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## Social Innovation Fund - Boost-It Education and Mental Health Fund 2020

Social Innovation Fund Ireland welcomes a new Boost-It Fund dedicated to Education and Mental Health, created in response to the expressed needs of previous and existing Social Innovation Fund Ireland's Awardees' needs that are exacerbated by the current pandemic.

Youth Mental Health and Youth Education are two demonstrable areas of the negative impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, with young people finding it difficult to manage new home situations, less interaction with peers, and increased anxiety as a result of the uncertainty of their educational future.

### Criteria

Core Criteria:

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

Boost It Fund Specific Criteria:

- Previous Awardees of the 2017 Education Fund, the 2018 Youth Education and Mental Health Fund, and the 2019 Children and Youth Funds
- Awardees approved for a first Social Innovation Fund Ireland Fund and not currently in a second fund

- Awardees that are not in receipt of the Pobal Stability Fund
- Awardees with a record of performance and a strong rationale for additional funding that must be applied for the same project as previously contracted.

## How to Apply

Full application details available here:

<http://www.socialinnovation.ie/boost-it-education-and-mental-health-fund-2020/>

**Deadline:** 3 July 2020

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## Gambling Awareness Trust (GAT) Funding

Gambling Awareness Trust (GAT) is an Independent charity established in 2019 to fund research, education and treatment services to help minimise gambling related harm in Ireland. GAT is administered by a voluntary Board of Trustees and is funded by donations from the online and retail betting and gaming industry in Ireland.

GAT opened a call for expressions of interest from relevant agencies and organisations in 2019 to address the issue of problem gambling and gambling addiction for individuals and families across Ireland. (Details of grantees can be viewed on our website.) In addition to this a significant research project was commissioned with NUI Maynooth as a scoping exercise to examine the knowledge base and evidence of gambling and problem gambling in Ireland, which is currently ongoing. The [www.GamblingCare.ie](http://www.GamblingCare.ie) website is managed by GAT and was created to broaden public understanding of responsible gambling and as a measure to help those that develop problems, or those who are affected by someone that has developed a gambling problem to get the support and help that they need quickly and effectively.

### 2020 Criteria

Services providing supports for those affected by problem gambling and gambling addiction are eligible to apply for funding. Applications for projects focused on education, training and awareness in the field will be considered in this round.

GAT will accept expressions of interest from those service providers committed to providing professional services including but not exclusive of:

- Provision of phone counselling services 7 days a week and out of hours
- Provision of face-to-face counselling sessions Nationwide
- Promotion of general public awareness-raising
- Provision of education, early intervention and prevention measures
- Provision of relapse prevention services
- Provision of online supports with self-help and mutual aid initiatives
- The undertaking of a National gambling research & prevalence study.

### How to Apply

Full details available here:

[https://gamblingawarenesstrust.ie/problem\\_gambling\\_funding/apply-for-funding/](https://gamblingawarenesstrust.ie/problem_gambling_funding/apply-for-funding/)

**Deadline:** 10 July 2020

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## Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Ex-Gratia Funding to Animal Welfare Organisations

Since 1995 the Minister has made ex-gratia payments to a number of organisations directly involved in the delivery of animal care and welfare services.

The Five Freedoms outlined below provide an overall concept of animal welfare and should underpin animal welfare best practice at your organisation:

1. Freedom from thirst, hunger and malnutrition
2. Freedom from discomfort
3. Freedom from pain, injury and disease
4. Freedom to express normal patterns of behaviour
5. Freedom from fear and distress.

The type of supporting accounts that are required are as follows:

- Organisations with income below €13,000 can provide a statement of accounts signed and dated by an executive in the organisation showing Income and Expenditure for the most recent 12-month period.
- Organisations with income between €13,000 and €100,000 must provide certified accounts signed and dated by the accountant.
- Organisations with income in excess of €100,000 must provide audited accounts signed and dated by the auditor.
- All Ex-Gratia Funding received in the 2019 must be identified separately in Accounts submitted as Ex-Gratia Funding from DAFM and the purpose of the funding. DPER Circular 13-2014 refers.

