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Pilot Dormant Accounts Funded Scaling-up Scheme for Social Enterprises

The DAF Scaling Fund for Social Enterprises scheme is designed to improve the impact and sustainability of social enterprises that address economic, social, and educational disadvantage, or support those with a disability. It will comprise of two separate strands, one for feasibility studies and the second for medium-scale capital works.

Strand 1 – Medium Scale Capital Projects for up to €100,000 to carry out capital works to improve the impact, quality/productivity, and sustainability of social enterprise operations through the acquisition of capital equipment, technology and/or site and buildings works.

OR

Strand 2 - Feasibility Studies for up to €10,000 to carry out a feasibility study. This stream will support feasibility studies, which will enable applicants to research the potential for expanding or scaling their goods/services offering with a view to further increasing the direct impact of the social enterprise on disadvantaged populations

Due to the limited amount of funding available, organisations are only able to submit one application form; that is, apply for one grant only. Applicants can apply under Strand 1: Medium Scale Capital Projects or Strand 2: Feasibility Study

The application form and guidelines are now available. Two online events will be held for applicants on the 18th of August and the 1st of September – see link below for details.

How to Apply

[Full details can be found here.](#)

Deadline: 2 Aug 2022 (opens) / 15 Sept 2022 (closes)

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Ecclesiastical - The Movement for Good Awards 2022

The Movement for Good Awards is an annual platform for giving, set up by all the businesses that make up the Benefact Group. It's our opportunity to make a tangible difference to the lives of the people and communities we serve, by supporting the charities, not-for-profit organisations, and community interest projects that mean something to you.

This year we are donating more than £1 million, and we can't do it without you!

You can make a difference. We're not asking for money, or any real time, just your nomination of a registered charity, not-for-profit organisation, or community interest company in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man. Anyone can nominate and that one act could potentially mean an extra £1,000 to those trying to make a difference. The more nominations a charity receives, the greater their chance of winning, so once you've done your part, spread the word and make it a movement!

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Movement for Good Awards - Larger Grants

We understand the importance of longer-term funding for charities, especially when trying to bring ambitious new ideas to life and get larger transformative projects off the ground. That is why we are awarding grants of £10,000 and more, totalling £500,000.

[Learn more here.](#)

How to Nominate

[Visit the website to use the nomination form here.](#)

Deadline: 5 Aug 2022

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Rethink Ireland - Scaling Education Fund 2022 – 2024

The Scaling Education Fund was set up to advance previous Rethink Ireland Awardees' proven learner-centered solutions. The Fund seeks to support the growth of our previous awardees' individual solutions while also creating a community of practice to have a significant impact on the social issue of educational disadvantage.

Please note this Fund is only open to previous Rethink Ireland Awardees.

The Fund is looking to support proven educational projects on their growth journey. These projects will;

- Work with those experiencing educational disadvantage
- Involve stakeholders in the design, delivery, and evaluation of the project
- Employ a learner-centered approach to delivery, including where possible a holistic, community-based approach.
- Have the ambition to address educational disadvantages through a systems change agenda. Ideally, work in collaboration with other actors to advance this agenda.

For Rethink Ireland educational disadvantage encompasses low socioeconomic status, members of minority groups, those with a disability, and those experiencing mental health issues.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a previous recipient of Rethink Ireland funding
- Have graduated from a Rethink Ireland programme or have completed at least 1 year of a multi-year Fund
- Have received a Rethink Ireland cash grant investment of at least €50k in one year.
- Have a detailed strategic/business plan, with clear objectives and strong financial projections.

Rethink Ireland's Core Criteria

- The project must address a critical social issue

- The project proposed must be innovative in an Irish context
- The project must be based on the island of Ireland and must make its main impact in the Republic of Ireland
- 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

Applicants must come from an entity that has a not-for-profit legal form, eg:

- A company limited by guarantee
- A co-operative
- Charity
- And other not for profit legal forms.

The Scaling Education Fund Core Criteria

- Work with those experiencing educational disadvantage
- Have the ambition to address educational disadvantage in a significant way
- Provide a learner-centered solution for example the combination of educational and wellbeing supports to advance the personal development of learners
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- Provide a combination of educational and well-being supports to advance the personal development of learners
- Applicants must have a proven track record of scaling (scale deep, scale out, scale up) and must be able to demonstrate ambition and feasibility of growing beyond this state
- Applicants must clearly be able to demonstrate what they have achieved to date and their strategy to build on this success to create a significant and sustainable impact on educational disadvantage as a social issue
- Secure philanthropic funding of a minimum of €100,000 per year, for three years.

Advantageous Criteria

- Applications from a consortium of awardee organisations will be considered advantageous
- Applications that involve learners/target groups in leadership roles or in the design of the project.

Why focus on educational disadvantage?

