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MSD Solutions for Healthy Communities Grants

New grant programme from MSD is calling for NGOs to enter with €45k to €275k funding available for projects, depending on the proposal and scope of submissions.

MSD Ireland is proud to announce the launch of a new global programme to support NGOs and charities working to improve health and well-being. Named 'Solutions for Healthy Communities', the programme is designed to support innovative, non-profit organisations that work to expand access to quality healthcare via community-based solutions that reach populations which may be historically underserved by the healthcare system.

MSD is currently taking applications from organisations that have programmes that could be suitable under this grant.

The programme aims to expand equitable access to health through community-driven solutions. To achieve this, it will focus on applications that fall under three main areas:

1. Community-based service delivery models and community-clinic partnership models that expand access to healthcare.
2. Mobile or telemedicine solutions to reach better rural communities.
3. Investments to strengthen the community health workforce.

The grant has a length of two years and can cover projects ranging from USD € \$50,000 (approx. €45,500) to USD \$300,000 (approx. €275,000) depending on the proposal and project scope.

How to Apply

Full guidelines and programme details can be accessed here:

<https://www.msd.com/wpcontent/uploads/sites/9/2023/03/MSDRegionalGrantProgramAnnouncement-and-ApplicationGuidelines.pdf> Deadline: 2 June 2023

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Rethinking Ireland - Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Empowerment Fund 2023 – 2026

The Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Empowerment Fund 2023 – 2026 is a \$1 million, three-year fund created by Rethink Ireland in partnership with Bank of America and the Department of Rural and Community Development via the Dormant Accounts Fund.

Building on the success of the previous Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Fund 2019 – 2022, Rethink Ireland is now launching the Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Empowerment Fund that aims to support women facing intersecting forms of disadvantage into sustainable employment and educational pathways. The Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Empowerment Fund will be focused on achieving deep and transformative impact by supporting women experiencing intersectionality – multiple forms of disadvantage and discrimination – with complex needs. Women facing intersecting forms of disadvantage are the furthest from the labour market and benefit from intensive wraparound support to enable them to transition into employment or education.

The Fund's goal is to promote access to employment and/or education programmes for 850+ migrant women and women experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in Ireland. Furthermore, the Fund aims to empower 260+ of these women into employment.

The Fund offers a package of cash grants and non-financial supports to the value of €175,500 for up to 4 to 5 projects, to help them expand and increase their social impact.

This includes:

- 4 to 5 awards of up to €153,000 The non-financial supports will include:
- a place on Rethink Ireland's Accelerator Programme
- bespoke business and capacity building supports designed in consultation with the successful projects on topics such as strategic planning, maximising your impact, communications, storytelling and fundraising.
- Access to Rethink Ireland's networks.

* The Rethink Ireland Board will decide how much money to award, which may be less than the amount requested. The final amount of the award will depend on how many organisations are selected.

This fund is open to organisations that have a not-for-profit legal form, e.g. charity, social enterprise and other voluntary organisations that meet the following criteria:

Eligibility & Criteria

Projects must meet both Rethink Ireland's criteria and the specific criteria for Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Empowerment Fund, as set out below:

Rethink Ireland 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 impact in 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

Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Empowerment Fund Core Criteria

To be successful in the selection process, the projects must;

- Work directly with one or more of the following groups of women; migrant women, and/or women experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.
- Work directly to support women into quality employment using methods like; employability training, mentoring, and/or work placements.
- Provide wrap-around supports that enable women to fully participate in for example; childcare, confidence-building activities, mental health supports, and/or education.

- Aim to increase women’s employability as their end goal.

*Please note: Projects must meet all 4 core criteria to be successful.

Fund Advantageous Criteria

To be successful, it would be an advantage if the project:

- Is led by a member of the end-beneficiary community, e.g An organisation supporting migrant women led by a migrant woman.
- Takes a specific focus on care work [i.e projects addressing childcare/family care as a barrier to women’s economic mobility, providing childcare supports to improve women’s economic mobility, improving the conditions/prospects of care workers]

*Please note: Projects do not need to meet all advantageous criteria to be successful. **How**

to Apply

[Full details and application guidelines are available here.](#) Deadline:

2 June 2023

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ESF+ Programme

The European Social Fund + (ESF) aims to support Member States and regions to improve employment and education opportunities, to enhance social inclusion and to tackle poverty.

ESF+ is a combination of four funds that were separate in the 2014-2020 programming period: the European Social Fund (ESF), the Fund for European Aid to the most Deprived (FEAD), the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and the European Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI).

Aims & Objectives

The European Social Fund + (ESF) aims to achieve:

- high employment levels
- fair social protection
- the eradication of poverty
- a skilled and resilient workforce
- equal opportunities
- equal access to the labour market
- fair and quality working conditions
- social protection and inclusion

ESF+ has a particular focus on:

- quality and inclusive education and training
- lifelong learning
- investment in children and young people
- access to basic services

In all its investments, the ESF+ promotes its overall priorities of gender equality, respect for fundamental rights, equal opportunities and non-discrimination.

What does it support?

ESF+ co-funds local, regional and national employment-related projects and its funding will focus on the following priorities:

- Social Inclusion
- Active inclusion
- Socio-economic integration of third-country nationals
- Socio-economic integration of marginalised communities, such as Roma people
- Equal access to quality services and modernising social protection systems
- Social integration of people at risk of poverty and social exclusion
- Addressing material deprivation
- Education and Skills
- Better education and training systems at all levels
- Equal access to quality education and training
- Upskilling, reskilling and lifelong learning for all
- Employment
- Access to quality employment for all, including youth employment
- Modernising labour market institutions and services
- Gender-balanced labour market participation
- Adaptation of workers, enterprises and entrepreneurs to change

Who can apply?

Civil society organisations, public authorities or bodies, social security institutions and employment services, as well as microfinance institutions and institutions providing finance to social enterprises or other social investment actors.

Why the EU funds employment and social inclusion

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [Human rights, justice and equality](#).

Budget

€99 billion over 7 years.