### How to Apply

Full details / forms are available from [the Department website](#).

**Deadline:** 10 July 2020

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## LIFE Programme Grants

The LIFE programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action created in 1992. The current funding period 2014-2020 has a budget of €3.4 billion.

LIFE has a budget of €3.4 billion for 2014-2020. Every year a call for LIFE project proposals is launched around April. Following competitive selection, awards are made that are typically in the range of €1-5 million for projects with durations of 3 to 5 years.

The general objective of LIFE is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental and climate policy and legislation by co-financing projects with European added value.

The LIFE programme is divided into two sub-programmes, one for environment (representing 75% of the overall funding available) and one for climate action (representing 25% of the funding available).

Any entity registered in the EU can make a proposal for LIFE projects under the sub-programmes for environment and climate action. In contrast to other funding programmes LIFE projects are very flexible in terms of how they are set up. You can decide if you want to run a project on your own, or if you prefer to join forces with partners from your own or another country.

The following areas are relevant to charities who are considering applying to the LIFE programme.

### Nature and biodiversity

The environment sub-programme funds nature conservation projects in particular in the areas of biodiversity, habitats and species. It provides action grants for best practice, pilot and demonstration projects that contribute to the implementation of the EU's directives on birds and habitats, the EU's biodiversity strategy to 2020, and the development, implementation and management of the Natura 2000 network.

Projects receive a co-funding of up to 60%. The co-financing rate can be up to 75% if at least half of the total estimated project costs are used for actions to improve the conservation status of priority habitats or species listed in the EU's birds and habitats directives.

### Environment and resource efficiency

LIFE co-finances projects in the environmental sector in particular in the areas of air, chemicals, green and circular economy, industrial accidents, marine and coastal management, noise, soil, waste, water, and the urban environment. The programme provides action grants for pilot and demonstration projects to develop, test and demonstrate policy or management approaches. It also covers the development and demonstration of innovative technologies, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of EU environmental policy and law, as well as best practices and solutions. The European Commission is particularly looking for technologies and solutions that are ready to be implemented in close-to-market conditions, at industrial or commercial scale, during the project duration.

Projects receive a co-funding of up to 55%.

## Environmental governance and information

The programme supports projects in the areas of awareness raising, environmental training and capacity building, legislative compliance and enforcement, knowledge development and public and stakeholder participation. It co-finances action grants for information, awareness and dissemination projects that aim to promote awareness raising on environmental matters. This includes cooperation platforms and knowledge sharing on sustainable environmental solutions and practice.

Projects receive a co-funding of up to 55%.

## How to Apply

For more information about the LIFE programme, visit the EU's LIFE webpage at:

<https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/life>

The Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment also provides information on the LIFE programme here: <https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en->

[ie/environment/topics/life-programme/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-)

### Deadlines:

1. Deadline for nature and biodiversity traditional projects: 16 Jul 2020
2. Deadline for technical assistance projects under the sub-programme for climate action: 16 Jul 2020

3. Deadline for environmental governance and information traditional projects: 16 Jul 2020
4. Deadline for technical assistance projects under the sub-programme for environment: 16 Jul 2020
5. Deadline for environment and resource efficiency traditional projects: 14 Jul 2020

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## Communities Integration Fund 2020

Applications are now open to community groups nationwide who wish to apply for grant funding under the Department of Justice and Equality Communities Integration Fund.

The purpose of the Communities Integration Fund 2020 is to support communities across Ireland to play a greater role in promoting the integration of migrants.

A total of €500,000 will be made available in 2020 to local community based organisations to carry out integration projects in their local area. Organisations eligible to apply include local community groups, sports clubs, faith-based groups, arts groups, formal and informal schools and theatrical and cultural organisations. Applicant organisations must operate on a not-for-profit basis.

This funding can be used for both once-off initiatives and short to medium term projects. Projects should take an inclusive approach, aiming to bring migrants and host communities together, and may not be directed solely to any one particular group or nationality.

The maximum amount that may be granted per project under CIF 2020 is €5,000.

