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PEACEPLUS

PEACEPLUS is a funding programme designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland.

Aims & Objectives

PEACEPLUS is a cross-border EU funding programme that supports peacebuilding, social cohesion, and economic development in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland (Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth, Monaghan, and Sligo).

The programme's goal is to build a more prosperous and stable society by:

- strengthening relationships between communities
- tackling long-standing social and economic challenges
- encouraging cross-border collaboration and mutual understanding
- supporting regional stability and sustainable growth

What does it support?

PEACEPLUS funds peace and reconciliation initiatives, as well as cross-border projects that improve economic, social, and environmental wellbeing. All projects must have a cross-community and cross-border collaboration element, and they must be able to demonstrate peace impacts.

Funding is focused on six themes:

1. Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities
2. Delivering Economic Regeneration and Transformation
3. Empowering and Investing in Our Young People
4. Healthy and Inclusive Communities
5. Supporting a Sustainable and Better Connected Future
6. Building and Embedding Partnership and Collaboration

Within each theme there are several investment areas – these have a more specific focus and target specific organisations such as local authorities or community groups.

Who can apply?

The Programme area includes Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, namely Counties Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth, Monaghan and Sligo.

However, cross border collaboration is not strictly limited to the administrative borders of the Programme but has a flexible geography depending on the topic

concerned. This is called a functional area and allows for organisations and institutions not based in the core Programme area to get involved in projects by linking with partners within the core Programme area.

Budget

A total of €1.1 billion from 2021-2027.

Project Examples

- Case Study: [Connecting People, Places and Heritage](#)
- Case Study: [Breakthrough](#)
- The [PEACE Programmes Learning Platform](#) acts as a repository and archive of key records related to the PEACE Programmes and provides a single point of access to the materials that have been developed since 1994.

How to Apply

National Contact Point in Ireland: The [Special EU Programmes Body \(SEUPB\)](#) manages programme delivery.

Current calls:

PEACEPLUS – 1.2 Empowering Communities – Strand 3, The Community-Based Safety Interventions Programme (Second Call)

Deadline: 3 Jun 2026

Funding available: EUR 5 million

Partners required: At least one partner from Northern Ireland and one from Ireland

[Full details](#)

PEACEPLUS – 1.2 Empowering Communities – Strand 2, The Institutional Capacity Development Programme (Second Call)

Deadline: 3 Jun 2026

Funding available: EUR 5 million

Partners required: At least one partner from Northern Ireland and one from Ireland

[Full Details](#)

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Coimisiún na Meán - Sound & Vision 4

Sound & Vision 4 is a funding scheme for broadcasters and independent producers that funds the production of high-quality programmes about Irish culture, heritage, and experience and programmes to improve adult literacy.

Recent Funding Outcomes

- Rath Dara Community College Music Project – In this three-part series for community radio station, Phoenix FM, listeners follow Transition Year students in a Dublin DEIS school on a music composition journey. With support from professionals, they brainstorm themes and genres, compose, perform, record, mix their music piece and promote their music online.
- Additional €2 million funding secured by the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to support content focusing on the voices of immigrant and new Irish Communities.

Scheme Objectives

The objectives of the Scheme are also derived from the legislation, Section 155, and are as follows:

- Quality: develop high quality programmes based on Irish culture, heritage and experience;
- Irish Language: develop these programmes in the Irish language;
- Additionality: increase the availability of programmes referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) to audiences in the State;
- Diversity: represent the diversity of Irish culture and heritage;
- Heritage: record oral Irish heritage and aspects of Irish heritage which are disappearing, under threat, or have not been previously recorded; and
- Local & Community Broadcasting: develop local and community broadcasting.

Programme Themes

Programme Themes Sound & Vision 4 offers funding support for the production of new quality television and radio programmes on the following four themes.

These reflect the provisions of the Act and the BAI accepts applications for programmes on either an individual theme or encompassing a number of themes.

(a) Irish culture, heritage and experience

The legislation offers the following examples of programme topics related to these themes and these are outlined below for reference.

- History (including history relating to particular areas, groups or aspects of experience, activity or influence);
- Historical buildings;
- The natural environment;
- Folk, rural and vernacular heritage;
- Traditional and contemporary arts;
- The Irish language; and,
- The Irish experience in European and international contexts.

These are not the only categories of programmes under this theme that can be supported by the Fund. The Authority takes a broad view of Irish culture, heritage and experience and includes all of its contemporary expressions. The statute offers examples of programme themes but applicants to the Fund need not limit their programme proposals to these areas. The ideal outcome for the Fund is one that has a balance between reflections of Ireland's past and its vibrant present.

(b) Adult Literacy or Media Literacy

Programme topics should be focused towards methods of improving adult literacy or media literacy. Adult Literacy is defined as involving speaking, listening, reading, writing, numeracy and using everyday technology to communicate and handle information. Media Literacy is defined in the Act as bringing about a better public understanding of the nature and characteristics of broadcast and related electronic media, the processes by which it is selected and produced, the available access systems and their regulation.

(c) Global issues Programmes which raise public awareness and understanding of global issues impacting on the State and countries other than the State.

(d) Irish Language Programmes under (a), (b) and (c) above in the Irish Language.

How to Apply

Please find the guide and full application details here:

<https://www.cnam.ie/industry-and-professionals/media-development/support-funding/sound-vision/>

Deadlines:

4 Jun 2026: Round 61 opens

2 Jul 2026: Round 60 closes

16 Jul 2026: Round 61 closes

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Dublin Airport Community Fund

For decades, Dublin Airport has supported community activities across education, literacy, sports and the arts, and through the Community Fund we are continuing this work while extending support to even more local initiatives with over €3.3million to local community initiatives since its launch.

In 2025, Dublin Airport's Community Fund awarded €500,000 to 117 schools, clubs and groups in the local neighbouring communities, many of which Dublin Airport has been the main sponsor for several years.

The Dublin Airport Community Fund annually makes a call for applications and once open, applications are accepted for up to six weeks. Applications made outside of this period will **not** be accepted.

All applications must be submitted via the Community Fund's online portal and forms cannot be accepted as hard copy or by email.

Applications are reviewed and assessed by an independently chaired Grant Making Panel, after which the groups will be contacted to proceed to the payment stage.

We will support applications from voluntary groups, clubs, and organisations located in the following areas:

- Ballymun • Cloghran • Forrest Little • Greater Baskin • Hollystown • Malahide • Portmarnock • Rolestown
- Santry • St. Margaret's • Swords • The Ward • Tyrrelstown.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted via our dedicated Community Fund online portal including a clear project plan with the related cost breakdown, supporting quotes, and project timelines.

Full details here: <https://www.dublinairport.com/corporate/environmental-social-governance/community-fund>

Deadline: 5 Jun 2026

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NYCI - One World Week Seed Fund

The OWW Seed Fund is an exciting opportunity for youth organisations to explore an aspect of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and to connect your work locally with issues, and events globally. In other words, to connect young people's personal experiences with their community and the wider world.

Project implementation should take place between June 30th – 28th August 2026

Successful applicants will receive a grant of up to €400 and free training with the Youth 2030 expert team to support you in delivering a young person-centred project on issues relating to our global world. This funding is to support projects in the non-formal youth work education sector. Bring your ideas to life!!

Who can apply?

Any group that works within the non-formal youth sector.

Why should I apply?

- Receive a grant of up to €400 to support you deliver a young person-centred project on our global world.
- Participate in a free training (online and/or in-person) with the Youth2030 expert team supporting you to explore critical youth work in your youth organisation. This training will support you to develop your own project idea. As well as build curiosity and confidence to talk about key issues like, the environment, the economy, technology, politics and culture with a group of young people.
- Receive resources to support your work free of charge.
- Benefit from connections, ideas and support from the Youth 2030 team, to support you in getting the most out of your seed grant and bring your ideas to life!

Funding Criteria

- One World Week (OWW) training is required as part of this funding (training is free).
- One World Week (OWW) will take place online and in person in 2026 a blended approach. As part of this grant, you will be expected to attend at least one event for OWW 2026.
- Please use recycled material wherever possible for arts-based activities.

- NYCI will not fund the purchase of any merchandise materials such as T-shirts, baseball caps, etc.
- Applications accepted from the island of Ireland only.

What else do I need to know before I apply?

- Your project can be stand-alone or part of a bigger project.
- The Youth 2030 team is available to help you explore a project idea-contact us – alex@nyci.ie.
- Projects should explore themes that have a social justice focus and that has both a local and a global dimension.
- We welcome projects that include political, economic, technological, environmental, and cultural dimensions. (We call these the five faces of globalisation). More Details here: [Globalisation – The Youth and The Truth – National Youth Council of Ireland](#)
- Actively make connections to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): More Details: [THE 17 GOALS | Sustainable Development](#) & [Sustainable Progress Index 2025 | Social Justice Ireland](#)
- Consider how to connect young people’s personal experiences with their community and the wider world. As well as the Personal, Local, National, and Global parts of your project – (we call these the PLiNGs!).

How to Apply

Full details available here: <https://www.youth.ie/programmes/projects-initiatives/one-world-week/one-world-week-seed-fund/>

Deadline: 5 Jun 2026

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SuperValu TidyTowns Special Awards

Our sponsored Special Awards are organised in parallel to the main competition and look to reward initiatives focused on improving your community. Entry is open to all TidyTowns Groups as well as other interested individuals or groups. We are delighted to announce two new sponsors under our Special Awards category for 2026.