Education is widely considered to be the greatest equalizer in society. However, this assumes all learners are equal and fails to account for the additional challenges and social factors that result in many learners experiencing educational disadvantage. Children and young people's life chances remain disproportionately affected by their families' social and financial positions. Students from low socioeconomic backgrounds attain different educational outcomes than those from more affluent backgrounds. They are also at higher risk of leaving school early which results in reduced life chances, challenges with mental health and wellbeing, as well as being more likely to be un- or under-employed.

Since 2017 Rethink Ireland has placed significant investment in addressing educational disadvantage supporting over 100 projects in the last five years. Through our partnership with UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre at the National University of Galway, we have identified a number of success factors in delivering education to groups experiencing disadvantage including the importance of Alternative Education provision, both informal and nonformal, and the importance of providing a level of well-being and person-centered approaches to tuition.

The aim of the Scaling Education Fund is to move the dial on educational disadvantage as a whole by enabling greater participation in education, supporting learners to develop 21st-century skills, supporting learners to become leaders in their community, and advancing an equity approach to education.

What does the fund offer?

- A minimum 50% uplift on funding secured*
- A tailored non-financial supports package to aid in the development of the project
- A community of practice of awardees
- Portfolio management

*A minimum value of €100,000 in philanthropic funding is required for applications.

How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 9 Aug 2022

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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:

1. Suicide
2. Homelessness
3. 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.

Aim of the Energy for Generations Fund

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

The guideline application amount is c. €15,000. 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. €8,000 - €12,000.

Support for Staff Volunteering

The Energy for Generations Fund provides support to ESB staff who volunteer within their own communities. Staff who volunteer at least 20 hours of their own time per year will be invited to apply for funding of up to €250 for their chosen registered charity.

Many of our staff are involved in volunteering activities in their spare time, but we have never had any formal structure to support or encourage this in the past. Through this funding, our aim is to demonstrate our support for the work our staff do within their own.

How Does the Fund Work?

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

[Visit the ESB website for full application details.](#)

Deadline: 10 Aug 2022

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UMUKSF School Awards

The Foundation has to date helped over 7,000 students, schools and teachers improve their access to music through the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and/or equipment.

Please read the following information before completing an application form.

We Support:

- Applications for funding up to £1500 from Schools (teaching the national curriculum) based in the UK and Eire towards the cost of musical resources.

We do *not* support:

- Music Studios/Businesses
- Private music centres/Music Services
- Community projects
- Staffing costs to cover teaching of the national curriculum or peripatetic music lessons

Please Note

We do not fund retrospectively and you are not eligible for financial assistance under this scheme if you have already purchased your resources or if you buy them after you submit your application, but before funding has been offered. If you receive funds from another source after submitting your application to the Foundation please inform us as soon as possible.

Returning Applicants

If you have claimed funding from us before, we ask that you wait for 2 trustee meetings (which take place in March and October) to pass before re-applying.

How to Apply

[Full details here.](#)

Deadline: 10 Aug 2022

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European Year of Youth - Micro Grants

The European Union has designated 2022 the European Year of Youth. This year will bring many exciting opportunities for young people and those who work with them across a variety of sectors.

There are four key priorities set out for the year, summarised below. You can see the full text in Article Two of the '[Decision \(EU\) 2021/2316 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 December 2021 on a European Year of Youth 2022](#)'.

1. Supporting young people, especially young people with fewer opportunities, to acquire a better understanding of opportunities available to them
2. Actively promoting the various opportunities available to young people at local, regional and European level
3. Supporting young people's personal, social, economic and professional development including through Youth Work
4. Celebrating young people and renewing the positive perspectives for young people, with a particular focus on the negative effects the COVID-19 pandemic had on them
5. Highlighting how the green and digital transitions and other Union policies offer opportunities for young people and for society at large
6. Ensuring a youth perspective is brought into policy-making at all levels.

About the European Year of Youth Micro Grant Scheme

To celebrate European Year of Youth 2022, we want to fund activities and events that:

a. shine a light on the great work that is already happening around the country during European Year of Youth

Or

b. support you to take this opportunity to try out something completely new in partnership with the young people in your organisation or community

And

c. Meet the priorities above.

What type of activities or events could be funded?

Any activity taking place within the Republic of Ireland before 31 December 2022 that support young people's engagement with any of the priorities listed above. This could be a conference, consultation, workshop, a music event, an art exhibition, a photo competition, a mini festival, thematic meetings, a combination of events and online campaigns, information session, and so on.

These are just some examples - we want to hear your ideas and we want to support you to make your creative ideas a reality!

Eligibility

A youth organization, school, club or other organised group or entity will need to be the named applicant for a grant. We welcome ideas from informal groups of young people or individuals working with young people; however, the financial responsibility and reporting obligation must remain within an organised group or entity.* If you are an informal group with no capacity to link in with an organisation to act on your behalf, get in touch with us at eyy@leargas.ie.