### Themes for 2020

Projects under the following themes will be considered.

- Intercultural Awareness – A project that brings host communities and migrant communities together to celebrate each other’s cultures and customs.
- Combating Racism and Xenophobia – A project aimed at preventing racism and xenophobia among local communities.
- Sport & Community Games – A project to facilitate local migrant integration by encouraging migrants to get involved in sport.
- Arts – A project to encourage social interaction between migrants and members of their local communities, through arts and crafts, music, dance, theatre and literature. Projects considered may be in the form of visual art, crafts, dance, film, literature, music, opera and theatre; including contemporary art practices such as performance, live art, multimedia, video art, sound art etc.
- Other Community Events – A project to adapt existing community activities or events to make them more inclusive of migrants.

- Capacity Building – A project with a social inclusion focus that seeks to help particularly vulnerable groups of migrants overcome specific difficulties (e.g. English conversation classes for young migrant parents not active in the labour market).
- Employment – A project offering employment advice and/or opportunities, e.g. through sponsorship by local businesses for training, skills assessment, placements, etc.
- Integration Research – A project to identify knowledge gaps and carry out local needs assessments so that local community integration resources can be used to maximum benefit.
- Food/Cuisine – A project to promote interculturalism and integration through the sharing of different cuisines and cooking methods.
- Education – A project focused on the educational needs of migrants through provision of additional supports to help migrant children to maximise the benefit of their school attendance (e.g. homework clubs) and older migrants to develop their language skills and better orient themselves to Irish society.

## Target Groups

The purpose of the Communities Integration Fund 2020 is to support communities across Ireland to play a greater role in promoting the integration of all legally resident migrants and their children. It is accepted that the nature of the projects and events being supported means that their beneficiaries may include migrants whose legal status is still under determination. This will not, in itself, render a project ineligible.

As the Fund is intended to promote the integration of migrants and host communities, applicants are required to explain how the proposed project will bring migrants and host communities together. Projects may not be directed solely to any one particular group or nationality.

## How to Apply

Applications may be submitted here:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CIF2020>

**Deadline:** 16 Jul 2020

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## 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:** 22 July 2020

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## The Arts Council - Festivals Investment Scheme

The Council recognises the distinctive role arts festivals play in sustaining a vibrant and sustainable arts profile at a local level. Festivals provide opportunities for artists and audiences to experience new work and ways of making work. The scheme will be open to multi-disciplinary festivals and single artform festivals.

There are three bands of funding available:

1. Band A: Up to €7,000
2. Band B: Between €7,001 and €20,000
3. Band C: Between €20,001 and €35,000

Selecting an appropriate band for your organisation

The banding structure of funding available matches the different developmental stages of festival practice. Band A for smaller festivals, new festival ideas, Band B for small to mid-scale festivals seeking to build capacity, Band C for festivals strategically driven with a commitment to artistic leadership.

### **IMPORTANT**

Festival applicants that wish to apply to Band C must have been established for a minimum of five years and executed a minimum of five consecutive festival programmes.

Festival applicants that wish to apply to Band B must have been established for a minimum of two years and executed a minimum of two consecutive festival programmes.

The Festivals Investment Scheme is a non-recurring competitive scheme.

## How to Apply

Visit the Arts Council website for further information and guidelines:

<http://www.artscouncil.ie/Funds/Festivals-Investment-Scheme/>

**Deadline:** 23 July 2020

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## Ecclesiastical - Movement for Good Awards

Charitable giving has been at the heart of what we do for over 130 years. Now more than ever we are proud to be one of the largest corporate donors to charity in the UK and Ireland, contributing to thousands of good causes in this country and abroad.

This year through our Movement for Good awards, we're building on the widespread success of last year's initiative and giving a further £1million to charities.

Our £1m giving programme has two funding phases:

Phase 1 – 500 charities will each receive £1,000. (NOW CLOSED)

Phase 2 - 10 charities will each receive a £50,000 grant.

Our £50,000 awards are open to eligible charities registered in the UK and Republic of Ireland with an income of less than £5million, which support a cause that we know our communities care about: the advancement of education and skills; citizenship or community development; arts, culture or heritage.