ESF+ is a co-financed programme, meaning that EU funding must be matched by a set percentage of national funding.

Project Examples

[Funded projects in Ireland](#)

How to Apply

Learn more here: <https://eufunds.ie/european-social-fund/operational-programmes/esf2021...>

Current calls details below:

[ESF+ - Support to the European Platform on Combatting Homelessness](#) Deadline:

June 6, 2023

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Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

Citizenship, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) is the EU's funding programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values. It replaces both Europe for Citizens and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme.

Aims & Objectives

The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme's aims are to:

- protect and promote Union rights and values
- promote rights, non-discrimination, equality, including gender equality
- promote citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union and exchanges between citizens of different Member States
- raise awareness of the common European history

What does it support?

CERV funds actions:

- promoting non-discrimination and gender equality, the rights of the child, European remembrance and citizens' engagement, as well as combat racism and gender-based violence
- strengthening the protection and promotion of the rule of law and democratic dialogue, transparency and good governance
- supporting, empowering and building the capacity of civil society organisations active in the promotion of values and rights, at local, regional, national and transnational level.

Specific activities funded include:

- training activities, workshops, conferences
- mutual learning and cooperation, capacity building
- town twinning
- media campaigns, awareness raising and dissemination activities

Eligibility

Who can apply?

Civil society organisations as well as public authorities, European-level networks and think tanks.

EU Policy

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [European citizenship and values](#).

Budget

€1,56 billion over 7 years

Project Examples

[Examples of successful projects from Ireland](#)

How to Apply

Find open calls for [CERV](#), or see direct links below:

CERV - European Remembrance - 2023

Deadline: June 6, 2023

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

CERV - Promote equality and to fight against racism, xenophobia and discrimination

Deadline: June 20, 2023 [VIEW](#)

[DETAIL](#)

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CLÁR Funding

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd Riachtanais) or Funding for Small-Scale Rural Projects is a targeted investment programme which provides funding for small-scale - infrastructural projects in rural areas that have suffered the greatest levels of population decline.

The CLÁR programme (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) provides funding for small-scale infrastructural projects in rural areas.

Reopened in 2016, CLÁR aims to support sustainable development in identified areas by attracting people to live and work there. The funding works in conjunction with local funding and on the basis of locally identified priorities.

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.

The Measures being funded under the 2023 CLÁR Programme are:

1. Measure 1* : Developing Community Facilities & Amenities
2. Measure 2** : Mobility, Cancer Care and Community First Responders Transport
3. Measure 3** : “Our Islands”

How to Apply

Measure 1

Applications will only be accepted directly from Local Authorities under Measure 1. Please contact your Local Authority for an application form and further information.

Measures 2 and 3

Applications are being accepted directly by the Department in respect of Measures 2 and 3 via email to CLAR@drcd.gov.ie Scheme Outlines and Application Forms in respect of these measures can be accessed below.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline: 6 June 2023 (Measures 1 & 3)

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Erasmus+ Programme

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

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

ERASMUS+ - Centres of Vocational Excellence

Deadline: June 8, 2023 [VIEW](#)

[DETAIL](#)

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Interreg Europe

The [Interreg Europe programme](#) brings together policy organisations from at least three different countries in the 27 EU member states, Norway and Switzerland. For four years, they learn from each other and work together on a shared policy issue.

The lessons they learn lead to the improvement of regional policies and a more sustainable economic, social and environmental impact on the ground for the people and the place they serve.

Second Call for Projects - overview

This call supports policy-relevant organisations from different countries in Europe working together on a common regional development issue in line with EU Cohesion Policy.

Call details

The programme is structured around one single cross-cutting priority, the Interreg-specific objective 'a better cooperation governance'. This means that beneficiaries can cooperate on any topics of shared relevance in line with their regional needs, as long as this falls within the scope of cohesion policy. This scope includes the topics defined by the policy objectives and specific objectives of cohesion policy as presented in Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (CPR), Article 5 and Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 on ERDF, Article 3. Despite one single priority, the actions of the programme are still organised according to the specific objectives of the cohesion policy which include:

- Smarter Europe
- Greener Europe
- More Social Europe
- More Connected Europe
- Europe Closer to Citizens

In addition, in the context of the Interreg-specific objective 'a better cooperation governance', Interreg Europe can support 'non-thematic' cooperation on issues dealing with pure implementation related challenges of regional development policies (e.g., state aid, public procurement, territorial tools, financial instruments, evaluation and monitoring). These

governance related issues are also important when working on more efficient regional development policies.

Projects need to select a specific objective in their application form.

Action supported

This is a call for proposals for interregional cooperation projects. These projects gather policyrelevant organisations from different countries in Europe working together on a common regional development issue. The first three years of the projects ('core phase') are dedicated to exchange and transfer of experience among the participating partners in order to improve the policy instruments addressed by the project. In the fourth and last year ('follow-up phase'), the regions mainly focus on monitoring the results and impact of the cooperation.

Eligibility

Organisations relevant to regional development policies and based in the 27 EU Member States, as well as in Norway and Switzerland, are eligible for Interreg Europe funding. These include:

- National, regional, or local public authorities
- Institutions governed by public law (e.g., regional development agencies, business support organisations, universities)
- Private non-profit bodies.
- Partners from other countries can participate at their own costs.

Consortium composition

The application involves partners from the four geographical areas defined by the programme (North, East, South, and West). These partners should also represent at least three countries, of which at least two partners must be from EU Member States, with the latter applying for Interreg Europe funding.

Project duration

Project activities are implemented in two phases over four years (with an additional three months to close the project). The two phases are the core phase (3 years) and the follow-up phase (1 year).

Funding available

Up to 40% of the overall ERDF budget (approximately EUR 130 million) of the Interreg Europe programme is made available for the first call for proposals. The final committed budget will depend on the quality of the submitted applications.

The eligible project activities are co-financed by the ERDF at a rate of either 70% (non-profit bodies) or 80% (Public bodies and bodies governed by public law) depending on the legal status of the EU partner. Partners from Norway and Switzerland are not eligible to receive ERDF but can receive co-financing from their respective national funds.