How much funding is available?

The grant you receive depends on the scale of your idea. You will indicate in your application the estimated cost of your project. There are three bands:

Small: €500-€1,500

Medium: €1,501-€3,000

Large: €3,001-€5,000

You will need to give more detail about your activities if you apply for a larger band of funding.

You will receive 80% of the grant upfront. You will receive the final 20% when you:

- complete your project
- submit a satisfactory final report and documentary evidence to Léargas.

What is a final report and what do you mean by 'documentary evidence'?

A final report is a written report explaining your activities and outcomes. It will have a similar format and level of detail as the application form.

Documentary evidence can be provided in the following formats: blog posts, videos, photographs, social media posts showing the results of your event/project, and so on.

How to Apply

There are six deadlines across the year (see below). You do not need to wait for a specific deadline - Leargas want to give as much opportunity as possible to apply.

[Apply online and learn more here.](#)

Deadline 15 Aug / 15 Sept / 15 Oct

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The Arts Council – Visual Artists Workspace Scheme

The purpose of the Visual Artists Workspace Scheme is to support artists' workspaces throughout the country to provide the best possible working environment for visual artists and, where feasible, to enable a level of subsidy for the artists working in these spaces.

The scheme is in line with the Arts Council's ten-year strategy (2016–25), [Making Great Art Work: Leading the Development of the Arts in Ireland](#) which commits to ensuring 'a supportive working environment that addresses key points in the creative cycle by which art is made'.

The scheme will award grants of up to €40,000 towards workspace costs – i.e. the running costs of the workspace such as light, heat, rent, administration and/or appropriate management costs and artist development costs. A proportion of support up to a maximum of 20% of the total request may be directed towards essential repair and maintenance.

Eligibility

Applications are welcome from the following:

- Workspace in the Republic of Ireland
- Workspaces dedicated to the support of professional visual artists
- Workspaces that accommodate at least four professional visual artists working on site.
- Workspaces proposing to collaborate to share resources for the benefit of the visual artists working in their spaces
- Organisations/Groups/Collectives that have an established workspace

Note: workspaces that are successful in their application to this scheme cannot have received or have applied to other Arts Council Awards or grant programmes for the same purpose.

As part of its [Equality, Human Rights and Diversity Policy](#), the Arts Council is committed to offering equality of access, opportunity and outcomes to all potential applicants regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, civil or family status, religion, age, disability, race or membership of the Traveller community, or socio-economic background. In this funding scheme the Arts Council particularly welcomes applications that are representative of the diversity of Irish society, including but not limited to any of the characteristics outlined

above, and/or initiatives that deliver equitable opportunities or outcomes for those involved.

How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

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European Parliament - Citizen Engagement Activities

The European Parliament is the legislative branch of the European Union and its communications grants programme provides funding to advance its institutional communication strategy.

Call overview

This call aims to encourage and to facilitate the active engagement of a wide network of European citizens around the European Elections 2024.

Call details

This action consists of communication actions or a series of communication actions, offline and/or online, informing citizens about the European elections 2024 and supporting democratic engagement among citizens. In case of activities including events the applicant can be either the main organiser, a co-organiser, or can participate in an existing programme/event/festival dedicated to informing event participants about the European elections 2024 and supporting democratic engagement among citizens.

Preference is given to already existing events/festivals/programme in which the applicant is a participant. When a beneficiary joins an existing event, special care should be taken that the event must be politically neutral, in line with the priorities and values of the European Parliament and be compliant with the conditions of participation stated in the EP Model Grant Agreement, including the principle of no double-funding (see Article II.19.4.h). Special attention should be paid to reaching out to minority communities, citizens and influencers who are less likely to already be involved in EU action in some way.

Resources should be focussed on promoting the European elections 2024 and not on the organisation of large-scale events where the bulk of the funding would be allocated to logistics and travel instead of on communication of the cause. The project proposals should place an emphasis on the desired outcome and citizens' engagement instead of spending on logistics. Systems to collect the feedback of activity participants should be put in place.

Activities

Examples of actions include:

- promotion of the European elections 2024 and together.eu at existing online/offline events or series of events aimed at providing citizens with an opportunity to discuss topics directly linked to the European elections 2024,