It's never too soon to start preparing your application. To ensure you're in with a good chance of being shortlisted, be sure to read our application guide, containing useful information about the assessment criteria and how each application will be scored.

The £50,000 awards open on Monday 15 June 2020 and close on Friday 24 July 2020 – giving you plenty of time to create a great project submission.

For more information and to see if your charity is eligible to apply, please read our terms and conditions.

Remember – charities can be nominated for the £1,000 donations and apply for the £50,000 grants.

### How to Apply

Full details available here: [www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good/](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good/)

**Deadline:** 24 July 2020

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## Creative Europe Programme

Creative Europe is the European Commission's framework programme for support to the culture and audiovisual sectors. Following on from the previous Culture Programme and MEDIA programme, Creative Europe, with a budget of €1.46 billion (9% higher than its predecessors), will support Europe's cultural and creative sectors.

The Creative Europe programme is open to cultural and creative organisations from EU Member States, as well as non-EU countries. Subject to certain conditions EEA (European Economic Area), candidate/potential candidate and ENP (European Neighbourhood Policy) countries can also participate in the programme on an equal footing with Member States. [Click here](#) for a full list of eligible countries.

CREATIVE EUROPE'S STATED AIMS ARE TO:

- Help the cultural and creative sectors seize the opportunities of the digital age and globalisation;
- Enable the sectors to reach their economic potential, contributing to sustainable growth, jobs, and social cohesion;
- Give Europe's culture and media sectors access to new international opportunities, markets, and audiences.

THIS WILL, SPECIFICALLY, INVOLVE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR:

- 2,500 artists and cultural professionals, 2,000 cinemas, 800 films, 4,500 book translations
- A financial guarantee facility of up to €750 million for small businesses active in the sector will also be established in 2016.
- Creative Europe is divided into two sub-programmes, Culture and MEDIA, and is supported by a cross-sectoral strand.

### CULTURE

Culture sector initiatives, such as those promoting cross-border cooperation, platforms, networking, and literary translation.

### MEDIA

Audiovisual sector initiatives, such as those promoting the development, distribution, or access to audiovisual works.

## CROSS-SECTOR

A cross-sectoral strand, including a Guarantee Facility and transnational policy cooperation.

### Eligibility

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More information on eligible countries can be found in the table on non-EU countries, as well as in the guidelines of each specific call for proposals.

### How to Apply

Calls listed here: [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/calls\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/calls_en)

**Deadline:** 31 July 2020

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## Energy for Generations Fund

As a leading Irish organisation with deep roots in the community dating back to 1927, we are committed to playing a role in addressing some of the key social issues facing Ireland today.

Corporate Responsibility (CR) is at the heart of this vision. Through our Energy for Generations Fund, we have three main pillars of focus:

- Suicide
- Homelessness
- Education Access and Support.

### Criteria

ESB's Energy for Generations Fund sees €1m per year disbursed 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.

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.

### 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.

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

## How to Apply

Visit the ESB website for full application details:

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

**Deadline:** 4 August 2020

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## EU 3rd 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.

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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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- 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: 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).

## How to Apply

Learn about here: [https://ec.europa.eu/health/funding/programme\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/health/funding/programme_en)

### **Deadlines:**

- Deadline for Fighting Depression call @ 5pm (Brussels time): 6 Aug 2020
- Deadline for Housing call @ 5pm (Brussels time): 6 Aug 2020

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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 (Fighting Crime and Terrorism):

Horizon 2020 is funding projects that focus on the human factors, and social, societal, and organisational aspects to solving issues in fighting against crime and terrorism. This call is focused on new methods to prevent, investigate, and mitigate trafficking of human beings and child sexual exploitation, and the protection of victims.

### Programme Overview

Globalisation and technological developments facilitate trafficking in human beings and child sexual exploitation. A variety of preventive measures, as well as measures to ensure adequate victim protection and assistance are needed, that build upon advances in social sciences and humanities.