A project's total ERDF budget usually ranges from 1 MEUR up to 2 MEUR.

How to Apply

[Full guidelines and application details available here](#). Deadline:

9 June 2023

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Irish Hospice Foundation - 2023 Scholarships for Postgraduate Course

Irish Hospice Foundation (IHF) place enormous value on education in relation to end-of-life care, loss and bereavement. Education is relevant to all who provide support to people facing death in hospitals, nursing homes and the community as well as those who support people who are bereaved e.g. nurses, doctors, GPs, social workers, bereavement volunteers, psychotherapists, chaplains, psychologists, physiotherapists, frontline staff etc.

As a further commitment to education, IHF are delighted to announce their Scholarship Programme for the forthcoming academic year.

There are 5 scholarships, of €3,000 available. The scholarships are linked to IHF core programmes and applicants are invited from acute, nursing home and community health sectors and from the wider community.

Whilst RCSI run two bereavement postgraduate courses in association with IHF, the scholarships apply to any postgraduate (Level 9) course where the learner can relate outcomes to to end of life and bereavement, either online, in-person or blended learning.

How to Apply

The deadline for applications is Friday, 9 June 2023.

[Full details and application form available here.](#)

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The Hospital Saturday Fund Charity

The Hospital Saturday Fund was founded in 1873, at a time when poverty, overcrowding and illhealth were prevalent and little help was available for those needing costly hospital care.

The Hospital Saturday Fund has two grant categories:

1. Standard grants of up to £2,000 or €3,000
2. Large grants to up to £10,000 or €13,500 (please note this is the maximum sum that HSF will grant).

Eligibility

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 will also consider giving grants to individuals within the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

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 (see link below).

How to Apply

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

Deadline: 15 June 2023 (large grants)

Deadline: 13 July 2023 (standard grants)

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Coca-Cola Thank You Fund

Operated in partnership with the Irish Youth Foundation and supporting partners YouthActionNorthern Ireland, The Coca-Cola Company and its partner Coca-Cola HBC Ireland and Northern Ireland have joined forces to double the size and impact of this year's Fund.

Awards of up to €5,000 and €10,000 will be available to support community-based projects that are focused on empowering young people through programmes of learning, inclusion, and sustainable development.

Terms & Conditions

- The Coca-Cola Company and its bottling partner Coca-Cola HBC Ireland and Northern Ireland are this year doubling the size and impact of the Coca-Cola Thank You Fund (“The Fund”), which will be operated by The Irish Youth Foundation, making €200,000 of grants available for projects that empower young people through learning, inclusion and sustainable development.
- This money will be granted to not-for-profit voluntary and charitable organisations operating within communities throughout Ireland and Northern Ireland.
- The Coca-Cola Thank You Fund was launched in 2011 to mark The Coca-Cola Company’s 125th anniversary and has run every year since. To date €1,365,000 has been given to 136 non-profit organisations across the island of Ireland.
- The Fund’s application form facilitates entrants in selecting which funding amount is most suitable for their project
- In 2023, the Fund will focus on one overall theme: Empowering Young People Through Learning, Inclusion & Sustainable Development.
- For the purposes of the Fund, young people are defined as those aged between 16 and 25 years of age.
- The aim is to distribute €200,000 in total (as specified in the terms and conditions below) amongst eligible organisations that are implementing projects focused on engaging young people in models of innovative and inclusive practise under the three focus areas.

- Applications will only be accepted online as we aim for this to be a paperless and environmentally friendly scheme. Applications must strictly comply with the terms and conditions of the Fund.

Eligibility

Entry is open to registered not-for-profit and charitable youth-focused organisations working with young people across Ireland and Northern Ireland aged between 16 – 25 years. Entries must seek to support those young people under one or more of the following three categories:

1. Empowering Learning – Help us understand how your work is empowering young people who may otherwise be at risk of early school leaving or low education attainment to access supportive interventions that will empower and equip them to successfully transition into skills-based opportunities, mentorship opportunities, further learning opportunities and employment opportunities.
2. Empowering Sustainable Development – Help us understand how your work is empowering young people to address the theme of sustainability in their lives. We are looking to support projects and programmes that are focused on education, action and awareness building around areas including, but not limited to, biodiversity, circularity of economy and packaging, sustainable diets and food waste.
3. Empowering Inclusion – Help us understand how your work is empowering young people to engage in models of innovative social practise and bringing people together. We want to support projects and programmes that are focused on breaking down barriers and building friendships.

In order to be eligible, your organisation must fulfil all of the following criteria:

- (i) The organisation must be a not-for-profit, voluntary or charitable organisation classified under one or more of the following headings:
 - Charitable organisation with a registered charity number working within a community
 - Voluntary organisation working within a community
 - Not-for-profit community organisation
 - A foundation or a trust for the benefit of a community
- (ii) The organisation must submit details of a proposal which it will put in place if successful, which demonstrates targeted supports that help young people (16 - 25 years) through empowering learning, inclusion and sustainable development.

- (iii) The organisation must be registered in the Republic of Ireland and / or Northern Ireland and have been in operation for a minimum of 12 months prior to the date of submission of this application.
- (iv) The organisation must have a bank account set-up in the name of the organisation.
- (v) Proof of organisation's operations must be made available to Coca-Cola Ireland if requested.
- (vi) Any individual applying on behalf of an organisation must be aged 18 years or older and have the agreement of the organisation to submit an application on its behalf.
- (vii) The proposed project must exclusively benefit people aged over sixteen years of age and under twenty-five, and activities using money received from the Fund must be based on the island of Ireland (Ireland and Northern Ireland)
- (ix) The organisation must have a child protection or safeguarding policy in place.

Applications will not be considered from the following:

- Individuals
- An organisation that discriminates based on race, gender, marital status, family status, religion, sexual orientation, membership of the travelling community, age or disability
- Religious endeavours
- Political, legislative or lobbying organisations - An organisation whose proposal is to:
 - make a movie, film or television documentary.
 - hold a concert or other entertainment event.
 - promote travel
 - promote a high-risk activity including but not limited to parachuting or bungee jumping,
 - benefit schools or Montessori schools
 - run activities or programmes based in schools, or in partnership with schools.