If you encounter any difficulties accessing any of the special awards application forms, please contact the TidyTowns Unit for assistance by email tidytowns@drcdg.gov.ie or on 01 773 6988 or 01 5391105.

Entry into the Special Awards is purely voluntary and non-entry will not affect performance in the main competition.

Please email your completed Special Award application forms to the correct email address, clearly marked with the title of the Special Award.

No. 1

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AWARD

PRIZE FUND €6,000

Sponsored by Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment

The overall aim of the Sustainable Development Goals Award, sponsored by the Department of Climate, energy and the Environment, is to acknowledge the role the SDGs play in everyday life. The awards aim to raise awareness of the SDG goals and to recognise the benefits they offer locally, nationally and globally as a guide to improving quality of life. They aim to achieve decent lives for all on a healthy planet by 2030. Positive, empowering community actions are key to meeting this goal.

When submitting an entry, clearly state in the subject, the name of the TidyTowns Group, location and that its an entry to the SDG Award 2026.

Further information is available at www.gov.ie/sdgs and by emailing SDGS@decc.gov.ie

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[Sustainable-Development-Goals-Award-Entry-Form 2026](#)

No. 2

GREENWAYS & ACTIVE TRAVEL AWARD

PRIZE FUND €5,000

Sponsored by Department of Transport

The Department of Transport is delighted to sponsor two special category awards, one for Greenway projects and another for Active Travel Projects this year. The provision of walking and cycling facilities in our cities, towns and villages is critical in providing safe and accessible transport corridors connecting our urban centres for pedestrians and cyclists. This infrastructure are public assets designed for use by members of the public to undertake trips for a range of purposes – recreational, commuting, travelling to school and undertaking errands.

These routes can offer an opportunity to the local community to showcase the beauty of their local area through their stewardship endeavours. This special category primarily seeks to recognise the efforts of TidyTowns Groups in relation to integrating built infrastructure with ecological best practices as well as enriching local community assets.

For more details, please contact your local authority or Waterways Ireland.

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[Greenways-and-Active-Travel- Entry-Form-2026](#)

No. 3

Young Persons in TidyTowns Award

Prize Fund €5,000

Sponsored by Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

The Young Persons Award is aimed at the 16 to 24 age group who are actively involved in projects and initiatives of their local TidyTowns group throughout the year. It is not open to schools to apply. Entries should be submitted using the Young Persons Award entry form.

Photographs can be used to support your entry. Entries under the Young Persons Award should demonstrate how TidyTowns groups actively involve young people in the 16 to 24 age group in contributing on an ongoing basis to their local TidyTowns activities, including through their membership of, or direct engagement with, the Groups. Initiatives undertaken by the group to encourage greater involvement from this age group should also be included. The award will be presented to the TidyTowns group whose initiatives have resulted in an increase in involvement from the 16 to 24 age group, resulting in a positive outcome for the TidyTowns group and wider community and demonstrating how young people can have an active leadership role within their community.

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[Young-Persons-Award-Entry-Form -2026](#)

No. 4

Tiny TidyTowns Schools Award

Prize Fund €5,000

Sponsored by SuperValu

SuperValu are calling on all Primary schools to show all the great work they are doing to improve their school and classroom environments

We all want our kids to understand and experience the wonder of growing their own food and the importance of protecting local biodiversity, so that they can grow up in a healthier world. Does your primary school grow their own fruit and vegetables? Have you rewilded an area for bees and Biodiversity? Have you a dedicated area to pollinator friendly flowers?

We are looking for you to share your food growing and biodiversity projects developed in the school and any future plans to further enhance this topic in the classrooms.

A finalist group from each of the four regions will be chosen, with each finalist group receiving €1,000. The overall winner will then receive an additional €1,000.

For more details see www.supervalu.ie

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[SuperValu-Tiny-TidyTowns-School-Award-Entry-Form-2026](#)

No. 5

Gum Litter Taskforce Award

Prize Fund €8,000

Sponsored by the Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT)

The Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) is a joint initiative between industry and government working to increase awareness of the chewing gum litter issue and to encourage positive behavioural change around gum disposal. Through the national “Bin your gum when you’re done” campaign, the GLT highlights the importance of responsible disposal and supports stronger enforcement of the €150 fine.

Thanks to the continued efforts of communities nationwide, gum litter now accounts for just 7.3% of all litter nationally-the lowest figure to date-with 92% of people reporting that they dispose of their gum correctly.

The GLT would like to reward TidyTowns groups that are delivering environmental awareness initiatives aimed at eliminating chewing gum litter in their area. This award recognises communities who influence responsible behaviour and promote social responsibility for both current and future generations.

For more info, please visit www.gumlittertaskforce.ie

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[Gum-Litter-Taskforce-Award-Entry-Form-2026](#)

No. 6

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan – Local Authority Pollinator Award

Prize Fund €10,000

Sponsored by Heritage Offices & Biodiversity Offices of Local Authorities across Ireland, in partnership with the National Biodiversity Data Centre

Local Authority Pollinator Award aims to encourage TidyTowns groups to implement pollinator-friendly actions in their towns and villages as part of the TidyTowns competition. Wild Irish bees, crucial to the pollination of our plants, trees and vegetables, are in decline – this is because we’ve drastically reduced the areas where they can nest and the amount of food our countryside provides for them. The aim of the award is to reverse this trend by encouraging TidyTowns groups to take simple pollinator-friendly measures in their local area. The Local Authority Pollinator Award supports the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and is sponsored by the Heritage Offices & Biodiversity Offices of Local Authorities across Ireland.

A prize of €1,000 will be awarded in each of the four regions at Village/Small Town category and at Large Town/Large Urban Centre category. Out of these eight finalists, one overall national winner will receive an additional €1,000. There is also a “Best Newcomer Award” with a prize of €1,000.

For more details see www.pollinators.ie

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[Local-Authority-Pollinator-Award-Entry-Form-2026](#)

No. 7

The Island Award

Prize Fund: €1,500

Sponsored by Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht.

The Islands award is awarded to the two highest scoring entrants that is an Island not connected to the mainland by a bridge, is cut off daily from the mainland by the tide, is permanently inhabited and is not in private ownership.

No. 8

The Waters and Communities Award

Prize Fund €7,000

Sponsored by Inland Fisheries Ireland, Waterways Ireland and the Local Authority Waters Programme

The Waters and Communities Special Award aims to encourage community groups to get more involved with their local water bodies by helping to preserve, promote and fully utilise their local natural heritage. It is open to any community group who has shown an appreciation for their water environment and water heritage during 2025.

Examples of water quality initiatives include: championing biodiversity and water heritage; citizen science; promotion of angling; awareness raising events and initiatives; promotion of nature-based solutions; clean ups of local waterbodies; upgrading of amenities.

The Waters and Communities Special Award has an overall prize fund of €7,000, shared among an overall winner, regional winners and regional runners-up.

This Special Award is sponsored by:

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI), who are responsible for managing the inland fisheries and sea angling sectors.

Waterways Ireland, who are responsible for the management of inland navigable waterways.

Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO), who work with communities to assist them in getting involved in caring for local waterbodies.

For more details, see www.watersandcommunities.ie

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

Entry Portal [Waters and Communities Award – Tidy Towns Competition 2026 | Online Consultation Portal of the Waters and Communities Office](#)

No. 9

The Climate Action Award

Prize Fund: €6,000

Sponsored by Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment

The overall aim of this award is to recognise the impact local communities can make in addressing climate change. The purpose of this award is to celebrate communities who have taken climate action, raised awareness within their communities and worked collaboratively across their communities to take climate action.

Four prizes will be awarded:

1. €2,000 for the best entry from a large town or Urban centre (category A to D)
2. €2,000 for the best entry from a village/small town (category E to H)
3. Overall runner-up prize of €1,000
4. A special Youth Award of €1,000

Further information is available by emailing climateawards@dcee.gov.ie

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[Climate-Action-Entry-Form-2026](#)

No. 10

Leave No Trace Award

Prize – €1,000 along with a Leave No Trace trainer for one day to deliver either an Awareness course or workshop, access to online Leave No Trace Resources and promotion across social media.

Sponsored by Leave No Trace Ireland

Now in its seventh year, the Leave No Trace Tidy Towns Special Award recognises communities for their significant efforts to protect and enhance the natural environment and the promotion of responsibility in the outdoors. Through recognising these communities, Leave No Trace Ireland seeks to inspire other communities to take extraordinary actions to protect and promote responsible outdoor recreation. Apply today and tell us what your group has achieved.

For more information please see www.leavenotraceireland.org

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[Leave-No-Trace-Entry-Form-2026](#)

No. 11

Town Centre First Award

Prize Fund €5,000

Sponsored by Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht.

The Town Centre First (TCF) policy, launched in February 2021, is a cross-government policy that aims to create town centres that function as viable, vibrant and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit, while also functioning as the service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community. TCF recognises that every town is unique in its challenges, needs and opportunities and lays the foundation for each town to develop, at a local level, their own plan-led path forward. More information can be found on [gov.ie – Town Centre First Policy](#)

The TCF Award, sponsored by Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, credits exemplary efforts by towns in driving forward town centre regeneration and revitalisation in line with the policy and recognises the vital role TidyTown groups have in the sustainable development of their communities and the enhancement of our town centres.

