve national and regional health authorities when relevant.

Actions should:

- assess the preparedness of local, regional, national entities and health services in the participating countries for introducing the above mental health best practice;

- increase the awareness of the importance of mental health among policy-makers and health professionals;

- develop, translate and provide high quality implementation tools for implementing above best practice;

- train trainers and professionals in the core components of the best practice (adapted to the national context);

- implement local, regional or national activities for contextualized practice transfer;

- monitor the implementation process and assess the outcome of the implementation;design measures to assess and increase the sustainability of the practice after the implementation phase;

- develop opportunities and supportive networks for capacity building between the participating countries and the EU.

- promote the implementation to other EU Member States that are not participating in the project.

Available budget for this topic: 2.000.000 EUR for 1 or more projects.

The grant agreement(s) will be awarded to those ranked highest, up to an available budget of 2.000.000 EUR (EU-Contribution).

Full details are available on the [EU's Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal](#).

Deadline: 3 June 2020

Housing First Call Detail

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This call aims to spread an example of best practice, specifically a successful model "Housing First" model developed in Portugal.

This model provides integrated housing in the community for long-term homeless people with severe mental illness, in some cases combined with substance abuse. It has a service delivery approach and fosters social inclusion and citizenship. Activities of Housing First include intensive and direct support to the person in the household and the integration in local services in all areas, such as health, mental health, social welfare, and judicial services. The intervention has achieved housing retention rates of up to 90%.

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- promote the implementation to other EU Member States that are not participating in the project.

Available budget for this topic: 1.000.000 EUR for 1 or more projects.

The grant agreement(s) will be awarded to those ranked highest, up to an available budget of 1.000.000 EUR (EU-Contribution).

Full details are available on the EU's Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal.

Deadline: 3 June 2020

Learn about the overall programme here.

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Horizon 2020

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

1. Excellent Science

2. Competitive Industry

3. Better Society/Societal Challenges.

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

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

Eligibility

Eligibility criteria vary according to the type of project.

Check the H2020 online manual for more information on the criteria for the funding you are interested in.

Types of Projects

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

Specific Call Info:

Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme ever with nearly €80 billion of funding from 2014 – 2020. This call focuses on prevention and/or early diagnosis of cancer in vulnerable populations.

This Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (GACD) call will focus on implementation research proposals for the prevention and/or early diagnosis of cancer in Low and Middle-Income Countries and/or in vulnerable populations in High- Income Countries. Ireland falls under the category of High- Income Countries.

Current cancer prevention and control does fully reflect ethnic, cultural, environmental, socio-economic and resource differences. In particular, limited implementation research is conducted on cancers primarily found in vulnerable populations. In order to achieve the United Nations' sustainable development goal 3.4, implementation research and healthcare efforts are needed to prevent and control cancers in these countries and populations.

Proposals:

Proposals should focus on implementation research for the prevention and/or early diagnosis of cancer in clearly defined vulnerable populations. Proposals should build on interventions with promising or proven effectiveness (including cost-effectiveness) for the respective population groups under defined contextual circumstances. For promising interventions, a limited validation period can be envisaged. However, the core of the research activities should focus on their implementation in real-life settings. The proposed interventions should gender-responsive.

The aim should be to adapt and/or upscale the implementation of these intervention(s) in accessible, affordable and equitable ways in order to improve the prevention and early diagnosis of cancer in real-life settings. Interventions should meet conditions and requirements of the local health and social system context and address any other contextual factors identified as possible barriers.

Each proposal should:

- Focus on implementation research addressing prevention, and/or early identification strategies derived from existing knowledge about effective and/or promising interventions.

- For screening interventions, the pathway to referral for positive cases should be included.

- Include a strategy to test the proposed model of intervention and to address the socioeconomic and contextual factors of relevance to the targeted region and community.

- Lead to better understanding of key barriers and facilitators at local, national and international level that affect the prevention and/or early diagnosis of cancer.

- Include health economics assessments as an integral part of the proposed research, including considerations of scalability and equity.