Note on Costs eligible for funding:

- The fund will cover costs associated with running programmes, such as buying materials, venue hire, facilitator costs, staff time etc
- The fund will not cover new salary costs, but may be used to enhance the hours of existing employees

- The fund will not support research costs.

How to Apply

[Full details, including complete Terms & Conditions, are available here.](#) Deadline:

15 June 2023

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Save Our Seas Foundation Grants

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

The Storytelling Grant is dedicated to supporting early career and emerging conservation storytellers and focuses on photography in its inaugural year.

The online application process, deadlines and conditions are different, depending on the grant category you are applying for. Please read the full [funding guidelines](#) carefully.

Grant Types

Keystone Grant

Grants between 10,000–100,000. USD. Average 25,000 USD.

The Save Our Seas Foundation (SOSF) is committed to protecting our oceans by funding and supporting research, conservation and education projects worldwide, focusing primarily on threatened marine wildlife and their habitats. Only projects concerned with marine chondrichthyan species (sharks, rays, skates, sawfishes and chimaeras) will be considered.

Small Grant

Max grant - 10,000 USD. Grant average: 5,000 USD.

The Small Grant is designed for short (12- to 18-month) and small projects (grants average US\$5,000) dedicated to early career scientists (within five years of a degree being awarded). Aimed at original and innovative start-up projects, the grant presents early career scientists, conservationists or educators with an opportunity to prove themselves. It targets local projects conducted by local project leaders. Whether or not the project is part of a larger endeavour, SOSF Small Grants are for specific and finite projects. Only projects concerned with marine chondrichthyan species (sharks, rays, skates, sawfishes and chimaeras) will be considered.

Ocean Storytelling Grant

We are delighted to introduce our new emerging Ocean Storytelling Grant, which will focus on photography in its inaugural year.

The funding cycle is annual and the grant will cover the period from March 2023 to June 2024, for example. Funds are allocated on an annual basis and include a day rate for a shoot lasting 3–4 weeks, logistical costs, a year of mentorship and a cash prize.

How to Apply

[Access current grant deadlines and information here.](#) Deadline:

16 June 2023

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Rethink Ireland - Hybrid Social Finance Loan 2023 – 2024

The Hybrid Social Finance Loan is a partnership between Rethink Ireland, Community Finance Ireland and the Department of Rural and Community Development via the Dormant Accounts Fund. It aims to build the capacity of start-up social enterprises that are first-time borrowers.

At present, there is a lack of investment readiness among social enterprises and there is no tailored financial instrument that fits the needs of the growing social enterprise market. The Hybrid Social Finance Loan aims to tackle these gaps following extensive research on financial instruments for social enterprises in Ireland and consultation with the sector.

This unique new financial instrument will provide a combination of a repayable loan, a nonrepayable loan and business support for up to 20 social enterprises in total through two open calls. The Department of Rural and Community Development has committed €890,000 for this.

In addition, Community Finance Ireland will provide approximately €500,000 in repayable loans.

Each Award will include:

A total loan of between €20,000 and €100,000 which includes

A repayable loan between €10,000 and €50,000 provided by Community Finance Ireland which can be financed over five years at a competitive rate.

A non-repayable loan for up to the same amount provided by Rethink Ireland upon delivery of agreed milestones. It will be paid in two installments, over a period of one year, at the start and end of the six-month capacity-building programme.

Capacity building supports for the amount of €10,000 provided by Rethink Ireland which includes tailored Business support and a place on a six-month Rethink Ireland Accelerator Programme.

Business support will focus on improving the investment readiness of the selected social enterprises. Business support will be tailored to the specific needs of each social enterprise and carried out by approved consultants.

Rethink Ireland's Accelerator is a unique offer, equipping Awardees with the skills needed to expand and deepen their impact. It provides training from best-in-class experts across the private, nonprofit and public sector. Training is provided across a range of functions and may include Impact Management, Communications, Sustainability and Strategy, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

Eligibility

The Hybrid Social Finance Loan is open to start-up social enterprises that:

- Are first-time borrowers as a social enterprise and unattractive to mainstream traditional finance
- Have some trading record
- Must be able to demonstrate traded income to date

Projects must meet both Rethink Ireland's criteria and the specific criteria for the Hybrid Social Finance Loan, as set out below:

Rethink Ireland Criteria

- The project must address a critical social issue
- The project must be innovative in an Irish context.
- The project must be based on the island of Ireland and make its main impact in the Republic of Ireland.
- The project must have the potential and desire to scale or replicate in Ireland.
- The project must provide evidence that it is up and running, or be tested at least in a minimal way.
- Applicants must come from an entity that has a not-for-profit legal form, eg:
 - company limited by guarantee
 - charity
 - trust
 - co-operative
 - social enterprise
 - other not-for-profit legal forms.

The Hybrid Social Finance Loan Core Criteria

- Start-up social enterprises
- Must be up and running

- Have some trading record
- First-time borrower as a social enterprise
- Tangible and measurable social impact

Advantageous criteria

The criteria below will be considered advantageous in applications, however, organisations that meet the core criteria but do not meet the advantageous criteria are encouraged to apply.

Projects incorporating the below in their application will have an advantage:

- Social enterprises engaging meaningfully with minority/ disadvantaged groups including but not limited to those led by women, ex-prisoners, recovering addicts, travellers, and migrants.
- Social enterprises that have a positive effect on Ireland's Green Transition through their activities/interventions. This criteria applies if the social enterprise tackles issues related to the environment and green transition such as carbon reduction, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture, pollution and/or the just transition.

How to Apply

[Full details here.](#)

Deadline: 21 June 2023

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International Decade for People of African Descent Funding Call 2023

The purpose of the International Decade for People of African Descent (IDPAD) Funding Call 2023 is for proposals to host local, regional and national events to mark and celebrate the Decade. A total of €150,000 is available to be awarded to successful applicants.