- online/offline large-scale event or series of events where the beneficiary is participating in the event or series of events as, holder of a stand or provider of (part of) an activity included in the event programme dedicated to informing event participants about the European elections 2024 and together.eu
- structured activities such as information stands, door-to-door canvassing, marches, rallies, leafleting, street activities, games, flash mobs, etc., aimed at increasing the visibility of the European elections campaign and mobilising citizens for the European elections and together.eu;
- series of online/offline information sessions, presentations, workshops, organised by the beneficiary in schools, universities, within organisations, etc. and aimed at mobilising participants for the European elections 2024 and together.eu,
- online discussion groups, for a and other social media activities offering members and/or followers the possibility to discuss and exchange views on topics related to the European elections 2024;
- dedicated video channels, websites, apps, webtools and social media accounts producing original content directly related to the European elections campaign and engaging the viewers/followers/members in a discussion about the topic, encouraging them to share the content and/or mobilising them for the European elections 2024 and together.eu;
- actions involving engaging with influencers, VIPs and celebrities for creation of election-related content and promotion of this content to their followers
- actions involving engaging with companies (possibly within corporate social responsibility (CSR) programmes of respective companies) in order to provide information and promote elections
- actions informing citizens about their voting rights in the different Member States, including information about the act of voting for migrants, vulnerable communities, expats and foreigners(requirements, dates, where to vote, etc.)
- projects tackling disinformation and information manipulation in the context of elections (how to recognise it, how to build resilience against it, the importance of fact-checking and how disinformation can impact the democratic process).

Eligibility

The actions supported under this call are mono-beneficiary actions. This means that there is one legal entity applying for a grant. Applications presented by consortia are not eligible. To be eligible for a grant, applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are:

- A pan-European civil society organisation, a pan-European youth organisation, pan-European trade union, pan-European think tank, pan-European business or trade association or a pan-European professional associations. For the purpose of this call, the concept of pan-European refers: To either pan-European membership entities which are a formal part of a network of entities sharing common values. Only entities part of a network represented in seven or more Member States can present proposals to this call; or to entities representing formally the interest of a wide group of member entities or individuals from different Member States. Only entities with members (organisations or individuals) from seven or more Member States can present proposals to this call.
- A legal person constituted and registered as not for profit entity or equivalent according to the national legislation, for at least three years at the time of application;
- Based in one of the Member States of the European Union;
- Legal person with nonpartisan political affiliation.

Budget

The maximum EP contribution for an action proposal for Action category 2 with a scope, which is covering 7 Member States is EUR100,000. This threshold does not apply to action proposals with a scope of 8 Member States or more. The outreach of the action should be balanced between each Member State.

Project duration

Actions should start at the earliest on 1 December 2022 and should end at the latest on 30 June 2024. The bulk of the communications efforts towards citizens should focus on actions performed during the first half of 2024.

How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 30 Aug 2022

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European Parliament - Capacity Building Actions

The European Parliament is the legislative branch of the European Union and its communications grants programme provides funding to advance its institutional communication strategy.

Call overview

This call aims to fund projects that encourage and support citizens who volunteer to become elections change-makers through organising capacity building actions offline and online.

Call details

This action consists of the design and implementation of capacity building through training and other actions, aiming at providing change-makers with skills, competences, tools and motivation to play an active role in the democratic life and in the promotion of the democratic values, especially by mobilising their community to participate in the European Elections in 2024.

After the training, the beneficiary should monitor and report on the communication engagement activities organised by the trained change-makers. The change-makers should commit to organise at least two activities with an outreach of at least 100 persons in total in a physical setting in their community using the skills and competences previously acquired through capacity building.

Activities

The programme of capacity building actions could include, among other subjects:

- An introduction to the European Union and its institutions;
- The role and competences of the European Parliament, together.eu;
- Concepts and techniques of political activism, including campaigning around the European elections 2024; inclusive participation and consultation;
- Leadership and campaigning (including the creation of campaign narratives for the elections, the organisation of events, building a social media presence and campaigns, public speaking).
- Disinformation, information manipulation and their role in elections.

- Different training methods and formats, such as workshops, boot-camps, TedX style talks, could be used to organise the capacity building actions. The use of participatory, interactive and creative methods is strongly encouraged. Participants should follow the entire capacity building programme, from beginning to end.

Eligibility

The actions supported under this call are mono-beneficiary actions. This means that there is one legal entity applying for a grant. Applications presented by consortia are not eligible. To be eligible for a grant, applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are:

- A pan-European civil society organisation, a pan-European youth organisation, pan-European trade union, pan-European think tank, pan-European business or trade association or a pan-European professional associations. For the purpose of this call, the concept of pan-European refers: To either pan-European membership entities which are a formal part of a network of entities sharing common values. Only entities part of a network represented in seven or more Member States can present proposals to this call; or to entities representing formally the interest of a wide group of member entities or individuals from different Member States. Only entities with members (organisations or individuals) from seven or more Member States can present proposals to this call.
- A legal person constituted and registered as not for profit entity or equivalent according to the national legislation, for at least three years at the time of application;
- Based in one of the Member States of the European Union;
- Legal person with nonpartisan political affiliation.

Budget

The maximum EP contribution for an action proposal for Action category 1 with a scope, which is covering 7 Member States is EUR100,000. This threshold does not apply to action proposals with a scope of 8 Member States or more. The outreach of the action should be balanced between each Member State.