Proposals should be well balanced. This means they should ensure that the research focuses on prevention, investigation and/or assistance related to all victims of trafficking and not only addressing child trafficking. In the same way, the proposals should cover any area concerning prevention, investigation and/or assistance to victims of child sexual exploitation, not only the assistance to victims of child sexual exploitation resulting from trafficking.

With respect to the trafficking of human beings, research should bear on:

- preventing the phenomenon and to reduce the demand for all forms of exploitation in the trafficking chain and its legal and illegal sectors. The analysis of possible involvement of organised crime groups implicated in trafficking of human beings in other crimes as well (e.g., financial crimes) is recommended;
- new approaches to investigate cases involving the trafficking of human beings;
- new approaches to mitigate the impact on victims in the short and long term.

Regarding child sexual exploitation:

- how to address new threats, such as live streaming of child abuse and coercion and extortion of victims that have escalated in the last years;
- how to provide law enforcement with effective means to detect, investigate and bring down the many peer-to-peer networks and the growing number of forums on the darknet that facilitate the exchange of child sexual exploitation material and support offenders;
- how to help victims of abuse during criminal investigations and court procedures;
- how to help the victims in the long term, to help them deal with the effects;
- how to reduce risks of (re-)offending by better understanding the behaviour of abusers and potential abusers.

Projects require European partnership comprising at least three legal entities. Each of the three must be established in a different EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated country. All three legal entities must be independent of each other.

The overall budget for this funding is €10,000,000.

## How to Apply

More information is available on the [European Commission Funding and Tenders Portal](#).

**Deadline for fighting crime and terrorism (human factor):** 27 Aug 2020

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## CLÁR-Funding for Small-Scale Rural Projects

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in areas that experience disadvantage. The aim of CLÁR is to support the sustainable development of identified CLÁR areas with the aim of attracting people to live and work there. The funding works in conjunction with local/Agency and other Departmental funding programmes and on the basis of locally identified priorities.

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**The scheme is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. It is delivered by local authorities in consultation with groups in local communities.**

There is an allocation of €5 million in total for 2020.

The measures being funded under the 2020 CLÁR programme are:

### Measure 1: Schools/Community Safety measures (expanded in 2020)

CLÁR 2020 will consider support for interventions that make the school/community facility environs healthier and safer for the children attending the schools, and for children and adults using the community facilities. This measure has been broadened to allow additional investments to adapt areas around schools and community facilities to help meet new public health requirements arising from COVID-19.

Eligible Applicants: Schools, Community Groups, Local Development Companies, Local Authorities.

### Measure 2: Community Recreation Areas (new in 2020)

In the context of the impact of COVID-19 on communities, CLÁR 2020 will consider support for the enhancement of existing and/or the development of new accessible Community Recreation Areas where people can socialise outdoors in safe community spaces.

Eligible Applicants: Community Groups, Local Development Companies, Local Authorities.

### Measure 3: Community Wellbeing Supports, comprising:

#### (a) Meals on Wheels and linked services (new in 2020)

Recognising the critical role of community groups in responding to COVID-19, and in particular the response of those groups providing meals on wheels and other linked services, CLÁR 2020 sees the introduction of funding for community groups providing meals on wheels services. This will fund community organisations that provide meals on wheels and other linked community services for: 1 the adaptation of existing vehicles and 2 the purchase of kitchen and/or delivery equipment required in the provision of the Meals on Wheels service.

Eligibility: This measure will be operated directly by the Department of Rural and Community Development and is open to established organisations and groups that operate partly or entirely on a voluntary basis and are involved in the provision of meals on wheels with linked services that require support in order to deliver this service.

#### (b) Mobility and Cancer Care Transport

Recognising the critical role that volunteer organisations play in the provision of vital services to vulnerable sectors of the community; and the level of interest in this particular funding stream, CLÁR 2020 once again sees the allocation of funding for Mobility and Cancer Care Transport support. This measure will be operated directly by the Department of Rural and Community Development and is open to established organisations/groups that operate entirely on a voluntary basis and provide: 2 transport to/from day care/other medical/therapy/respite services for those with significant mobility issues including requiring specialised wheelchair accessible vehicles or transport to/from designated cancer treatment hospitals/centres under the National Cancer Care Programme.