For more details, see www.towncentrefirst.ie

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[Town-Centre-First-Entry-Form-2026](#)

No. 12

EPA CIRCULAR ECONOMY AWARD

PRIZE FUND €3,500

Sponsored by The Environmental Protection Agency

The purpose of this award is to recognise communities that have undertaken activities last year that support and promote the values of circular economy. In a circular economy, we value resources and products and try to prevent wasting them and to keep them in use for longer. Reuse, repair, sharing of products, waste prevention (e.g. food waste prevention, plastic or other packaging waste prevention) are circular economy activities and may be activities your community has supported. Initiatives that raise awareness of circular economy or support circular businesses within your community are welcome. Work done under the main competition category 'Sustainability – doing more with less' can be relevant to this special award. Through recognising these communities, the Environmental Protection Agency hopes to

encourage and raise awareness of practical examples of circular economy actions taking place in our communities.

The overall national winner will receive a €1,000 prize, 2nd prize €800, 3rd prize €700 and two runner-up prizes of €500.

Further information is available by emailing cep@epa.ie

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[EPA-Circular-Economy-Award-Entry-Form-2026](#)

No. 13

SUPERVALU INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES AWARD

PRIZE FUND €2,000

Sponsored by SuperValu

At SuperValu, we believe that truly great communities are built when everyone is included.

People of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities have something valuable to contribute to making our communities better places to live, work, and play.

This award celebrates TidyTowns committees that are driving positive change by promoting and enabling inclusivity, welcoming and supporting every member of their community.

A prize of €2,000 will be awarded to the TidyTowns committee that best demonstrates how they have championed inclusion through meaningful, inclusive projects and initiatives.

Examples of these can be from one off events activities, communications or changes made to their community.

For more details see www.supervalu.ie

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[SuperValu-Inclusive-Communities-Award-Entry-Form-2026](#)

No. 14

The Gaeltacht Award

Prize Fund €2,500

Sponsored by Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht.

The Gaeltacht Award is awarded to the Two highest scoring entrants in the main competition from a Gaeltacht area.

The main entry form must be completed in Irish.

No. 15

Tree Project Award

Prize Fund €1,000

Sponsored by The Tree Council of Ireland

The Tree Project Award is an initiative that values the positive influence of trees on the overall ambience of a town or village. It places importance not only on the initial planting but also on the ongoing maintenance and establishment of trees throughout their lifespan. This award recognises the TidyTowns Committee that through their hard work has fostered an urban woodland atmosphere within their community.

The project may equally focus on the preservation of old and established trees, acknowledging their natural, historical, cultural, botanical, or landscape significance.

The size and scope of the undertaken project, along with the tangible benefits it brings to the community, will be carefully evaluated.

To apply for the award, please use the Tree Project Award entry form and attach at least four images illustrating the conditions before and after the project was carried out. These images will serve as visual evidence of the project's impact and transformation.

For more details visit: www.treecouncil.ie/supervalu-tree-project-award

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[Tree-Project-Award-Entry-Form-2026](#)

No. 16

Dementia Inclusive Community Award

Prize Fund €5,000

Sponsored by the Health Service Executive (HSE), National Dementia Service

The HSE's Dementia: Understand Together campaign aims to inspire everyone in our communities to include and support people affected by dementia.

This award aims to recognise TidyTowns committees who are making positive changes within their community to promote and facilitate inclusivity for people living with

dementia. This can include raising awareness for dementia, involving people living with dementia and their families and carers in community activities, creating physical spaces that are accessible for everyone, or developing outdoor spaces that stimulate the senses or lend themselves to reminiscing.

Prize

A winning prize of €2,000 and a runner up prize of €500 will be awarded to the TidyTowns Committees from a large town/urban centre.

A winning prize of €2,000 and a runner up prize of €500 will be awarded to the TidyTowns Committees from a village/small town.

Further information is available by emailing: understandtogether@hse.ie

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[HSE-Dementia-Inclusive-Community-Award-Entry-Form-2026](#)

No. 17

The 'Dark Sky Ireland' Special Award

Prize Fund €3,000

Sponsored by Dark Sky Ireland

The overall aim of the award is to recognise practical; community led actions to reduce light pollution and protect dark skies. The purpose of the award is to celebrate communities who have taken action, raised awareness within their communities and worked collaboratively across their and other communities to co-create solutions that protect dark skies at night.

The award celebrates projects that demonstrates how responsible outdoor lighting can promote the UN SDGs identified by Dark Sky Ireland (SDG Champion Organisation 2025-27)

We are looking for TidyTowns Committees to demonstrate steps you have taken to address the issue of light pollutions, how you have shared information on it, and how you have collaborated in your community and with others to protect dark skies.

One overall prize of €1,000 will be awarded to a TidyTowns Committee for impact and project merit.

In addition, two prizes of €750 will be awarded to two TidyTowns Committees; one from the Large Town/Large Urban Centre categories and one from the Village/Small Town categories.

An additional two 'highly commended' prizes of €250 each will be awarded.

For more details, please email: info@darksky.ie or visit www.darksky.ie

Deadline: 8 Jun 2026

[Dark-Sky-Ireland-Special-Award-Entry-Form-Irish-2026](#)

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Athletics Ireland - Club Disability Capital Support Fund 2026

Athletics Ireland is delighted to announce that the application process for the Club Disability Capital Support Fund 2026 is now live. We invite applications from clubs across the country working in the area of disability & inclusion who are actively looking for innovative ideas and opportunities to make their club open & accessible to people with disabilities.

The Club Disability Capital Support initiative aims to reduce the barriers to sports participation for people with a disability through the provision of equipment and minor infrastructure.

The fund can be used to purchase a range of disability sports equipment and enabling infrastructure including sensory pods, hoists, handrails, fittings, mats, wheelchairs, ramps, audio and assistant technology, accessible signage, mobility aids, handrails, fittings, mats, wheelchairs, ramps, inclusive sports equipment etc.

Examples of successful applications in 2025 included:

- DSD AC – Sensory Pod
- Borrisokane AC – Tartan Javelin Runway
- Moycarkey Coolcree AC – Exercise Equipment

Projects will only be considered if targeted at engaging with the following beneficiaries:

- Persons with a disability (within the meaning of the Equal Status Act 2000).
- Projects must demonstrate the ability to have a legacy potential once the Club Disability Capital Support Fund ceases and must commence and be completed by year end 2026.

How to Apply

Please note this is a competitive bid process and will be evaluated against the criteria set. Only clubs affiliated to Athletics Ireland can apply for support.

Closing date for applications is 5pm on Wednesday 10 June 2026 – [please Click Here to Apply](#)

If you would like to know more information or what supports are available to make your club more open and accessible for people with disabilities or regarding this funding application, please email margofinnegan@athleticsireland.ie

The Club Disability Capital Support Fund 2026 is funded by Sport Ireland through the Dormant Accounts Funding.

Deadline: 10 Jun 2026

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.

The Hospital Saturday Fund has two grant categories:

1. Standard grants of up to £2,000 or €3,000

OR

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.

How to Apply

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

Deadlines:

16 Jun 2026: large grants

14 Jul 2026: standard grants

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UMUKSF School Awards

The Foundation has to date helped over 10,000 students, schools and teachers improve their access to music through the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and/or equipment.

Our funding schedule is as follows (please note this is a guideline only, exact dates will be provided on our website):

- Applications will open in April for funding offers made in early September
- Applications will open in August for funding offers made at the end of January
- Applications will open in December for funding offers made at the end of April

Please check below for the submission deadline.

If your application is successful you will have approximately 2 months to claim our donation (exact dates will be provided at the time of our offer) so if you're planning an expensive purchase, you need to consider if you will have raised the balance in that time frame. If not, we strongly recommend you wait and apply to a future funding round as we are not able to provide extensions to claim the donation.

Please read the following information before completing an application form and if you have any questions email us at umuksoundfoundation@umusic.com.

We Consider

- Applications for funding up to £800 from Schools, teaching the national curriculum, which are based in the UK and Republic of Ireland towards the cost of musical resources.

Please Note

- We do not fund retrospectively and you are not eligible for financial assistance if you have already purchased your resources or if you buy them after you submit your application, but before an offer of funding is made.
- If you receive funds from another source after submitting your application to UMUKSF please inform us as soon as possible.
- We are unable to accept applications on behalf of Trusts/Academies for multiple schools, each school must submit their own application form.
- If you are also interested in applying for our 'UMUKSF Teacher Funding' please refer to the [information page](#) and how to enquire with us, before submitting an application.

Returning Applicants

- If you have applied for funding in the past and were successful please wait for two years from when the funding was offered before applying again. If your application was unsuccessful, you may apply again after one year.
- If you are unsure of when you are next eligible to apply, please email umuksoundfoundation@umusic.com before completing an application form.

How to Apply

- Click [HERE](#) and read our 'School Application Checklist' as it provides an overview of all the information you will need to complete the application. We advise collating the information stated in this document before you begin an application as you will not be able to save and return to it once you have started.
- When you are ready to complete your application click the link called School Application on the right of this page.
- Complete the form and submit your application. You will receive automated on screen confirmation your application has been submitted once you complete the process.
- Once your application is submitted there is an option to download or print a copy – please ensure you do this as we cannot provide this for you at a later date, and you will need it should you be offered a donation
- If we need further clarification on anything you include in your application we will email the address you provide, so please ensure it is your direct email and not a generic account. The outcome of the application will also be sent to this address.
- Once submitted, the application is final and cannot be amended. If you wish to provide additional information you will need to submit a completely new application.