Project duration

Actions should start at the earliest on 1 December 2022 and should end at the latest on 30 June 2024. The bulk of the communications efforts towards citizens should focus on actions performed during the first half of 2024.

How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 30 Aug 2022

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European Parliament - Combination of Capacity-building & Citizens' Engagement Actions

The European Parliament is the legislative branch of the European Union and its communications grants programme provides funding to advance its institutional communication strategy.

Call overview

The aim of this call is to encourage and to facilitate the active engagement of a wide network of European citizens around the European Elections 2024.

Call details

This action category (category 3) consists of:

- 1) The design and implementation of capacity building through training and other actions, aiming at providing change-makers with skills, competences, tools and motivation to play an active role in the democratic life and in the promotion of the democratic values, especially by mobilising their community to participate in the European Elections in 2024.
- 2) Communication actions or a series of communication actions, offline and/or online, informing citizens about the European elections 2024 and supporting democratic engagement among citizens.

Activities

Applicants who wish to submit proposals for both action categories 1 (capacity-building) and 2 (citizens' engagement) may submit a proposal under action category 3.

The description of the scope and types of activities are listed [here for category 1 \(capacity-building\)](#) and [here for category 2 \(citizens' engagement\)](#).

Eligibility

The actions supported under this call are mono-beneficiary actions. This means that there is one legal entity applying for a grant. Applications presented by consortia are not eligible. To be eligible for a grant, applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are:

- A pan-European civil society organisation, a pan-European youth organisation, pan-European trade union, pan-European think tank, pan-European business or trade association or a pan-European professional associations. For the purpose of this call, the concept of pan-European refers: To either pan-European membership entities

which are a formal part of a network of entities sharing common values. Only entities part of a network represented in seven or more Member States can present proposals to this call; or to entities representing formally the interest of a wide group of member entities or individuals from different Member States. Only entities with members (organisations or individuals) from seven or more Member States can present proposals to this call.

- A legal person constituted and registered as not for profit entity or equivalent according to the national legislation, for at least three years at the time of application;
- Based in one of the Member States of the European Union;
- Legal person with nonpartisan political affiliation

Budget

The maximum EP contribution for an action proposal for Action category 3 with a scope, which is covering 7 Member States is EUR 150,000. This threshold does not apply to action proposals with a scope of 8 Member States or more. The outreach of the action should be balanced between each Member State.

Project duration

Actions should start at the earliest on 1 December 2022 and should end at the latest on 30 June 2024. The bulk of the communications efforts towards citizens should focus on actions performed during the first half of 2024.

How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 30 Aug 2022

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LIFE Programme Grants

On 1 June 2018, the European Commission proposed a regulation establishing a new [LIFE programme for 2021-2027](#) aiming to:

- contribute to the shift towards a clean, circular, energy-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, including through the transition to clean energy
- protect and improve the quality of the environment
- halt and reverse biodiversity loss, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

The Commission proposes €5.45 billion in current prices to be earmarked to the new programme containing two main portfolios, Environment and Climate Action, and covering four sub-programmes:

- Nature and Biodiversity
- Circular Economy and Quality of Life
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- Clean Energy Transition.

This is 60% more than the previous period. €3.5 billion will go to environmental projects and the remaining €1.9 billion will be allocated to those on climate action.

The European Commission is increasing LIFE programme funding by almost 60% for the next period. LIFE will also expand into four new sub-programmes: nature and biodiversity, circular economy and quality of life, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and clean energy transition.

Nature and biodiversity – there will be more LIFE projects to help protect Europe's nature, thereby contributing to sustainable development. New 'Strategic Nature Projects' are also foreseen. These will help mainstream nature and biodiversity policies into other areas like agriculture and rural development. This sub-programme supports the implementation of the EU's Birds and Habitats Directives as well as the EU's Biodiversity strategy for 2030. It will also help develop the Natura 2000 network and contribute to the Invasive Alien Species (IAS) Regulation.

Climate change mitigation and adaptation – cutting greenhouse gas emissions, increasing climate change resilience and boosting awareness of climate change mitigation will remain a top priority. This sub-programme helps to make the shift towards a

sustainable, energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and resilient economy. To this end, LIFE projects will support the Commission's Climate Target Plan and its climate neutrality ambitions.

Circular economy and quality of life – LIFE projects will develop technologies and solutions to enhance the circular economy. Projects include the recovery of resources from waste, and others on water, air, noise, soil and chemical management as well as environmental governance. These support the EU's Circular Economy Action Plan. Also, this sub-programme aims at protecting, restoring and improving the quality of the environment, either through direct interventions or via other policies. And it will continue to implement, monitor and evaluate EU environmental policy and law through Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs).

Clean energy transition – this new addition will fund LIFE projects devoted to energy efficiency and small-scale renewables to support the Clean energy for all Europeans package. It will ease the transition towards an energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and resilient economy. And it aims to remove the market barriers that can hamper the socio-economic transition to sustainable energy.