A maximum of €5,000 for each approved Event, will be available for suitable Events to mark the Decade and celebrate the culture of People of African Descent. The event should ensure that all of the following are achieved:

- Involve the active participation of members of the African community and/or People of African Descent at all stages of the Event (planning, implementation etc.).
- Celebrate and promote African culture.
- Promote a positive image of People of African Descent's culture to the wider community.
- Members of the wider community must be included and invited to the event.

The event must be accessible to an open public audience where possible.

Themes

Events under the following themes will be considered:

1. Recognition – An event that raises awareness and understanding of the obstacles that can prevent People of African Descent from equal enjoyment of all human rights, economic, social, cultural, civil and political. Events will recognise and highlight issues that People of African Descent can experience in Ireland.
2. Celebration – An event that promotes a greater knowledge and awareness of the culture, history and heritage of People of African Descent. Events will celebrate and increase understanding of African culture and heritage.
3. Enrichment - An event that informs and raises awareness of the contribution of People of African Descent to Irish communities. Events that aim to bring communities together to celebrate the enrichment of Irish society by People of African Descent.

Events may include, but are not limited to, conferences, talks, workshops, festivals and exhibitions.

Target Groups

The purpose of the International Decade for People of African Descent Funding Call 2023 is to mark the Decade and recognise and celebrate the culture and heritage of People of African

Descent with the wider communities. Applicants must detail how their event is aligned with a theme set out above and how People of African Descent and the wider community will be included.

Applicants

Applicants must be legally constituted at the point of signing a grant agreement and must be able to enter into a legally binding grant agreement.

If more than one organisation is applying for the funds, one organisation must be selected to be the lead applicant. If successful, it is this lead applicant who will sign the grant agreement and will carry the liability for ensuring its terms are met by them and all delivery partners.

Applicants may make only one application.

Grant Available

Grants may range from €1,000 up to a maximum of €5,000, depending on the size and nature of the event. All applicants must have an active bank account in the name of the organisation, and Tax Clearance Certificate, or a Registered Charity Number at the time of application.

Eligible Event Dates

Events must take place between September 2023 and 30 June 2024. Events that do not take place within these dates will be deemed ineligible, and funding must be returned to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

How to Apply

[Full application details are available here.](#)

Deadline: 22 June 2023

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SFI Discover Programme 2023

In line with [SFI's 2025 Strategy – Shaping Our Future](#), the SFI Discover Programme Call aims to empower and inspire deep public engagement and the programme is a key part of the SFI Education and Public Engagement activity. The programme contributes to the themes of Top Talent, Tangible Benefits and A Cohesive Ecosystem. Through its core objectives, the SFI Discover Programme will contribute to growing opportunities for engaged research, to enabling projects which have strong public purpose and value and, through engagement with community partners, draw on multiple sources to improve, understand or investigate an issue of societal interest or concern. SFI Discover will drive dialogue on science and aim to contribute towards improving diversity and inclusion, through its aims to broaden participation both geographically and amongst less represented voices. Underpinning all of this is SFI's ambition to empower participation, grow talent and be a beacon of best practice in STEM education and public engagement, while always endeavouring to achieve this through the spirit of inspiration and Collaboration.

Building on the success of the recent national conversation on research and science, [Creating Our Future](#), SFI encourages continued dialogue with the public on how we can shape a better Ireland through research and science.

Objectives

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

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

- Inspire and create greater public awareness of the impact of STEM on society and its connection and contribution to everyday life.
- Stimulate and create debate and dialogue amongst the public, and opportunities for dialogue with STEM experts/researchers, on topics of societal importance where STEM has a key role.
- Build an awareness, curiosity and confidence in the scientific method through relevant experiences.

- Provide insights into STEM-related careers and discoveries while breaking down any barriers to entry including negative stereotypes.
- Use new and creative ways to involve those who would not typically engage with STEM.
- Enable a broad range of civil society and community groups to engage with and participate in STEM, with particular emphasis on equal access, inclusion and diversity.
- Support projects which develop capacity and skills for the delivery of STEM Education and Public Engagement (EPE) in Ireland.

Eligibility Criteria

This Call is open to a wide range of people and organisations. Organisations are defined in the SFI Discover Programme Call [Terms and Conditions](#).

All projects must be represented by a Project Lead. The Project Lead is the person who is responsible for the main intellectual input, direction and ownership of, the outcomes if the application is successful. The Project Lead has primary responsibility and accountability for carrying out the programme of work within the funding limits awarded and in accordance with the SFI Discover Programme General Terms and Conditions. The Project Lead will serve as the primary point of contact for SFI on the award, during the review process and, if successful, during the course of the award.

SFI has a list of Eligible Research Bodies (which includes Higher Education Institutes) – check list of Eligible Research Bodies [here](#).

If your organisation is included on this list, then your application must be stamped and signed off by the appropriate officer (typically the Research Office) within your organisation using the Eligible Research Body Cover Sheet available on SESAME, SFI’s online grants and awards management system.

Applications are also welcome from other bodies (i.e. any organisation not included on the above list). There are two categories of other bodies that can become eligible for the SFI Discover Programme Call 2022:

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

To become eligible for the SFI Discover Call 2022, then your application must be stamped and signed off by the appropriate person (senior executive) within your organisation using the “Other Bodies - State Body” Cover Sheet available on SESAME. A senior executive within the

organisation is required to sign the cover sheet to indicate the organisation's support for the application.

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

To become eligible for the Discover Call 2022, applicants in this category are required to complete the "Other Body – Cover Sheet" available on SESAME and must demonstrate financial sustainability. They are required to:

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

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

Provide a copy of the most recent annual report (if appropriate, i.e. if your organisation is required to publish an annual report), i.e., if your organisation is required to publish an annual report). If your organisation is not required to publish an annual report, please download, and upload the signed confirmation on SESAME.

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

Complete the Declaration of Solvency Letter, available on SESAME

Please Note: Failure to provide the required eligibility documentation outlined above, and as relevant for your organisation, will result in your application being deemed ineligible and will not be sent for review.