- Propose a pathway to embed the intervention into local, regional or national health policy and practice, including a strategy to include policy makers and local authorities (possibly by being part of the consortium), as well as other relevant stakeholders such as community groups, patient groups, formal and informal carers and any other group, where ever relevant from the beginning of the project, which will contribute to the sustainability of the intervention, after the end of project.

How to Apply

Full details are available on the [EU's Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal](#).

Deadline: 4 June 2020

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SFI Discover Programme 2020

As we are living through the Covid-19 pandemic, Science Foundation Ireland is more conscious than ever of the importance of supporting the public to have access to and to understand the complex science underpinning crises such as this, in the context of their lives, their health, the health of their loved ones, and the impact it has on our collective future. In acknowledgement of this, Science Foundation Ireland is launching the SFI Discover Programme Call 2020.

The SFI Discover Programme Call 2020 is a key part of the SFI Education and Public Engagement activity. Its purpose is to stimulate and support projects that extend activity and ability in engaging the public in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). Science Foundation Ireland is particularly interested in projects that will broaden the relevance to, and participation of, communities less represented in STEM in society. This has never been so important. The successful projects/initiatives through this call will support inclusion of that broader group in STEM. They will contribute to supporting the public to better understand the evidence behind challenges we have collectively faced in 2020 and the choices we need to make in the future.

It is part of Science Foundation Ireland's role to grow the communities contributing to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and to empower people to shape Ireland's future through innovation. It is important for Science Foundation Ireland to support growth in the confidence of the Irish public to be informed and reflective on policy and decisions around the societal challenges we face together.

Objectives

Science Foundation Ireland welcomes contributions from across the sciences, arts, media, education, youth and/or community work sectors. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that create opportunities for broader participation and engagement of the public with STEM. Science Foundation Ireland is keen to push the boundaries of participation and welcomes novel approaches to engaging the public, in ways that are most suited to them.

The aim of the SFI Discover Programme Call 2020 is to support projects that address one or more of the following objectives:

- Stimulate engagement and curiosity amongst the general public in STEM

- Create debate and conversation amongst the public on STEM and their appreciation of its impact on society

- Use new ways to attract those who would not typically engage with STEM

- Apply STEM engagement and awareness in innovative ways for the benefit of the public e.g. within youth and community work to support youth and community work outcomes.

- Inspire curiosity and confidence in the scientific method

- Provide insights into STEM-related careers and discoveries while breaking down any negative stereotypes Support projects which develop capacity for the delivery of STEM Education and Public Engagement (EPE) in Ireland.

Eligibility

The Call is open to a wide range of people and organisations, including mediators and practitioners of science communication; STEM festival organisers; universities and institutes of technology, science centres, museums and other cultural attractions; artists; educators; industry professionals and academics in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM); arts agencies; production companies; schools; local authorities (libraries, city/county councils etc.); youth clubs; youth work organisations, community groups; and research institutes.

Partnership projects (between different people and organisations, e.g. scientists and ethicists, educators and artists) are welcomed and encouraged.

Science Foundation Ireland has a list of Eligible Research Bodies (which includes universities, institutes of technology etc.) – check list of Eligible Research Bodies here.

If your organisation is included on this list, then your application must be signed off by the appropriate officer (typically the Research Office) within your organisation using the Eligible Research Body Cover Sheet available on SESAME.

Applications are also welcome from other bodies (i.e. any organisation not included on the above list). There are two categories of other bodies that can become eligible for the SFI Discover Programme Call 2020:

(a) State Body (e.g. city or county council)

In order to become eligible for the SFI Discover Programme Call 2020, applicants in this category are required to complete, sign, stamp and upload the "Other Bodies - State Body" Cover Sheet available on SESAME. A senior executive within the organisation is required to sign the cover sheet indicating the organisation's support for the application.