How to Apply

Current calls / deadlines:

LIFE - Supporting Clean Energy Transition

This call aims to support the EU's efforts in the area of standardisation activities for eco-design and energy labelling legislation, as well as energy audits and energy management systems, and thus support the application of the Energy Efficiency First principle.

Funding available: EUR 900,000

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline: 7 Sept 2022

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Erasmus+ Programme

Erasmus+ is the EU's funding programme for education, training, youth and sport.

Aims & Objectives

It aims to:

- Provide support for lifelong learning
- Contribute to building a European Education Area
- Promote learning mobility in education, training, youth, and sport
- Improve the quality of education and training systems
- Strengthen European identity and active citizenship

What does it support?

Projects addressing sector-specific priorities in the programme's strands:

- Adult Education
- Higher Education
- School Education
- Vocational Education and Training
- Projects that address one (or more) of the programme's four key horizontal priorities:
 - Inclusion and diversity
 - Digital transformation
 - Environment and the fight against climate change
 - Participation in democratic life.

Projects take the form of the following Key Actions:

Key Action 1: Learning Mobility for Individuals

Key Action 2: Cooperation Among Organisations and Institutions

Key Action 3: Support to Policy Development and Cooperation

Eligibility

Who can apply?

In general, any public or private organisation in a Erasmus+ Programme country can apply if they are a legal entity. Sole traders cannot apply for Erasmus funding.

Higher Education

- Students
- Staff
- Higher Education Institutions

Adult Education

- Organisations providing formal, informal and non-formal adult education
- Local and regional public authorities, coordination bodies and other organisations with a role in the field of adult education
- Organisations whose aim is to educate the general public on a specific topic or issue

School Education

- All schools - pre-primary, primary and post-primary
- Teachers
- Learners – individuals or groups/classes
- School Education staff

Vocational Education and Training

- Organisations providing initial or continuing vocational education and training
- Local and regional public authorities, coordination bodies and other organisations with a role in the field of vocational education and training
- Companies and other public or private organisations hosting, training or otherwise working with learners and apprentices in vocational education and training

- Organisations creating training and/or educational materials for staff, volunteers or other professionals

Youth

- Young people
- Youth workers
- Organisations that work directly with and/or advocate for youth

Sport

- a public body in charge of sport at local, regional or national level;
- a sport organisation at local, regional, national, European or international level;
- a National Olympic Committee or National Sport confederation;
- an organisation representing the 'sport for all' movement;
- an organisation active in the field of physical activity promotion;
- an organisation representing the active leisure sector;
- an organisation active in the field of education, training or youth.

Why the EU funds education, training, youth and sport

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [Education, training, youth and sport](#)

Budget

€26.2 billion over 7 years.

Project Examples

The [SCOPE](#) project is aimed at third sector staff and volunteers in need of capacity building, skills development and recognition of non-formal learning, particularly those who are socially excluded in such a way that it is difficult for them to access training opportunities.

The [Ethics4Sport](#) project investigates and promotes ethics and perceptions of fairness in grassroots sport.

[ASPIRE](#) was an international collaborative project that sought to find out how to best support migrants and refugees, building on the wide popularity of sports and other forms of physical activity.

National Contact Point in Ireland

[Léargas](#) for Adult Education, School Education, Vocational Education and Training, and Youth strands

[Higher Education Authority](#) for Higher Education strand

Erasmus+ Sport is managed centrally in Brussels by the [European Education and Culture Executive Agency](#) and can be contacted at EACEA-SPORT@ec.europa.eu

How to Apply

Find open calls for [Erasmus+](#). Or, see specific calls details below.

ERASMUS+ - Centres of Vocational Excellence

Deadline: September 7, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Alliances for Education and Enterprises

Deadline: September 15, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills (implementing the 'Blueprint')

Deadline: September 15, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

#BeInclusive - Breaking Barriers in Sport

Deadline: September 29, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

#BeInclusive - Sport for Peace

Deadline: September 29, 2022

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#BeInclusive - Promoting Gender Equality in Sport “Be Equal”

Deadline: September 29, 2022

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Creative Europe Programme

Creative Europe is the European Commission's framework programme for support to the culture and audio-visual 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.

Creative Europe Culture Sub-programme

Creative Europe (2021-2027) will support European creative sectors with a budget of €2.44 billion.