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

How to Apply

[Full details are available here](#). Deadline:

27 June 2023

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Mohamed bin Zayed - Species Conservation Fund

The Fund will consider grants for the conservation of any threatened or poorly known animal, plant or fungus species.

Its focus is global and eligibility for grants will extend to all plant, animal and fungi species conservation efforts, without discrimination on the basis of region or selected species.

The Fund intends to be as flexible and accommodating as possible when reviewing applications, and to take into account as many different factors as is reasonable when assessing the merit of a suggested project. To support this and to try to streamline the application process, the review process is kept comparatively simple.

Grants will be awarded based on their ability to meet criteria pre-determined by the Species Fund, and are for maximum of \$25,000 for each project.

Criteria

Conservation status: The Fund was established to support species conservation work, and so if your project is not about an endangered species it is probably not worth your while submitting an application.

The Fund will use the IUCN Redlist (www.iucnredlist.org) as the primary guide to the conservation status of a given species, although documented variations for sub-species, distinct populations and sub-populations will be taken into account. For those species not assessed through the IUCN Redlist we welcome other methods of assessment and the submission of quantitative data to confirm a species status. Generally the Fund gives priority to those species facing a high threat of extinction (with an emphasis on Endangered and Critically Endangered species), as well as those which are listed as Data Deficient or unlisted but are suspected as highly threatened. Please ensure that the conservation status mentioned in the application is correct and cross-referenced to a website or publication. It might be of use to consult with the relevant IUCN/SSC Specialist Group if you are in doubt or would like some guidance.

Please note that applications with clearly incorrect conservation status and no justification will NOT be considered for funding.

Content: Text provided in an application should be kept concise and clear, with clearly stated quantitative goals, aims and methods. When writing an application, please bear in mind that there is only so much text which the Advisory Board and the Fund's board of directors are capable of reading. Priority will be given to those projects that support the professional development of young conservationists.

In situ conservation: Generally the Fund is primarily interested in providing support to in situ conservation work in the field (such as survey work and data gathering, direct action, recovery management, training and the like), focusing on the species in its natural habitat. However, the importance of ex situ work (genetic analysis, workshops, ex situ populations etc) is also recognised, and so a few grants may be given to projects which focus on ex situ conservation work in certain circumstances.

Core costs: The Fund will not contribute to the core running costs of an organisation or administrative overheads, and yet does recognise that sometimes support salaries, stipends, per diems and project related living costs can be a vital part of in situ conservation work.

Species: Generally, the Fund would prefer to support projects which focus on a single species, but it also recognises that in some geographic and taxonomic circumstances it makes more sense to group a number of species.

Grants for continuation: The Fund is happy to provide continuation support for a project which had previously been supported, which is now completed and for which the Fund has received all required reporting by the time of the respective submission deadline.

External review: In some cases the Advisory Board and/or the Fund's board of directors may ask for an application to be passed on for additional review, which may add to the response time.

How to Apply

[Visit the Fund website](#) to learn more before submitting an online application. Deadline:

30 June 2023

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Culture Ireland Grants

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

Purpose of Awards

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

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

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

- Application must be in respect of a Irish professional artist/s or arts organisation
- Application must be in respect of an art form defined under the Arts Act 2003
- Only international events are supported (i.e., outside the island of Ireland)
- The event must be accessible to an open public audience and fees must be payable to the artist/s or arts organisation
- Funding support is limited to travel and travel related costs
- Grants are only payable to the person/organisation named on the initial application

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

- Artistic quality of work and track record of artist/s or arts organisation
- Financial and operational viability of the event (including fees and level of support from presenter/venue/other partners)
- Profile of international venue/festival

- Proven capacity of applicant, artist/s or arts organisation to present work internationally
- Wider promotional and media impact

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

Examples of eligible applications include:

- Theatre, circus and dance performances by professional companies
- Film-makers presenting films at key international film festivals
- Performances by professional or professionally-led musicians and ensembles
- Visual artists/galleries exhibiting at internationally recognised art fairs/galleries
- Readings by writers/poets in English or Irish or otherwise at international literary festivals

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

Examples of ineligible applications include:

- Events which have already taken place
- Research, opportunities, study or professional training
- Production Costs
- Residencies
- Bursaries
- Workshops/Conferences
- Amateur events
- Work by non-professional artists

- Events of a competitive nature.

How to Apply

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

Deadline: 1 July 2023

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Community Centres Investment Fund

The Community Centres Investment Fund – New Builds Measure will invest circa €20 million in new build multi-functional community centres with a minimum grant of €1,000,000 up to a maximum of €6,000,000.

The projects must be ‘shovel-ready’ with all the necessary permissions and consents in place (e.g. planning consent) and be located on a green/brown field site.

The objectives of the Community Centres Investment Fund’s New Build Measures are to:

- Assist voluntary and community organisations and local authorities to develop high quality, accessible, safe, well-designed, sustainable new build community centres to help develop empowered, inclusive and resilient communities.
- Encourage the sharing of community facilities.

The Fund is administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development (‘the Department’).

Fundable Activities

The Measure invites proposals for capital projects which are ready to commence on the date of application. For the purposes of clarity projects which are ready to commence are those which have the necessary consents (e.g. environmental, wildlife, archaeological etc.) in place and in particular have planning consent, satisfy the requirements of the Public Spending Code, and are procurement ready.

For the purposes of compliance with public financial procedures, the lead party to an application must be a State-funded body. The lead party will be required to certify that the project proposed is at the required level of readiness at the time of submission. Any projects which are identified as still requiring planning or other consent(s) following the closing date for applications will not be considered.

Applicants should pay particular attention to Sections 6 and 7 below on eligibility and assessment criteria.

All projects must be accessible to people with disabilities and must conform to the 7 principles of universal design www.universaldesign.ie.

Support Available

The minimum grant funding available from the Fund is €1,000,000 and the maximum is €6,000,000.