Eligibility: The measure is open to established, voluntary organisations/groups that operate on a voluntary basis, and are involved in the provision of transport services, free of charge, to persons requiring wheelchair accessible vehicles to access day care/other medical/therapy/respite services and/or those requiring transport to/from hospitals for treatments under the National Cancer Care Programme.

## How to Apply

Full guidelines and application details are available here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/91ba52-clar/>

**Deadline:** 28 August 2020

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## Save Our Seas Foundation Grants

The Save Our Seas Foundation is committed to protecting our oceans by funding research, education, awareness and conservation projects focusing on the major threats to the marine environment.

The Save Our Seas Foundation (SOSF) offers a series of grants dedicated to research, conservation and education projects worldwide. Projects should integrate at least two of these components and focus on charismatic marine megafauna, particularly sharks, rays and skates.

Depending on the grant category you are applying for, the application process, deadlines and conditions are different. Please read the funding guidelines carefully.

### Grant Types

#### **Keystone Grant**

10,000–100,000 USD

Type: Research, Conservation and Education

#### **Small Grant**

Up to 10,000 USD

Type: Research, Conservation and Education

### How to Apply

Access current grant deadlines and information here:

<http://saveourseas.com/funding-applications/>

**Deadline:** 31 August 2020

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## Europe for Citizens: 2014 - 2020

Europe for Citizens helps promote understanding between the Union and its citizens, deepening awareness of what it means to be European and developing a sense of European identity. Addressing current challenges for Europe (Brexit, Euroscepticism, migration, etc.) are part of the current priorities.

The general objectives of the Europe for Citizens Programme 2014-2020 are:

- to contribute to citizens' understanding of the Union, its history and diversity; to foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level.

Specific objectives shall be pursued on a transnational level or with a European dimension:

- to raise awareness of remembrance, the common history and values of the Union and the Union's aim, namely to promote peace, the values of the Union and the well-being of its peoples by stimulating debate, reflection and the development of networks;
- to encourage democratic and civic participation of citizens at Union level, by developing citizens' understanding of the Union policymaking process and promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at Union level.

### Eligibility

- The applicants and involved organisations must be either public bodies or non-profit organisations with legal personality;
- They must be established in a participating country, i.e. in a Member state or in a country having signed an agreement with the Commission on its participation in the Europe for Citizens Programme; and
- The mission as outlined in the organisation's statutes must be consistent with the objectives of the Europe for Citizens Programme, strand and measure under which the project application has been submitted.
- In addition, specific eligibility criteria applicable to each measure, relating to the number of involved organisations and the project nature and dimension, are described under section 2.1.5 of the Programme Guide.

## European Remembrance - Strand 1

- Commemorations of major historical turning points in recent European history.
- Civil society and civic participation under totalitarian regimes
- Ostracism and loss of citizenship under totalitarian regimes: drawing the lessons for today.
- Democratic transition and accession to the European Union.
- Democratic Engagement and Civic Participation - Strand 2

Strand 2 encourages the involvement of citizens and civil society organisations in debate and discussion of European policy-making. Organisations can acquire funding to encourage public engagement in the processes of European integration. Projects can strengthen the general public's understanding of how EU policy is shaped.

There are three measures within the strand (Civil Society Projects; Networks of Towns; Town Twinning) and nonprofits are eligible.

## How to Apply

View main website calls here:

[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens/funding\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens/funding_en)

**Deadline:** 1 September 2020 (Civil Society Projects)

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## Foras na Gaeilge - Literary Projects

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

This scheme enables the advancement, promotion and preservation of Irish language literature.

### Criteria

Grants will be awarded based on comprehensive plans submitted by groups/organisations who wish to develop and promote Irish language literary projects.

### How to Apply

Visit the Foras na Gaeilge website to download application forms:

<http://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/category/clar-na-leabhar-gaeilge-schemes/?lang=en>

**Deadline:** 9 September 2020

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## Meet and Code Fund 2020

Grants of up to €500 available for virtual digital and coding events targeted at young people in Ireland.