The Creative Europe programme 2021 – 2027 sets out common goals for the cultural and creative sectors. It puts a stronger emphasis on transnational creation, global circulation and promotion of European works, innovation across sectors, and ease of funding access through higher EU co-financing rates. All funded actions and projects should respect gender equality and the EU's environmental commitments in the design and implementation of their activities

The CULTURE strand of the Programme consists of the following actions:

- Horizontal actions covering all cultural and creative sectors: support to cultural cooperation projects, networks of professional organisations, platforms for the promotion of European artists and works, individual mobility scheme.
- Sector-specific support to complement horizontal actions in music, book & publishing, cultural heritage and architecture as well as other sectors.
- Special actions to reward and promote excellence and creativity such as the awards for literature, music, architecture and cultural heritage, European Capitals of Culture, and the European Heritage Label.

Creative Europe Media Sub-programme

The MEDIA sub-programme of Creative Europe supports European film and audiovisual industries in the development, distribution and promotion of their work. The programme supports projects with a European dimension while also enabling them to seek markets beyond national and European borders. Funding is also available for training, development, and new technologies.

Creative Europe Cross Sector Strand

The Cross-sectoral strand of the Creative Europe programme is designed to serve three primary functions:

- The establishment of a Guarantee Facility targeting the cultural and creative sectors
- The promotion of transnational policy cooperation
- Supporting a network of Creative Europe Desks.

How to Apply

You can read more on the [Irish Creative Europe website](#) and contact the national [Creative Europe Desk](#).

Current funding calls:

Creative Europe - NEWS - Journalism partnerships

Deadline: September 7, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Creative Europe - Innovation Lab

Deadline: September 7, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Creative Europe - European Co-development

Deadline: September 8, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Creative Europe - European mini-slate development

Deadline: September 8, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Creative Europe - Press and media councils and professional standards

Deadline: September 20, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

Creative Europe - Rapid response mechanism

Deadline: September 20, 2022

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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?

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants to registered medical health charities within the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

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.

What Support is Available?

For medically related charities, hospitals, hospices and medical clinics:

- The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants towards medical capital projects, medical care or research and in support of medical training. The Hospital Saturday Fund will also consider grants for running costs.

For Individuals:

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving partial or full grants to individuals for the following:

Specialised mobility equipment, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, car adaptations, medical appliances and aids, hearing aids, nebulisers, specialised vision aids, specialised computer equipment, therapeutic equipment/treatment, orthopaedic beds, mattresses or pillows, riser /recliners chairs, lift hoist/aids.

Physiotherapy, Hydrotherapy, Acupuncture, Speech Therapy, Osteopathy, Chiropractic treatment, Reflexology, Massage Therapy and Aromatherapy.

Home adaptations, walk in showers, accessibility adaptations to bathrooms, access ramps, non-slip flooring, stair lifts.

Respite breaks at a therapeutic centre.

We do not accept applications directly from members of the public.

The Hospital Saturday Fund will only correspond with the supporter organisation and not the individual. If you are an individual in need, please approach a suitable organisation to make the application on your behalf. We are unable to take calls from the individual applicant or potential applicant. Applications for individuals can be submitted at any time.

How to Apply

Full guidelines and access to online applications are [available here](#).

Deadline: 9 Sept 2022 (larger grants) / 7 Oct 2022 (standard grants)

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The Arts Council - Arts Centre Funding

The purpose of Arts Centre Funding is to invest in and support the infrastructure of arts centres required to sustain and develop the arts in Ireland.

Arts centres are defined as full-time, public-facing, professionally managed, building-based arts organisations. They support the creation, presentation and mediation of the arts across a range of artforms and arts practices. They support professional, collaborative, voluntary and amateur arts practice.

Recipients of Arts Centre Funding must play a critical part in delivering the policy priorities of [Making Great Art Work](#), the Arts Council's ten-year strategy.

In offering Arts Centre Funding, the Arts Council wishes to ensure:

- The year-round production and dissemination of arts activities, events and services of the highest quality throughout the country
- That greater numbers of people enjoy high-quality arts experiences
- That artists are supported in their professional practice
- That audiences, artists and participants reflect the diversity of contemporary Ireland
- Increased depth of engagement by and with the public
- High standards in governance and management.

In accordance with the [Policy and Strategy for Arts Centres](#), the Arts Council wishes to encourage arts centres to engage with and further develop supports for artists. Examples of this might be by:

Providing professional-development opportunities for practising artists through:

- The management of physical spaces for artists to develop work
- Residencies that are meaningful in length, appropriately remunerated, and relevant to the requirements of artists in different artforms and practices
- In-house productions/co-productions
- Other models of support as appropriate

- Working with cultural and other organisations (e.g. other arts centres and venues, local-authority arts offices, festivals, libraries, schools, care centres, etc.) to engage with people as artists, audience members, collaborators and participants
- Planning for the development of digitally intelligent buildings, supporting innovation both in creation and dissemination.

Such additional supports to artists should be outlined in the application form as activities in 2023.

Eligibility

Who can apply?

The Arts Centre Funding Programme is open only to building-based, professionally managed, multidisciplinary arts organisations that are open to the public all year round.