(b) Other Body (i.e. not an Eligible Research Body or a State Body)

In order to become eligible for the SFI Discover Programme Call 2020, applicants in this category are required to:

- Complete the "Other Body - Cover Sheet" available on SESAME, providing details of the organisation's status, registration number, auditors, solicitors and bankers

- Provide details of the organisation structure detailing positions and names of post holders

- Provide a copy of the most recent annual report (if appropriate, i.e. if your organisation is required to publish an annual report)

- Provide a signed copy of the most recent Audited Financial Statements (if applicable)

Please Note: Failure to provide the required eligibility documentation outlined above, and as relevant for your organisation, will result in your application being deemed ineligible.

If you have any doubt about your organisation's status, please email discover.programme@sfi.ie for clarification. This must be done in good time before the closing date (minimum three days) to ensure that your application is completed and submitted before the deadline as no exceptions can be made in relation to the submission date for this, or any other, reason.

Applications are welcome from any organisation with experience in engaging the groups targeted e.g. youth and community work organisations

Applications will not be accepted from individuals and/or sole traders.

No employee or board member of Science Foundation Ireland may apply.

Film, animation or broadcast projects are eligible to apply for funding under this Call. These projects should clearly indicate the STEM collaborators or experts contributing to the development of the project and outline the role these collaborators will play. Proposals should also clearly identify how they will be scheduled (shown to the audience) in the proposal, including support from a broadcaster or distribution partner.

How to Apply

Full application details available here.

Deadline: 10 June 2020

Culture Ireland Grants

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

Purpose of Awards

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

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

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

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

- Application must be in respect of a Irish professional artist/s or arts organisation

- Application must be in respect of an art form defined under the Arts Act 2003

- Only international events are supported (i.e., outside the island of Ireland)

- The event must be accessible to an open public audience and fees must be payable to the artist/s or arts organisation

- Funding support is limited to travel and travel related costs

- Grants are only payable to the person/organisation named on the initial application.

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

- Artistic quality of work and track record of artist/s or arts organisation

- Financial and operational viability of the event (including fees and level of support from presenter/venue/other partners)

- Profile of international venue/festival

- Proven capacity of applicant, artist/s or arts organisation to present work internationally

- Wider promotional and media impact.

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

Examples of eligible applications include:

- Theatre, circus and dance performances by professional companies

- Film-makers presenting films at key international film festivals

- Performances by professional or professionally-led musicians and ensembles

- Visual artists/galleries exhibiting at internationally recognised art fairs/galleries

- Readings by writers/poets in English or Irish or otherwise at international literary festivals.

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

Examples of ineligible applications include:

- Events which have already taken place

- Research, opportunities, study or professional training

- Production Costs

- Residencies

- Bursaries

- Workshops/Conferences

- Amateur events

- Work by non-professional artists

- Events of a competitive nature.

How to Apply

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

Deadline: 15 June 2020

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Additional COVID-19-specific Resources

The Covid-19 Response Fund

Currently closed, but expected to reopen.

The Community Foundation for Ireland's Covid-19 Community Fund is aimed at the immediate needs of organisations impacted by Covid-19 and focused on the following:

- People over 60

- People with respiratory illnesses or cancer

- People experiencing domestic abuse

- Isolated vulnerable people and families, particularly those living in rural areas

- Mental health issues for those affected by Covid- 19.

It is the expectation that the funding will support organisations to continue to provide services over the next one to six months and help in adapting services and methods of delivery.

Applications can be made to continue or adapt existing work or to pilot new work that will support those most vulnerable as a result of Covid-19.

Any organisations affected by Covid-19 and working with the groups of people listed above can apply for grants between €1,000 and €10,000. The Community Foundation for Ireland anticipates that organisations that are providing small scale emergency support will require funding of around €1,000 to €2,500. Those who are significantly enhancing their services at this time may require grants of up to €10,000.

We will only accept applications from organisations with income levels of €500,000 or less per annum.

All projects must be in line with government advice and guidelines about Coronavirus.

The Community Foundation for Ireland will prioritise:

- Initiatives that directly support those most at risk as a result of Coronavirus as outlined above;

- Initiatives that are responding to immediate needs including food, medication and shelter;

- Those organisations whose projects and budgets are realistic and detailed that outline how the grant money will be spent to support those most at risk.