[Full details here.](#)

Deadline: 17 Jun 2026

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Traveller and Roma Local Employment Initiative

The Department of Children, Disability, and Equality (DCDE and/or ‘the Department’) is inviting applications from eligible organisations for funding under the new Traveller and Roma Local Employment Initiative (TRLEI) Pilot Scheme and for the appointment of a national TRLEI Coordinator.

Funding under the TRLEI Pilot Scheme will be allocated for the purpose of providing employment and training support services through TRLEI local offices. The Pilot Scheme is open only to local offices that have not previously received funding under the SIT. Existing local offices receiving funding under the TRLEI will continue to use the existing application process for 2026.

Applicants are permitted to apply for both the role of TRLEI Coordinator as well as funding to provide the services of a TRLEI local office under the TRLEI Pilot Scheme. In the event of a successful application to both the TRLEI Coordinator and the TRLEI local office, the applicant will be duly notified and asked for their preference to be given.

The TRLEI is administered by the Traveller and Roma Policy Unit in DCDE.

Purpose of the Traveller and Roma Local Employment Initiative

The TRLEI, formerly known as the Special Initiative for Travellers (SIT), is an employment support programme targeted at Traveller and Roma communities in Ireland. Previously, the programme only targeted Travellers: however, under the [National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy II 2024 – 2028](#) (‘NTRIS II’), Roma are now included as a target group in each TRLEI location.

The Department provides funding to select organisations around the country to host TRLEI local offices and so provide supports and services to Travellers and Roma in securing and retaining employment, gaining new skills and expertise, and engaging in further education and training.

The objective of the TRLEI Programme is to address the imbalance in Traveller and Roma unemployment by providing effective, locally based training, employment, advocacy and referral pathway supports to individuals from both communities, including by coordinating efforts with other local training and employment services, and by building interlinkages with local Traveller and Roma communities and their representative organisations and with local employers.

The TRLEI Programme contributes to the realisation of the strategic outcome under the employment and enterprise theme of NTRIS II:

“Travellers and Roma have equal access to quality and sustainable employment. Entrepreneurship and self-employment opportunities for Travellers and Roma are

supported. There is a positive and inclusive workplace culture where diversity is valued, and every individual is treated with respect and dignity.”

TRLEI Pilot Scheme

Under the TRLEI Pilot Scheme, the Department intends to fund a further eight local offices across the country to provide employment, enterprise, and training supports and services to Travellers and Roma. The type of services each local office will provide will be determined on a case-by-case basis; however, it is intended that a job coach, support worker, or equivalent will be employed to provide one-to-one employment supports to clients, undertake outreach, advocacy, and referral services, and identify further learning needs and training opportunities.

The choice of locations for the new TRLEI local offices will be informed by the size of the Traveller and Roma populations in the different local areas for which applications are received.

National TRLEI Coordinator

To support the Department in the coordination, governance, and oversight of both the existing TRLEI local offices as well as the local offices selected under the TRLEI Pilot Scheme, the Department will provide funding to an eligible, suitable organisation to act as National TRLEI Coordinator.

The TRLEI Coordinator will operate as the primary point of contact for all TRLEI local offices and will liaise regularly with the Department, as well as relevant stakeholders, to facilitate the improvement of the services provided and the standardisation of the processes used to carry out these services. The TRLEI Coordinator will ensure that issues are identified and responded to efficiently. It will also coordinate the national TRLEI contribution and response to new initiatives that support employment, training, and enterprise development for Travellers and Roma.

Funding Available

Funding period

The funding period for both the TRLEI Pilot Scheme and the TRLEI Coordinator will commence on 1 September 2026 and will conclude on 31 December, for a total operating period of four months.

Applicants should note that the Department proposes that, subject to appropriate funding commitments being secured for 2027 in the Estimates process during the second half of 2026, the scheme will be extended, without the requirement for a new expression of interest process, for a further calendar year covering the period 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027, with funding provided pro-rata to the 2026 grant amount. This is applicable to both funding streams.

TRLEI Pilot Scheme

The Department expects that any funding allocated to successful applicants under the TRLEI Pilot Scheme will be within the following thresholds for the period outlined above.

- Minimum grant allocation: €20,000.00 per applicant for the period of four months.
- Maximum grant allocation: €30,000.00 per applicant for the period of four months.

TRLEI Coordinator

The Department expects that any funding allocated to the successful applicant for the purposes of providing the services of the TRLEI Coordinator will be within the following thresholds for the period outlined above:

- Minimum grant allocation: €25,000.00 for the period of four months.
- Maximum grant allocation: €35,000.00 for the period of four months.

How to Apply

Full guides to the application processes for the TRLEI Pilot Scheme and the TRLEI Coordinator are provided on this page (scroll down): <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/publications/open-call-traveller-and-roma-local-employment-initiative-expansion-local-offices-and-national-coordinator/>

Only applications submitted using the application forms provided (attached at Appendix I of the Guidance Note) will be considered for TRLEI funding. This applies to both funding streams.

Applications must be submitted by email to equality@dcde.gov.ie

Deadline: 17 Jun 2026 @ 12 noon

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Movember - Community Men's Health Research Program

Movember is launching the Community Men's Health Research Program, a new multi-million global research funding opportunity across Canada, *Ireland*, the United Kingdom and the United States (California only).

This opportunity is built around a research partnership model—embedding Community Fellows (early-career researchers <5 years post-PhD) directly within community organizations already making a difference.

The focus is simple: generate high-quality, real-world evidence on what works.

Together, we will build a stronger understanding of how to improve the emotional and relational health of boys and young men aged 12–35—in the places they already are.

Grounded in community-based participatory research, the program centers equity, shared power, and lived experience.

It focuses on three core areas of men's health:

- Coping and consumption
- Social connection
- Early fatherhood.

Funding available per annum is USD \$75,000 (plus up to \$26,250 toward related mandatory institutional obligations) and a research support allocation of \$8,000. Community organizations receive USD \$40,000 per year for up to three years. Research must be carried out under the direction of a suitably qualified and experienced supervisor or established research mentorship.

To apply, Community Fellows will need to be partnered with a community organization making a difference with boys and young men aged 12–35.

Competitive applications will demonstrate partnerships with organizations that:

- Are trusted, embedded, and part of the communities they serve
- Are reaching boys and young men who are underserved or face real barriers to engagement
- Deliver support in everyday, non-stigmatizing settings such as youth spaces, education, peer groups, arts-based programs, or psychosocial interventions
- Center lived experience and co-design in how they work
- Value partnership, learning, and working alongside a community

- Can support regular, in-person collaboration throughout the 3-year fellowship.

What is the Community Men’s Health Research Program

Across our focus countries, community organizations are already transforming the lives of boys and young men.

But too often, that work is:

- under-recognized
- under-evidenced
- and invisible to funders and systems

This program changes that!

We are investing in research that sits within communities—not outside them—to generate rigorous, practice-based evidence of what improves boys’ and young men’s emotional and relational health in real world settings.

The goal is not to create new interventions. It’s to understand, strengthen, and evidence what’s already working. That’s exactly why we’re lifting the profile of this vital community work and investing in research that showcases its impact.

What types of community organizations should researchers look to pair with for this funding opportunity?

Movember is seeking to support Community Fellows who have partnered with organizations working directly with boys and younger men aged 12–35—either through an existing relationship or newly established one.

Strong partnerships will involve organizations that:

- are already delivering programs that support boys’ and younger men’s emotional and relational health, including established service providers or research ready grassroots groups delivering funded programs with strong community trust, lived experience led design, and reach into underserved populations
- are delivering research-ready intervention or program(s) in at least one of the core themes below

Community organizations receive an annual contribution to support their capacity to host the Community Fellow, participate in shared learning and evaluation, and engage in a wider community of practice with Movember and other funded partners. The focus is on working alongside existing programs to better understand, strengthen and evidence what is already working.

The three core themes are:

1. Coping and consumption: How younger men cope with stress, trauma and adversity, including the role of alcohol, other drugs, gambling, gaming, pornography and other consumption behaviors, and how these shape help-seeking, relationships and health system use.
2. Social connection: Loneliness, isolation, peer relationships and belonging, including how community settings create trust, identity and pathways into support for men who are otherwise disengaged from services.
3. Early fatherhood and health: The transition to fatherhood as a critical window for men's emotional and relational health, including how services and community support can better reach, support and retain new and expectant fathers.

What is the funding opportunity for researchers?

One Community Fellow will be embedded within each community organization, receiving funding over three years (administered through their host university), mentorship from global experts, and access to world-class learning and development.

Embedded within their partner organization, Community Fellows will design and deliver research to generate high quality, ethical and impactful evidence on how boys' and younger men's emotional and relational health is improved in real world settings

Who can apply for the Request for Application (RFA)?

Curious, open, and ready... to learn, adapt, and evidence what works?

We encourage Community Fellows (early career researchers <5 years post PhD) in Canada, Ireland, the United Kingdom, and the United States (California only) to register their interest in this funding opportunity. There are 16 positions available across four markets (6 in United Kingdom, 6 in Canada, 2 in Ireland, and 2 in California). The full Request for Applications will be published on May 7, 2026.