Meet and Code is open to registered charities located in the Republic of Ireland. The planned events must take place between 1 September and 31 October 2020. Events must be free of charge with at least 20 children and/or young people aged between 8 and 24 in attendance.

### Eligibility

The Meet and Code fund is open to registered charities located in the Republic of Ireland. The planned events must take place during EU Code Week 2018 (6 - 21 October 2018) and must address at least 20 children and/or young people aged between 8 and 24.

### How to Apply

Entering is very easy just visit [www.meet-and-code.org/ie/ie](http://www.meet-and-code.org/ie/ie) and follow these five steps.

1. Register your organisation on the Meet and Code website.
2. Enter your planned event.
3. Wait for your application to be reviewed.
4. Receive your grant if successful.
5. Host your event.

Charitable organisations that carry out a funded event through Meet and Code are eligible to participate in the Meet and Code Awards.

The Wheel is proud to be Meet and Code's partner organisation in Ireland.

**Deadline:** 9 September 2020

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## European Social Catalyst Fund

Applications are now being accepted for the European Social Catalyst Fund (ESCF), a new initiative designed to have significant impact on some of Europe's most pressing social challenges.

The objective of the ESCF is to bring together public and private resources to improve social services to enable people who need support to live as valued and participating members of their communities.

The ESCF will provide financial and capacity building support to develop plans to scale proven social service innovations. It is anticipated that these plans will provide details of how public and private resources (philanthropy and/or social investment) can be brought together in a range of collaborations that focus on the role that philanthropy and social finance can play in working with the public sector to help re-focus public spending in a more effective direction in the interest of European citizens. It is intended that during the project a further phase will be designed, based on learning obtained, which will include a focus on supporting implementation of plans to scale proven social service innovations.

The ESCF has been established and co-funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme, Genio (Ireland), the Robert Bosch Stiftung (Germany) and the King Baudouin Foundation (Belgium). It will award planning grants across a range of priority social challenge areas within, or across, European Union Member States. The purpose of the grants is to support the development of detailed implementation plans aimed at reducing, or overcoming, social challenges. Innovations will be identified through a pan-European call and all eligible applications will be evaluated against published criteria. Preference will be given to innovations that have the most robust evidence of success and that aim to reach the most significant scale. Each selected application will receive a planning grant of up to €100,000 along with capacity building support.

A minimum of €600,000 will be allocated to support at least 6 plans.

### Objectives of the European Social Catalyst Fund:

- To provide financial support, guidance and information to proven social service innovations selected through a pan-European competition to develop implementation plans to upscale.
- To stimulate a broader range of public sector, philanthropic and social investment collaborations that foster the scaling of social service innovations to meet social

challenges across EU Member States aligned with the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights.

- To produce exemplar plans across a range of priority social challenge areas that can be implemented to a substantial level of scale within two years.
- Plans also must be relevant to the social and implementation challenges in at least five EU Member States, two of which will be Central and Eastern European Countries (CEECs).
- To develop and disseminate knowledge and skills on how to successfully plan the scaling of social service innovations.
- To design a further phase of the European Social Catalyst Fund based on learning obtained in the process of achieving these objectives.

## Eligibility

Preference will be given to innovations that have the most robust evidence of success and that aim to reach the most significant scale. Decisions regarding the allocation of grants will be made by the consortium of philanthropy organisations contributing to the ESCF. Successful applicants will receive a planning grant of up to €100,000 along with capacity building support. A minimum of €600,000 will be allocated to support at least 6 plans. It is anticipated that the successful applicants will represent a range of social challenge and geographic areas.

## How to Apply

Full details available here:

<https://www.euscf.eu/>

**Deadline:** 11 September 2020

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## Additional Resources

Visit The Wheel's COVID-19 information hub, including essential funding information and key sector updates, including extensive Returning to the Workplace Safely resources: [www.wheel.ie/#covid-19](http://www.wheel.ie/#covid-19)

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).

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