If this is the first time your organisation has applied for Arts Centre Funding, you must contact Val Ballance, Head of Arts Centres, before applying.

How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 22 Sept 2022

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Patagonia Environmental Grants

Patagonia supports environmental organizations with bold, direct-action agendas and a commitment to long-term change.

We support innovative work that addresses the root causes of the environmental crisis and seeks to protect both the environment and affected communities. We focus on places where we've built connections through outdoor recreation and through our network of retail stores, nationally and internationally.

We fund work that:

- builds an equitable, inclusive and diverse environmental movement
- confronts systemic bias, discrimination and injustice in environmental policy or outdoor spaces
- is action-oriented and focuses on root causes
- has a clear strategy
- identifies specific goals and objectives that can be effectively measured to evaluate success
- builds public involvement and civic engagement
- works to build an inclusive and diverse environmental movement.

Our funding focuses on organizations that have or can create a strong base of support. Because we're a privately held company, we have the freedom to fund risk-taking, off-the-beaten-track groups, and that's where we believe our small grants are most effective.

We accept one proposal per group in a given fiscal year (May 1–April 30). Our typical grant size ranges between \$5,000 and \$15,000. Proposals are reviewed and grants decisions are made by an employee grants council in Europe.

How to Apply

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline: 30 Sept 2022

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EPA - Event Support Grants

The EPA Research Programme will consider applications for the financial support of small workshops, seminars, and other events which showcase current Irish research by the organisers and EPA funded groups. Applications must meet the following criteria:

The amount of funding per event will not exceed €3,000.

Funding is not provided for large-scale events, conferences, symposiums, festivals etc.

Funding is only provided 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 target other researchers working in the area and the expected end-users of the research (e.g. local authorities, EPA, government departments, industry, academia, etc).

How to Apply

Applications should be made online via the [EPA's Grant Management and Application Portal](#).

Deadline: 30 Sept 2022

Applications for events taking place within the first 28 days of a call period must be submitted prior to the closure of the penultimate call period (i.e. an application for an event taking place between 1st and 28th January must be submitted by the deadline of 30th September).

A response shall be communicated to applicants within one month of the call deadline date.

Requests for funding should be made using the appropriate application form using the following headings:

Background and Work Programme (20 marks)

Relevance to Environmental Research in Ireland (30 marks)

Expected outputs and benefits (30 marks)

Environmental Policy (20 marks)

Applications will be judged competitively against others received in the period using these criteria and regarding the need to balance funding across institutions and thematic areas.

Funding

Successful applicants will be expected to provide the EPA with an ex-post report on the event, including photographs where relevant for publication on our website.

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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.

Within the strategic approach or global action plan of an organisation (what the organisation would like to achieve in the year(s) to come), you are asked to identify a coherent set of activities/elements to be submitted to the EYF. It should be in line with what you do and want to achieve, but it should also be in line with the work, priorities and principles of the youth sector of the Council of Europe.

Each activity/element should contribute to the aim of the work plan and the accomplishments of the work plan as a whole should contribute to the global purpose of the organisation. The work plan does not need to reflect the whole strategy of your NGO; it can be one element of it only.

The different activities of a work plan have to contribute to achieve the objective of the work plan as a whole and have to be interconnected.

It is useful to look at the "flow" of the various actions chronologically: individual activities are linked to each other, feed off and feed into each other (content-wise, through the participants and/or multipliers, towards one common result).

Material production or preparatory meetings should not be included as separate activities. They should be included in the activities they are contributing to.

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 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](#).

Deadline: 1 Oct 2022

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EYF Grants - International Activity 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.

What is International Activity?

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.

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](#).

Deadline: 1 Oct 2022

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EYF Grants - Structural Grants

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The EYF offers structural grants for general administrative costs incurred by youth NGOs.

Structural grants are for 2 consecutive years and are available every 2 years.

Structural grant for 2 consecutive years

These grants are available every 2 years (deadline 2019, 2021 and so on) and are only accessible to [international youth NGOs](#) and [international networks of youth NGOs](#) that have received support for at least 3 international activities during the 3 previous years (EYF grant or study session in the annual programme of the European Youth Centres). A structural grant needs to be confirmed after 1 year and is subject to specific eligibility and allocation criteria, which can be consulted in the link below. The grant is based on strategic long-term programme of the organisation.

The maximum grant allocated is €25 000 per year for 2 years (i.e. a maximum of €50 000 for 2 years).

The EYF budget available is approximately €750 000 for each of the two years.

How to Apply

Please note that granted international activities (EYF grants or study sessions) that, due to the Covid-19 pandemic have been cancelled, modified or postponed until after the 1 October 2021 application deadline, will be taken into consideration when determining the eligibility and distribution of Structural Grants for 2022 and 2023*.

[For further criteria and registration, please visit the EYF website.](#)

Deadline: 1 Oct 2022

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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-info-hub

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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