To apply, you will need to be partnered with a community organization delivering a research ready program or intervention with the following characteristics:

- Has strong local trust and established relationships with boys and/or younger men aged 12–35
- Demonstrates a proven ability to reach boys and/or younger men who are underserved or face real barriers to engagement
- Delivers programs in non-stigmatizing, everyday community settings (e.g., youth spaces, educational settings, peer groups, physical activities, arts-based programs, or psychosocial interventions)
- Uses delivery models grounded in lived experience and co-design

- Aligns with one or more of the following themes related to emotional and/or relational health: coping and consumption, social connection, or early fatherhood
- Has limited formal evaluation or organizational maturity, but shows a strong willingness to learn, adapt, and build evidence
- Is committed to generating stronger evidence on what improves younger men’s emotional and relational health
- Is open to partnership, evaluation, and potential scaling support
- Is located within a reasonable travel distance to enable consistent in-person engagement during the fellowship

Other upcoming research opportunities with Movember

Men's health needs its next generation of research leaders. Are you ready?

The Movember Institute of Men’s Health is launching the Discovery Fellowship—a 5-year award for exceptional early-career researchers (<5 years post PhD) to build their own research program, be mentored by world-leading Professorial Fellows, and join a global cohort tackling the most pressing challenges in boys' and men's emotional and relational health.

This isn’t just a fellowship. It's a career-defining opportunity—with 5 years of funding, dedicated research support, a nested PhD scholarship, and international travel and global collaboration built in.

Positions are based at leading universities across Australia, Canada, Ireland, the UK, and the United States.

Applications for Discovery Fellowships open in the second half of 2026. Fellowships commence in early 2027.

How to Apply

Full guidelines and application details available

here: <https://ie.movember.com/story/community-mens-health-research-program>

Deadline: 19 Jun 2026

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Comhaltas - Ashling Murphy Scholarship

[Comhaltas](#) has established three scholarships to recognise and remember the talent and legacy of the late Ashling Murphy. Ashling was a primary school teacher, Comhaltas music teacher and performer.

There are three scholarships in her memory awarded each year under the categories of Community, Education and Research.

The scholarships are kindly sponsored by Ken Barrett of [KB Leisurewear](#).

Community

The first scholarship will primarily focus on the community and is intended to support individuals working to develop participation and practice in traditional arts, including collaborative, community and socially engaged arts practices. Possibilities for the development of current Comhaltas community structures should be explored. It is envisaged that implementation of this project should result in tangible and beneficial outcomes for the traditional arts in the community.

Education

The second scholarship will focus on music education. The scholarship is intended to support individual educators working with, and producing work for, students across the Irish traditional arts. The purpose of the scholarship is to support educators in the development of their practice and to encourage students to be more confident in their own ability. Delivery of this project can include the development of new programmes of traditional music education.

Research

The purpose of the third scholarship is to support researchers in the development of a new piece of research in the Irish traditional arts. Possible areas for research might include aspects of regional performance styles, repertoire, composition, music education, collections, recordings, among others. It is envisaged that implementation of this project should result in tangible outcome, which may take the form of book/CD publication, lecture recital, journal article, website etc.

Criteria

- Submissions should include name, contact information, short biography of the applicant and a brief outline of the project to include a proposed budget and timeline.
- Submissions are welcomed in both English and Irish language.
- Successful applicants will be awarded €2000 towards the overall cost of the project: €1000 when the scholarship is awarded and €1000 upon completion.

How to Apply

Full details, including application form, available here: <https://comhaltas.ie/education/ashling-murphy-scholarship/>

Deadline: 19 Jun 2026

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2026 AIB Community €1 Million Fund

The AIB Community €1 Million Fund enables customers, the public and our employees to support the local charities that matter most to them, within their region. The Fund supports charities across six regions in Ireland, Northern Ireland & Great Britain.

AIB will once again allocate €700,000 to charities chosen by its customers and the community, while €300,000 will be donated to charities chosen by employees.

As we celebrate 60 years of AIB in 2026, we're marking this milestone by strengthening that commitment and adding an extra once-off €60,000 to the AIB Community €1 Million Fund. This will provide an additional €10,000 per region, enabling us to support even more local projects and initiatives in our communities.

Which regions are eligible for nominations?

Connacht, Munster, Ulster (ROI), Leinster, Greater Dublin, and Northern Ireland & Great Britain.

What are the funding amounts awarded?

- Public-nominated charities will receive €20,000
- A once off €10,000 amount for each region in the public-nominated fund
- Employee-nominated charities receive €6,000
- Charities can be nominated in both funds.

How it works

The AIB Community €1 Million Fund enables customers, the public and our employees to support the local charities that mean most to them, within their region.

Once nominations are confirmed, the top six charities chosen by customers and communities in each region will receive €20,000, while the top six charities chosen by AIB employees in each region will receive €6,000. If a charity is nominated in both Funds, they will receive €26,000.

To celebrate AIB's 60th anniversary in 2026, a once-off additional contribution of €60,000 will be added to the public fund this year, providing an extra €10,000 for each region.

The selected charities will be announced in early Autumn of this year.

In 2025, Blood Bike Northwest and We Make Good were supported by the Fund.

How to Apply

Full details, including FAQs and Terms & Conditions, are available here: <https://aib.ie/community-fund>

Deadline: 19 Jun 2026

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ServiceNow Community Improvement Fund Ireland

The ServiceNow Community Improvement Fund aims to accelerate community resilience efforts by supporting impactful sustainable infrastructure and nature-based solutions projects in Ireland. Interested applicants can apply for funding to launch new projects, expand existing projects or introduce one of three established community programmes with proven positive impact in other communities.

Up to €30,000 in funding per project.

Apply to start an idea in your community

Access funding and guidance to start proven ideas, designed by our community of social innovators.

OR

Apply with your own community project

Access funding for a community project that you have designed or already started.

Eligibility

- Project must address the theme of sustainable infrastructure (water or solar) or nature-based solutions, with an emphasis on supporting positive, inclusive outcomes for local communities
- Projects must take place within Ireland
- Grant recipients must complete their project and submit an impact report with both qualitative and quantitative data within 12 months of receiving funds
- Applicant must be a school or a registered non-profit organization eligible to receive grant funding (relevant documentation will need to be provided) in Ireland
- Projects should include opportunities for ServiceNow employees to volunteer in the project activation or implementation
- Applicants (the organization's representative submitting the application) must be at least 18 years old

We appreciate the time and effort put into each application. We value transparency and, while we welcome all submissions, we want to let you know that we expect to fund only about 3-5 projects in Ireland.

See full [terms & conditions](#).

How to Apply

1. Apply below by June 19, 2026 (IST)
<https://www.changex.org/ie/funds/servicenow-ireland>
2. Wait for your application to be reviewed. We'll let you know if it was successful by July 31, 2026 (IST).
3. If successful, complete some [simple steps](#) within 30 days before starting your project.
4. Receive the first portion of funding and use it to make your project happen!
5. Share your project's impact to unlock the final portion of funding.

Funding is allocated after the closing date, when we review all of the project applications. We'll let you know if your project was successful by July 31, 2026 (IST).

Deadline: 19 Jun 2026

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Benefact Group - Movement for Good Awards

The Benefact Group Movement for Good is your chance to help us give away our profits to good causes.

In just one minute, you can nominate the charities of your choice for our draws. Every entry gives them the chance to receive a donation that could make a real difference.

We give all our available profits to charity and through this programme, one simple nomination can transform profit into impact.

£1,000 Draws

The Benefact Group Movement for Good is your chance to help us give away our profits to good causes.

Give your favourite charities the chance to win £1,000!

Nominate the causes closest to your heart once and they'll be entered into all upcoming £1,000 draws.

We give all our available profits to charity and through this programme, one simple nomination can transform profit into impact.

Special Draws

The Benefact Group Movement for Good is your chance to help us give away our profits to good causes.

Give your favourite charities the chance to win £5,000!

Our special draws award £5,000 to charities making a difference in the fields of Health, Community and Animals and Wildlife.

We give all our available profits to charity and through this programme, one simple nomination can transform profit into impact.

How to Nominate

Visit www.movementforgood.com to nominate a charity now.

Deadlines:

5K Community Draw: opens 22 Jun / closes 5 Jul 2026.

1K nominations accepted at any time.

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The Arts Council - Project Award

The Project Award supports specific projects across various artforms.

It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Art Forms You Can Apply Under

Architecture Project Award 2027

The Architecture Project Award supports specific artistic projects in architecture.

It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Maximum award

€100,000

Children and Young People's Arts Project Award 2027

The Children and Young People's Arts Project Award supports specific artistic projects in children and young people's arts.

It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Maximum award

€100,000

Circus Project Award 2027

The Circus Project Award supports specific artistic projects in circus.

It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Maximum award

€50,000

Dance Project Award 2027

The Dance Project Award supports specific artistic projects in dance.

It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Maximum award

€100,000

Film Project Award 2027

The Film Project Award supports specific artistic projects in film.

It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Maximum award

€90,000

Literature Project Award 2027

The Literature Project Award supports specific artistic projects in literature.

It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Maximum award

€30,000

Music Project Award 2027

The Music Project Award supports specific artistic projects in music.

It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Maximum award

€40,000

Participatory Arts Project Award 2027

The Participatory Arts Project Award supports specific artistic projects in participatory arts.

It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Maximum award

€60,000

Street Performance and Spectacle Project Award 2027

The Street Performance and Spectacle Project Award supports specific artistic projects in street performance and spectacle.

It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Maximum award

€50,000

Theatre Project Award 2027 (round 1)

The Theatre Project Award supports specific artistic projects in theatre.

It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Maximum award

€175,000

Traditional Arts Project Award 2027

The Traditional Arts Project Award supports specific artistic projects in traditional arts.