Please note:

Applications for running costs for organisations to provide support- including volunteer expenses, staff costs, and transport- will be accepted, provided that the organisation is focusing their attention on supporting existing and any potential beneficiaries due to Covid-19.

Small capital costs are eligible, such as technology to adapt services, provided that the capital item will address the priorities of the fund.

The Community Foundation for Ireland cannot fund:

- Initiatives that involve physically bringing people together;

- Profit-making enterprises;

- Sport organisations;

- Projects that have already happened;

- Applications from individuals;

- Applications that are missing the required governance documents;

- Projects taking place outside of the Republic of Ireland.

Examples of projects may include:

- Projects that enable organisations to use and access technology to work remotely and to deliver their services to the groups listed above;

- Projects that enable organisations that need extra staff or volunteers to cover increased workload over the next three months;

- Projects supporting those most at risk, for example, those suffering from domestic violence, children at risk, those in unsuitable accommodation;

- Projects that enable older people to access a nutritious meal by connecting them to services providing groceries and/or ready-made meals;

- Projects that enable and encourage isolated people of all ages to use and access technology to keep them connected to the outside of their homes;

- Remote welfare checks for those isolated and in need of support;

- Social prescribing initiatives, in line with government guidance around isolation and social distancing. For example, online projects and volunteering opportunities, such as arts activities, group   learning, gardening, befriending, cookery, healthy eating advice or a range of exercise activities;

- Projects that provide enhanced counselling support services, providing they are offered in line with government advice and guidance around social distancing;

- Projects that build social networks, in line with current guidance around isolation and social distancing, and that may further develop once this period of isolation has ended.

How to Apply

Note: The Covid-19 Response Fund is temporarily closed, but is expected to reopen.

Learn more and sign up for alerts here.

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Neighbourly Community Fund Micro Grants

Here at Neighbourly we know now, more than ever, how important it is to support local communities. That's why we've set up a Covid-19 Community Fund, backed by our partner businesses, to support the Neighbourly causes that will be most affected.

With the support of our partner businesses, Neighbourly are launching a series of micro-grants of up to £400, to support good causes that are helping communities affected by the new Coronavirus outbreak.

Grants will be awarded to members of Neighbourly in UK and Ireland that are actively supporting members of the community suffering economically, socially or from ill health as a result of the outbreak. This may include, but not be limited to, elderly people, those on low incomes and people at risk of food insecurity.

Grant are unrestricted and can go towards food provision, emergency supplies, practical support, running costs, transport and other essentials.

How to Apply

To apply, fill in the short application form linked below. We have already received a high number of applications and we are processing these as quickly as we can. Your application will be held on file and we will update you on timings as soon as possible.

[Full details available here](#).

Deadline: undetermined (apply asap).

Non-grant: Exceptional Needs Payments

An Exceptional Needs Payment is a single payment to help meet essential, once-off, exceptional expenditure, which a person could not reasonably be expected to meet out of their weekly income.

For example, the payment can be for bedding or cooking utensils for someone setting up a home for the first time, visiting relatives in hospital or prison, funeral costs or for clothing in exceptional circumstances.

ENPs are administered by the Community Welfare Service (CWS) of the Department.

Eligible people would normally be in receipt of a social welfare or health service executive payment. However, there is no automatic entitlement to such payments.

ENPs are payable at the discretion of the CWS officer taking into account the requirements of the legislation and all the relevant circumstances of the case.

You may be eligible for an Exceptional Needs Payment if:

- you are living in the State

- you satisfy a means test (all capital/property, except your home, is assessed in the means test)

You won't normally be eligible if you:

- have access to alternative resources, including capital, to meet the need

- are in full-time work (30 hours or more per week)

- are in full-time education

- are involved in a trade dispute or on strike. However, you may apply for an Exceptional Needs Payment for your dependent adult or dependent child.

The amount of payment you get will depend on a means test and the type of assistance sought.

How to Apply

[Full details here](#).

Additional Resources

Visit The Wheel's COVID-19 information hub, including constantly updated funding information and key sector updates: www.wheel.ie

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 and we'll get back to you shortly. www.wheel.ie.

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