As a general rule, the Fund will provide up to 90% of the total project value to a maximum of €6,000,000, with at least 10% to be provided in matching contributions by the applicants. A minimum of 5% of the matching contributions element must be in cash.

The match funding may include a combination of wider public sector expenditure, local authority investment and/or land, community investment, philanthropic contributions, private sector investment (where appropriate), or other asset contributions. Funds secured from existing Department of Rural and Community Development schemes or programmes are not eligible to be used as matched funding.

Where land or other assets are being put forward as elements of match funding this must be supported by appropriate evidence relating to the value of the land or assets concerned, such as an up-to-date valuation provided by an accredited source. Property or land purchased using funds secured from existing Department of Rural and Community Development schemes or programmes cannot be used as matched funding.

It will be the responsibility of the recipient to ensure that the community centre is adequately maintained following completion i.e. they are responsible for all ongoing and future maintenance and running costs.

On the basis of the available funding and the envisaged scale of projects, it is expected that some 4-6 large scale projects will be funded under this call. The final number of projects to be approved will, however, be determined by the number and quality of applications received.

Eligibility

Who can apply?

For the purposes of compliance with public financial procedures, the lead party to an application must be a State-funded body. For the purposes of clarity, State-funded bodies are local authorities, local development companies and other State agencies, including commercial State bodies.

Community organisations, voluntary groups or other civil society bodies cannot act as the lead party to an application but should partner with a State-funded body, which would be in a position to assume the lead party role. Following the completion of the project the lead party can delegate the running of the facility to another body.

Proposals under the Fund should demonstrate a collaborative approach between two or more organisations. The purpose of collaboration should not be exclusively to lend financial or general policy support to a project but should denote a full endorsement of the stated rationale, aims and expected outcomes for that particular project. In that regard, it would be of significant benefit, in instances where a project is aimed at delivering benefits in a particular sector or area, to have secured the collaboration and support of the relevant authority or agency with overall responsibility for that area or sector.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Applications will be checked in the first instance for completeness and compliance with the following:

- The lead party to the application is a State-funded body as per Section 5.
- The project proposal must be a 'shovel ready' new build community centre with all the necessary permissions and consents in place e.g. planning consent etc.
- The development must be on a green/brown field site and not the refurbishment of an existing property.
- All relevant ecological and archaeological survey work (if applicable) has been undertaken or will be undertaken e.g. Appropriate Assessment screening.
- There is evidence of ownership (if applicable) or a minimum 20 year lease in place.
- The Public Spending Code Financial Analysis (see Section 11) has been completed by the technical supervisor.
- There is evidence of the required matching funding and bridging finance.

Should an application not meet these minimum requirements it will not be put forward to the next stage i.e. competitive assessment.

How to Apply

Full application guidelines are available here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/fec91-communitycentres-investment-fund/> Deadline: 3 July 2023

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ESTHER Ireland Grant 2023

Since 2014, with funding from Irish Aid, ESTHER Ireland has awarded €482,050.83 through 68 grants, to develop new partnerships or strengthen existing ones.

ESTHER Ireland grants accreditation to established institutional health partnerships which have demonstrated the highest quality of partnership and reciprocity. An online accreditation tool that provides instant feedback, ahead of applications being reviewed by ESTHER Ireland, was launched in 2021. Three partnerships were awarded accreditation status in 2022 having met the quality standards. This accreditation indicates that the partnership is committed to delivering a quality service, to influencing health policy and creating a sustainable partnership that will have a long-term impact on health outcomes.

The 2023 grant scheme is in line with the HSE Global Health Programme Strategic Framework 2022-2024 and part of the Global Health Programme implementation plan. The grants will be administered by the Irish Global Health Network under a service level agreement with the HSE. The programme is supported with funding from Irish Aid.

This round of grants reflects the current global and Irish context, with lessons learned after the COVID-19 pandemic. It also responds to the directions and priorities of the Government's International Development Policy, A Better World, which was published in 2019. The theme for the 2023 grant call is partnerships that are contributing to health systems strengthening.

As with previous calls, this round of grants will be of two types. Band 1 grants are to support new partnerships, and Band 2 grants are to support established partnerships. ESTHER Ireland welcomes applications from partnerships involving different types of health institutions, including hospitals, primary care services, public health units, education and training organisations, universities, and Government health departments.

NGOs are generally not eligible for ESTHER grants unless they are part of a collaboration with an Irish health service or institution.

The grant application process will run for over 7 weeks, with applications accepted up to 7 July 2023.

Note: Funding is limited, and is subject to availability. Proposed dates for disbursement cannot be guaranteed and may be subject to delays or changes.

Band 1: New Partnership Grants

Irish health organisations and institutions are eligible to apply for a Band 1 grant to facilitate the development of a new link or partnership with a counterpart organisation or institution in a low- or middle-income country.

In the context of this programme, we consider a new partnership to be one that has recently started to work together or has not yet started working together but has taken preliminary steps. It should demonstrate a commitment to adhere to the ESTHER Principles of Quality of Partnerships.

Intended outcomes from activities implemented under this scheme could include:

- Formalising an agreement such as an MOU between partners
 - Developing a shared vision and action plan.
 - Grants must be spent within 12 months of disbursement.
 - The ceiling for Band 1 grants is €8,000.

Criteria Band 1

Higher priority is given to partnerships in countries with official Government links through Irish Aid and/or the HSE:

- Irish Aid key partner countries providing bilateral support to the health sector (Mozambique, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Liberia)
- Other Irish Aid key partner countries (e.g. Zambia, Malawi, Uganda)
- Countries in which HSE is engaged with through formal agreements (e.g. Mozambique, Sudan, Zambia, Sierra Leone)
- Coherent with objectives of Irish Aid development policy, A Better
- Grant funding should achieve value for Having co-funding is considered an advantage.

Successful partnerships will be invited to produce a case

Band 2: Established Partnership Grants

Applications are invited from Irish health institutions and organisations engaged in established health partnerships. We consider an established partnership to be one that has been working

together for more than a year and has been formalised, such as through a Memorandum of Understanding. Partnerships must demonstrate clear evidence of quality of partnership, such as receiving ESTHER Accreditation for Quality of Partnership.