It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Maximum award

€80,000

Visual Arts Project Award 2027

The Visual Arts Project Award supports specific artistic projects in visual arts.

It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Maximum award

€150,000

How to Apply

Access the specific guidelines and application details for all of the above funds here: <https://artscouncil.ie/funding-opportunities/project-award/>

Deadline: all artforms open 23 Jun / closes 23 Jul 2026

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The Arts Council - Strategic Funding

The purpose of Strategic Funding is to invest in and support the organisations that are needed to lead, sustain and develop the arts in Ireland.

The Arts Council provides Strategic Funding to organisations to ensure that they can:

- Deliver excellent artwork and/or events, activities and services
- Create excellent opportunities for artists and/or arts professionals to develop their practice and/or to create or to be engaged in high quality work
- Ensure that the diversity of contemporary Ireland is reflected in the work we support
- Enable more people to enjoy high-quality arts experiences
- Increase depth of engagement by and with the public
- Ensure excellent standards in governance and management in the arts.

Eligibility

Strategic Funding is open to organisations only.

You can make only one application each year for Strategic Funding.

To be eligible for Strategic Funding, your organisation must:

- Be formally constituted as either a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) or a Designated Activity Company (DAC) or a statutory body.
- Apply in its own name and not in the name of another company or individual
- Have previously successfully applied for Arts Council funding either in the name of your organisation or in the name of a key person involved in the organisation.

Note: Organisations that are not formally constituted as either a CLG or DAC may apply on the understanding that they will commit to formally incorporating as a CLG or DAC if their application is successful.

Costs and activities that you can apply for

Strategic Funding is intended to support:

- The operating costs (core costs) of your organisation
- The activities that your organisation undertakes.

All activities

All activities must be included in this application, including touring activities in 2026.

How to Apply

Visit Arts Council website for full details: <https://arts council.ie/funding-opportunities/strategic-funding/>

Deadline: opens 23 Jun / closes 3 Sep 2026

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Dublin City Social Enterprise Awards 2026

The Dublin City Social Enterprise Awards aim to support social enterprise creation and development in Dublin City. The awards programme provides grants, mentoring, promotion, and other supports to successful applicants to enable them to further develop their activities, increase their social impact and benefit more individuals and communities.

The Dublin City Social Enterprise Awards were established by Inner City Enterprise (ICE) and Dublin City Council with the support of the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Dublin City in 2015. These partner organisations recognised that there was a need for grants to support the creation and / or development of social enterprises in Dublin City. They also recognised the need to increase awareness of social enterprises and the important contribution that they make to local communities and economies.

Each year, a fund of approximately €60,000 is distributed among innovative social enterprises. (Further information about the awards and previous awardees is available in the Dublin City Social Enterprise Awards – Impact Report). The awards are funded and supported by Dublin City Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development. Inner City Enterprise is responsible for managing the awards programme and providing mentoring to awardees. The awards align with the policy objectives of the National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2024-2027.

Eligible Organisation Types

- Company Limited by Guarantee not having share capital (CLG) and registered with the Companies Registration Office (CRO)
- Designated Activity Company (DAC) Limited by Guarantee
- Co-operatives which can demonstrate a clear social benefit / impact
- Applications will be considered from Private Companies Limited by Shares (LTD) if the shares are 100% owned by a registered Irish charity

Additional Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must:

- Be a Social Enterprise i.e., as defined by the National Social Enterprise Policy
- Be located in the Dublin City administrative area or capable of delivering social enterprise projects in this administrative area
- Provide a Tax Clearance Certificate before awarded funds can be drawn down

- Provide evidence that public liability insurance is in place before awarded funds can be drawn down
- The Social Enterprise must have a Business Bank Account.

Applicants can nominate themselves for the following award categories:

1. Social Enterprise of the Year: demonstrating excellence in impact, innovation, and sustainability.
2. Best Newcomer Social Enterprise: showing strong potential for growth and impact.
3. Community Impact Award: making a significant difference in their local communities.
4. Environmental & Sustainability Award: focused on sustainability, climate action, and environmental impact.
5. Employment, Education & Skills Development Award: creating job opportunities, training and educational development for marginalised groups.
6. Health & Wellbeing Award: improving mental and physical health outcomes
7. Diversity & Inclusion Award – promoting equality and social inclusion.
8. Tech for Good Award – using technology to address social or environmental challenges.

The shortlisted candidates will be invited to present on their social enterprise and application to the evaluation committee. This will involve a presentation of approximately 5 minutes and a question-and-answer session of approximately 10 minutes. The committee will score and rank the candidates accordingly.

Nancy Ward Circular Economy - Dublin City Social Enterprise Award 2026

Now in its third year, this special recognition award celebrates social enterprises leading the way in circular innovation. Sponsored by The Entrepreneurs Academy, it includes a €2,500 grant and a bespoke mentoring package to help scale your impact.

Created in memory of [Nancy Ward](#) — a passionate educator and circular economy advocate — the award continues her legacy of giving, sharing, and empowering others.

How to Apply

Full guidelines and application details available

here: <https://innercityenterprise.com/dublin-city-social-enterprise-awards-2026/>

Deadline: 24 Jun 2026

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Royal Irish Academy - Disinformation Research Grant

The RIA is pleased to announce that the RIA Disinformation Research Grant, supported by the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport is now open for applications for the first time.

This new scheme will support nuanced, collaborative research on different aspects of disinformation, involving research across multiple disciplines and networks.

Who can apply

- The grant is open to academic researchers working in higher education institutions (HEI) or research institutes (RI) in Ireland. In each application the lead applicant must be employed by a HEI or RI in Ireland (not including Northern Ireland). See list [here](#).
- Lead applicants must be on open-ended, continuing or fixed term contracts which extend beyond the end of August 2027, which is the end-date of the envisaged grant period. The grant cannot be used to extend an applicant's contract.
- Each application must also include a named partner in an organisation to be:
 - a) a researcher in another discipline/field in a HEI or RI (from the same institution or another eligible HEI or RI)

or

 - b) a staff member of a civil society organisation as defined [here](#).

Criteria

- Proposals are invited for a clearly defined piece of research or research activity with an output. It is expected that the output will be made freely available to the public via an Open Access publication; applicants may provide a note as to why this is not applicable in the context of their research.
- The only expenses payable are the costs directly related to the research being carried out, up to a maximum of €30,000 per project approved. All costs must be supported by evidence of payment (receipts, invoices etc.) upon completion of the project.
- Applications are invited for amounts from €20,000 to €30,000.
- All projects must be completed, and all associated reports and invoices/financial details submitted by the end of August 2027.

Eligible Costs

- Research time: appropriate and recognised salary costs at a daily or hourly rate, excluding on-costs
- Administrative assistance: on a daily or hourly basis, at appropriate and recognised salary costs at an hourly rate
- Research consumables: examples include licenses for archival material or for software that are required for research to be carried out; printed brochures for dissemination events; tea, coffee, lunch for meetings etc.; postage, stationery and photocopying
- Library fees, illustration permissions, copyright fees, photographic services
- Assistance with publication costs (in the form of guarantee against loss or for illustrative material)
- Translation services and transcription of interviews
- Research-related travel: reasonable expenses, using standard class fares (excluding first and business class travel), accommodation, subsistence, visa
- Costs associated with disseminating results arising from the project – through publication or presentation at specialist conferences. Dissemination costs are normally up to a maximum of 10% of the requested budget.

How to Apply

For further details of the scheme, visit the [RIA website](#).

Any queries can be directed to grants@ria.ie

Deadline: 24 June 2026 at 5:00pm.

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Power to Participate: Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement Fund 2026

Power to Participate: Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement Fund has been established by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality for Disabled Persons' Organisations and Civil Society organisations advocating for disabled people.

The Fund will make €750,000 available to these organisations to strengthen their capacity to engage strategically with the State specifically in relation to the delivery of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030.

The [National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030](#) launched in September 2025, sets out a whole-of-Government approach to disability. The Strategy is based on five thematic pillars:

1. Inclusive Learning and Education
2. Employment
3. Independent Living and Active Participation in Society
4. Wellbeing and Health
5. Transport and Mobility.

The Strategy supports Ireland to progressively realise the rights of disabled people under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

A key commitment of the Strategy is to establish and embed a robust framework across Government for supporting meaningful and participatory stakeholder engagement with disabled people. Throughout the lifetime of the Strategy there will be a dual focus on building the capacity of both civil and public servants and disability stakeholders.

Under Article 4 (3) of the UNCRPD, the State is required to engage on an ongoing basis with disability stakeholders, including Disabled Persons' Organisations (DPOs) and other representative organisations, in the development and implementation of policy and legislation. Article 33 (3) further requires governments to ensure the full involvement and participation of civil society, in particular persons with disabilities and their representative organisations, in its monitoring process.

How to Apply

Download the full application guidelines and details here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and->

[equality/publications/power-to-participate-strengthening-stakeholder-engagement-fund-2026/](#)

An information session on the funding call will take place on Wednesday 3 June from 2:30 to 4pm. The session will be held on Zoom. ISL interpretation will be available on the call. If you wish to attend this information session, please email: disabilitygrantfunds@dcde.gov.ie

Deadline: 26 Jun 2026

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Rethink Ireland - Skills for Tomorrow Fund

The Skills for Tomorrow Fund is a €1.5 million, 2.5 year fund supported by Deloitte Ireland and the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG) via the Dormant Accounts fund.

The Skills for Tomorrow Fund aims to support innovative, evidence-based projects that build the capacity of individuals and communities experiencing marginalisation to thrive in the future world of work.

It will fund initiatives that provide practical, accessible and relevant pathways to employment while addressing the root causes of disadvantage and promoting inclusive economic participation.

There are two strands to the fund: one strand supporting youth-focused projects and another strand supporting adult-focused projects.

We see opportunities for social innovations to achieve greater impact by using artificial intelligence to generate operational efficiencies and to embrace data-driven decision making. This fund will also support awardees to explore and optimise their use of artificial intelligence to extend and maximise their impact.

The fund offers a package of cash grants and non-financial supports over 2.5 years for up to five projects, to help them expand and increase their social impact.

This includes:

- A cash grant between €150,000 to €187,500 for each awarded project
- A non-financial supports package per project including:
- 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.

How to Apply

Full guidelines and application details are available

here: https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/skills-for-tomorrow-fund/

You can apply to Skills for Tomorrow via the [online portal](#).

Deadline: 29 Jun 2026

Register for an application clinic here:

Monday, 8 June, 2.30-3.30pm: [Register here](#)

For any questions you may have, please contact skillsfortomorrow@rethinkireland.ie

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Údarás na Gaeltachta - Pilot Support Scheme – Gaeltacht Tourism

Údarás na Gaeltachta has designed a new grant scheme (pilot) to support the tourism sector in the Gaeltacht. Funding of €350,000 has been approved for the pilot phase. Grants of up to €50,000 are available, with rates of 50% or 75%, depending on the business category.

The aim of the scheme is to support tourism development in the Gaeltacht through targeted investment in high standard tourism products based on the language and unique culture of the Gaeltacht. The aims are to:

1. Showcase the Irish language — its everyday use and progression — as a central pillar of the tourism projects.
2. Create year round employment opportunities, reducing dependency on seasonal work.
3. Develop shoulder season products & services to extend the tourism season.
4. Enable partnerships and synergies by connecting with existing tourism offerings.
5. Encourage innovation in products, services and/or marketing.
6. Foster co-operation between private enterprise and community groups.

Eligibility Criteria

Category A – Private Enterprise (Grant Rate 50%):

- Micro, small & medium enterprises (SMEs) located in Gaeltacht areas or in Language Planning Areas
- Businesses with less than 250 employees and an annual turnover of less than €50m.
- Businesses registered with the Revenue Commissioners.
- Business operating for 6 months minimum.

Category B – Community Organisations (Grant Rate 75%):

- Community groups, co-operatives and non-profit organisations located in Gaeltacht areas or Language Planning Areas.
- Organisations registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) or as a co-operative.
- Organisations with a governance structure.

- Commercially focused social enterprise in the Gaeltacht.

Eligible Categories & Activities:

Visitor Experiences

Supporting the development of high-quality visitor experiences that promote the culture and language of the Gaeltacht.

Eligible Activities:

- Interpretative centre and museums
- Arts and Culture Centres
- Interactive Exhibitions
- Digital Experiences (AR/VR)
- Guided Tours with strong cultural and language aspect.

Tourism Infrastructure

Covering infrastructure and saleable experience that enhance the visitor experience.

Eligible Activities:

- Outdoor leisure and recreational services and water sports facilities
- Adventure and outdoor activity centres
- Walk paths, Cycle paths, Greenways/Blueways
- Signalling and navigation systems (bilingual)
- Public facilities (toilets, parking, seating)

Digital Marketing and Development

Eligible Activities (trí Ghaeilge as well as other languages):

- Digital tourism platforms and apps (must have a commercial/online trading element)
- Tourist websites (bilingual)
- Marketing Material (videos, pictures, brochures)
- Digital Marketing Strategies (Gaeilge)
- Online booking systems

Community Tourism Initiatives

Eligible Activities:

- Development of festivals and cultural events

- Community-based marketing initiatives
- Packaging experiences
- Development of cultural tourism products

Training and Development Resources

Eligible Activities:

- Tourism training programmes
- Staff Training in Irish and promotion of Irish
- Customer Service skills
- Feasibility Study and business plans.

Costs (Eligible and Ineligible):

The following costs are eligible under the following scheme:

Capital Costs:

- Equipment and Machinery directly related to the project
- Signage and display (bilingual with priority for Irish)
- Digital infrastructure and information technology related to tourism
- enhancement of public facilities

Development Costs:

- Professional and Advisory fees (up to 15% of total grant)
- Marketing and publicity costs
- Development of website and app (with commercial aspect)
- Training Costs
- Feasibility Study
- Translation and Language services.

Terms of the Grant

Cineál Iarratasóra	Ráta Deontais	Uasdeontas
Fiontair Phríobháideacha (FBManna)	50%	€50,000
Eagraíochtaí Pobail	75%	€50,000

Note: The lower of the percentage rate and the maximum grant will always be applied.

General Conditions

1. Application must be made and approved before any incurred expenditure.
2. Project must be completed within 12 months from date of approval, except if a time extension is agreed.
3. Applicants must sign a De Minimis declaration (in application form)
4. Applicant must be tax compliant
5. The same expenditure cannot be funded from different sources.

The Environment

An Ghaeltacht Ghlas, sustainable development of the green economy in the Gaeltacht regions, is one of the primary objectives set out in Údarás na Gaeltachta's Strategic Plan. There is an increasing and significant focus on environmental matters, encompassing climate change and long-term sustainability. Projects that align with these objectives will be welcomed.

Irish Language & the Linguistic Landscape

Údarás na Gaeltachta believes that the Irish language is the unique selling point of the Gaeltacht. Even if the visitor does not speak or understand Irish, they should have a chance to hear and get a feel for the language. To the millions of Irish that learned Gaeilge but never got the opportunity to use it outside of school, tourism in the Gaeltacht gives an excellent opportunity for businesses to offer it. There are many other Gaeltacht traditions that can be shared with the visitor, giving them an unforgettable cultural experience. Whatever business or project you have, explain how you intend to implement the language into your project.

Projects should contribute to the linguistic landscape of the Gaeltacht through the visible and audible use of the language.

Successful applicants under this scheme must outline how Gaeilge is incorporated into their project. On completion of the project, an assessment will be made of the Irish language actions as outlined the application. Failure to fulfil planned actions may have an impact on payment.

Successful applicants will be able to seek advice and help from the language Planning Executive in the Údarás regarding how incorporate Irish into their project. Workshops and info sessions will be available in relation to the use of Irish for marketing and sales.

The application must display:

1. How will the project incorporate and promote the use of Irish
2. Clear objectives relating to team training in Irish and the use of Irish

3. Measures to offer Irish language services to visitors
4. Signage and materials to be in Irish only or bilingual (Irish first)
5. Irish to be visibly on display on any public material and on any community or marketing material.

How to Apply

Full guidelines and application form available

here: <https://udaras.ie/en/business/how-we-help/grants/pilot-support-scheme-gaeltacht-tourism/>

Deadline: 30 Jun 2026

Applicants must include the following:

1. Fully completed application form
2. Detailed cost estimate with at least three estimates for expenditure over €5,000
3. De Minimis approval signed (application form)
4. Latest 3 year financial accounts (for established enterprises)

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Critéar	Ualú	Íosmharc
Úsáid agus Tionchar na Gaeilge sa togra	25%	15/25
Tionchar ar fhostaíocht agus geilleagar áitiúil	20%	12/20
Inmharthanacht agus inbhuanaitheacht an togra	20%	12/20
Luach ar airgead agus réalachas buiséid	15%	9/15
Nuálaíocht agus idirdhealú	10%	6/10
Cumas an iarratasóra an togra a sheachadadh	10%	6/10
Iomlán	100%	60/100

Note: Applications must achieve at least 60% in the overall assessment, and meet the minimum marks in each criterion, to be eligible for funding

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The Arts Council - Arts Centres Partnership Funding

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

What are the aims and objectives of Arts Centres Partnership Funding?

In offering Arts Centres Partnership 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 audiences are engaged by the provision of a diverse range of 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 its [Policy and Strategy for Arts Centres](#), the Arts Council wishes to encourage arts centres to engage with and further develop supports for artists locally throughout the country. 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 arts practices
 - In-house productions/co-productions
 - The development of local production capacity
 - Other models of support as appropriate.

Who is eligible for the Arts Centres Partnership Funding Programme?

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

To be eligible for application, your organisation must:

- Be formally constituted as either a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG), a Designated Activity Company (DAC), a Company Limited by Shares (LTD) or a statutory body.
- Apply in its own name, and not in the name of another company or individual.

What types of activities will be supported through Arts Centres Partnership Funding?

Arts Centres Partnership Funding is intended to support activities that your organisation undertakes to realise your mission and related operating costs.

Note: Include any activities that were previously supported through separate funding schemes. For example:

- Residencies
- Artist-development initiatives
- Resource sharing
- Young ensembles
- Touring and dissemination of work in 2026.

Arts Centres Partnership Funding may not be used for the purchase of capital items.

How to Apply

Full guidelines and application details available here: <https://artscouncil.ie/funding-opportunities/arts-centres-partnership-funding/>

Deadline: opens 30 Jun / closes 10 Sep 2026

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Kingspan Kickstart Sports Fund

Amateur athletes and sports clubs across Ireland are encouraged to apply for the Kingspan Kickstart Sports Fund, designed to support aspiring athletes in achieving their goals. With a proud history of fostering sports development through partnerships like RC Toulon, Uruguay Rugby and Cavan GAA, Kingspan is committed to providing a platform for grassroots athletes, local sports clubs, and community facilities. The fund runs quarterly, with selections taking place at the end of Q1 and Q2, offering financial assistance for essential needs such as equipment, training, and other resources.