Partnerships may apply for grants to:

- Implement small scale innovations or pilot
- Undertake activities that strengthen the working relationship between the partners (e.g. exchange visits, stakeholder meetings, communication systems).
- Build capacity within the existing partnership to enable it to initiate and implement projects and programmes (e.g. skills building workshops).

Grants must be spent within 12 months of disbursement.

The ceiling for Band 2 grants is €8,000.

Criteria Band 2

Partnerships should demonstrate a clear theory of change for how they will improve health services and health Change pathways may include one or more of a range of interventions areas such as education, training, mentoring, exchange visits, technical support, service quality improvement and research.

Higher priority is given to partnerships in countries with official Government links through Irish Aid and/or the HSE.

Irish Aid key partner countries providing bilateral support to the health sector (Mozambique, Ethiopia, Tanzania)

Other Irish Aid key partner countries (e.g. Zambia, Malawi, Uganda, Sierra Leone)

Countries that the HSE engages with through formal agreements (e.g. Mozambique, Sudan, Zambia)

Preference is given to partnerships with greater potential to achieve impact:

- Contribute to health systems strengthening and resilience.
- Aim to strengthen the capacity of health institutions to address local health priorities and unmet health service needs.

Coherent with Irish Aid development policy, A Better

Grant funding should achieve value for Having co-funding is considered an advantage.

Successful partnerships should be willing to monitor their partnership using the ESTHER Pilot Effect Tool and produce a case study.

How to Apply

[Full guidelines available here](#). Deadline:

7 July 2023

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International Charity Bazaar Grants

The International Charity Bazaar (ICB) will be accepting application for funding from 1 April 2022.

The International Charity Bazaar (ICB) is a voluntary fundraising organisation of the Diplomatic Corps in Dublin. With the support of 50 or more Embassies and friends in the local community, the ICB raises funds for registered charities in Ireland through two annual events: the Diplomatic Ball and Annual Bazaar.

Criteria

Funding Criteria for 2023:

- Only Irish registered charities may apply
- Maximum funding of EUR 10,000 per project
- No funding for salaries or bursaries
- Projects should be Ireland-based
- Selected charities will be notified by 31 August 2023
- Funds will be distributed in December 2023.

How to Apply

For further information please contact us at info@icbdublin.com

[Full details available here.](#) Deadline:

7 July 2023

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Interreg IVB - North West Europe

The Interreg North-West Europe (NWE) Programme is one of the fourteen transnational cooperation programmes financed by the European Union. It is financed through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). ERDF is one of the funds designed to improve EU Cohesion.

The Programme encourages public, scientific, private and civil society organisations to cooperate with a view to promote a green, smart and just transition for all NWE territories. The aim is to support a balanced development and make all regions more resilient. The Programme co-finances these organisations to work together in transnational projects on specific themes. All projects financed by the Programme will need to demonstrate high transnational cooperation intensity throughout their lifetime with a clear focus on results. This means that partners must work together to deliver, disseminate and roll-out the results of their project.

Thematic priorities

To deliver its aim, the Programme has identified five thematic priorities, each of which is subdivided into Specific Objectives (SO). These priorities and Specific Objectives are:

Priority 1 - Smart climate and environmental resilience for NWE territories

Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account ecosystem-based approaches (SO 2.4)

Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution (SO 2.7)

Priority 2 – Smart and just energy transition for NWE territories

Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions (SO 2.1)

Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein (SO 2.2).

Priority 3 - Transition towards a place-based circular economy

Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy (SO 2.6).

Priority 4 – Improving territorial resilience in NWE through innovative and smart transformation

Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies (SO 1.1).

Priority 5 –Transition towards a socially inclusive and resilient society

Enhancing the effectiveness and inclusiveness of labour markets and access to quality employment through developing social infrastructure and promoting social economy (SO 4.1).

Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-and-community-based care (SO 4.5).

Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation (SO 4.6).

Over the lifetime of the Programme, € 287 million of ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) will be allocated to projects. No ceiling is set for this call.

All projects need to have a partner contribution (provide match-funding). The maximum ERDF grant rate for partners is 60% of the total project budget. The partnership needs to contribute the remaining 40%.

How to Apply

Interreg NWE - Call for small-scale projects

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Deadline: July 12, 2023

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LIFE Programme Grants

The LIFE Programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action.

Aims & Objectives

The LIFE programme's main goals are to:

- help communities transition towards a more sustainable, circular, energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and -resilient economy
- protect, restore and enhance the environment
- halt and reverse biodiversity loss
- stop the degradation of ecosystems by managing and enhancing the [Natura 2000 network](#) for rare and threatened species.

What does it support?

LIFE funds projects that address issues within its four sub-programmes:

1. Nature and biodiversity
2. Circular economy and quality of life
3. Climate change mitigation and adaptation
4. Clean energy transition.

Who can apply?

Entities with an environmental and/or climate mission (including nature/biodiversity and clean energy transition) such as:

- nonprofit organisations
- public authorities
- citizens groups
- academia and higher education institutions
- research centres

- large and small companies.

Why the EU funds environment and climate action

Read more about EU policy on the [EU Green Deal](#).

Budget

€5.4 billion over seven years.

Project Examples

[Improving Corncrake Conservation Status In Ireland](#). The project is taking place in the West and North-West of Ireland focussing on nine SPAs (eight project sites spanning over 4 300 hectares) and will target the Annex I species Corncrake (Crex Crex).

More [examples of Irish projects](#).

National Contact Point in Ireland:

Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, Research and Advisory Unit.

[Website](#)

Email: LIFE@decc.gov.ie

How to Apply

LIFE - Technical Assistance - Replication - Nature & Biodiversity and Circular Economy & Quality of Life

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Deadline: July 27, 2023

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Additional Resources

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

Fundraising Guidance Library

1. [Fundraising Essentials](#)
2. [Applying to Grant Makers](#)
3. [Fundraising From The Public](#)
4. [European Funding](#)

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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