Who Can Apply?

The Kingspan Kickstart Sports Fund is open to individuals and organisations across the Island of Ireland, including both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. We welcome applications from all communities, aiming to support grassroots sports, emerging talent, & impactful sporting initiatives that align with our values throughout Ireland.

Available Funding

- Individuals: Funding typically starts from €1,000
- Organisations/Clubs: Funding typically starts from €2,500
- Note: Higher amounts may be awarded at our discretion for applicants who can demonstrate significant brand coverage opportunities or exceptional partnership value

How to Apply

Full FAQs and application details available

here: <https://www.kingspangroup.com/en/about/communities/kickstart-sports-fund/>

Deadline: 30 Jun 2026

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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.

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.

How to Apply

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

Deadline: 3 Jul 2026

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CLÁR-Funding for Small-Scale Rural Projects

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.

CLAR 2026

The 2026 programme will be delivered through three separate Measures as follows:

Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities & Amenities

Measure 2: Mobility, Cancer Care, Community First Responder and Meals on Wheels Transport

Measure 3: 'Our Living Islands'

Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities & Amenities.

For details on this measure, please carefully read the scheme outline below.

Measure 1 is administered by the Local Authorities therefore application and expressions of interest forms will be available from Local Authorities directly.

You must contact your Local Authority or County Council in relation to Measure 1.

In turn the Local Authority or County Council submits the selected applications to the Department (up to the maximum submission allowed) for consideration and assessment.

The Local Authorities will set their own deadline date for receipt of applications from prospective applicants to them. Please contact your Local Authority to find out their deadline date.

Measure 2: Mobility, Cancer Care, Community First Responder and Meals on Wheels Transport.

Measure 2 is administered directly by the Department.

The application form is [available here](#) with a document outlining the supporting documents required.

Please complete the form in full and submit it with required supporting documents to CLAR@drcdg.gov.ie by 22nd May 2026.

Measure 3: Our Living Islands

Measure 3 is administered directly by the Department.

The application form is [available here](#) with a document outlining the supporting documents required.

Please complete the form in full and submit it with the required supporting documents to CLAR@drcdg.gov.ie by 3rd July 2026

More Info

To find all CLÁR approved funding to date visit this webpage: [CLÁR Funding Approvals](#)

National and county area funding maps can be found here: [CLÁR Funding Area Maps](#).

Areas targeted under the CLÁR Programme are parts of counties: Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Cork, Donegal, Galway, Kerry, Kilkenny, Laois, Limerick, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo, Tipperary, and Waterford, Westmeath, Wicklow and all of County Leitrim.

Deadline: 3 Jul 2026

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SPAR in the Community

SPAR and EUROSPAR, proud partners of Team Ireland, are delighted to launch the Team Ireland Community Fund – a €60,000 fund designed to support local sports clubs across Ireland. We're looking for clubs that are Hungry for Success – groups that are making a real difference in their communities and could benefit from funding to help them go further.

A total fund of €60,000 is available, with 30 clubs set to receive €2,000 each.

If you're involved with a local sports club, now is your chance to apply for funding to support your future plans – whether that's new equipment, facility upgrades, or initiatives to help your club grow.

Terms & Conditions

1. Prize draw entry is strictly over 18's.
2. The promoter is SPAR EUROSPAR Ireland.
3. SPAR EUROSPAR Ireland is the sole sponsor of the promotion and holds sole responsibility for promotion management.
4. The prize draw is open to residents of the Republic of Ireland only, aged 18 years or older excluding employees of SPAR Ireland and EUROSPAR Ireland, their immediate families, agents, clients, suppliers, retailers, merchants and associates or anyone professionally associated with the promotion.
5. No purchase is necessary. Entry to the prize draw is free.
6. Only one entry per person. Multiple entries made by the same person or from the same IP address will not be accepted. Entry to the competition may be made on behalf of any sports club in the Republic of Ireland. The applicant does not have to have membership of the club that they are nominating.
7. To enter simply visit www.spar.ie/communityfund and complete the entry form. You will be asked for the reason for your nomination and the name of the sports club that you are nominating. There is an option to submit video and images along with the nomination. Entries that do not include video and images will not be at a disadvantage during the judging process; all entries will be considered on their individual merit.
8. The competition will run from Thursday 14th May 2026 until Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 11.59pm. No Exceptions. SPAR EUROSPAR Ireland is responsible for fulfilment of the prize.

9. A total of 30 winners will be chosen from all the entries received by our judging panel. SPAR EUROSPAR Ireland's decision regarding prize winners will be final, and no correspondence regarding that decision will be entered into.
10. SPAR EUROSPAR Ireland will contact the winners directly.
11. Prize offered is 30 x €2,000 prize funds. €2,000 will be awarded for the sports club that has been nominated by each winning applicant. Please note that SPAR
12. EUROSPAR Ireland reserves the right to vary the prize in the event of circumstances beyond SPAR EUROSPAR Ireland's control.
13. Each winning club will be asked to nominate a representative to attend a Team Ireland Community Fund winner's event. Details of the event will be provided once the winning clubs have been notified of their success
14. In order to redeem your prize, SPAR EUROSPAR Ireland will need to ask for your name, email address and contact details, and possibly the name and contact details of a representative of the winning club. Once all parties are satisfied that the winning club have received their prizes, your / their contact details will be removed from all databases.
15. In the event that a winner cannot be contacted or does not respond within 48 hours to winner notification, an alternative winner will be selected from entries.
16. The cash prize will be sent to the winning club within 90 days from the time the winner contacts the Promoter. Where this is not possible, SPAR EUROSPAR Ireland will notify the winner(s) of a delay.
17. The prize is non-exchangeable, non-transferable, and is not redeemable for other prizes.
18. The 30 x winning clubs may be required to take part in promotional activity related to the competition and the winners shall participate in such activity on SPAR EUROSPAR Ireland's reasonable request.
19. The winning club and/or the person who has nominated and won on their behalf, consent to the use by SPAR EUROSPAR Ireland and its related companies, after the closing date of the competition for an unlimited time, of the winner's / entrant's photograph and name for publicity purposes (in any medium, including still photographs and films, and on the internet, including any websites hosted by SPAR EUROSPAR Ireland and its related companies) and in PR, advertising, marketing or promotional material without additional

compensation or prior notice and, in entering the Prize Draw, all entrants consent to the same.

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22. All information collected will be treated in accordance with the Promoter's Privacy Policy, available at <https://www.spar.ie/privacy-statement/>
23. The information you provide will only be used for this promotion unless specific authorisation is given.
24. The Promoter is bound by the Data Protection Act 1998 or General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as applicable.

How to Apply

Access the application form and full guidelines here: <https://www.spar.ie/communityfund/>

Deadline: 8 Jul 2026

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Community Centres Investment Fund

We recognise the vital role that Community Centres play at the heart of each community in bringing people together, engaging with those who may be marginalised or disadvantaged, and building stronger, more coherent communities.

The Community Centres Investment Fund is the largest ever capital investment in Community Centres. It provides funding for investments in Community Centres in order that these vital services remain useable, accessible, and safe and continue to meet the needs of the community into the future.

This capital fund of €25 million is providing funding for the improvement and refurbishment of existing community centres in both urban and rural areas.

Funding is being made available under 2 Categories, with grants of between €10,000 and €100,000 available:

- Category 1: Small scale projects and improvements to facilities - €10,000 to €25,000
- Category 2 Larger scale projects - €25,001 to €100,000

A template Eligibility Checker and Application Form for Community Centres Investment Fund 2026: Refurbishment Grant, with advice on how to complete each section of the form is being provided here in advance of the online application process opening.

Eligibility Checker and Application Form for Community Centres Investment Fund 2026

[View](#)

Application Guidelines of Community Centres Investment Fund 2026

[View](#)

Frequently asked questions about the Community Centres Investment Fund 2026

[View](#)

Case Studies

To support you with your application a sample of cases studies on previous successful projects under the Community Centres Investment Fund are attached here.

[View](#)

How to Apply

Full information available here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-rural-and-community-development-and-the-gaeltacht/services/community-centres-investment-fund/#community-centres-investment-fund-2026-refurbishment-grant>

The Portal for online application will open on May 29th, 2026, at [MyPobal Portal](#).

Once you log into the Portal, you will be presented with an option to apply for funding under CCIF 2026

Potential applicants are encouraged to register on the application portal in advance of this date.

Deadline: 13 Jul 2026

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Building Blocks Extension Grant Scheme

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality Norma Foley has announced the opening of a €10 million capital funding scheme to deliver a significant number of additional early learning and childcare places.

The Building Blocks Extension Scheme Phase 2 will provide grants for community and private early learning and childcare services who are Core Funding partner services to increase their capacity by means of extensions to their existing premises.

Community providers can apply for a capital grant of between €100,000 and €530,000 to extend their existing premises. Private providers can apply for a capital grant of between €50,000 and €265,000 to extend their existing premises.

All projects will be required to deliver net increases in full-time places for one to three-year-olds. Projects will also be required to incorporate Universal Design Guidelines.

The scheme is open to Core Funding Partner Services that:

- will offer additional full-time places for the 1–3-year-old (pre-ECCE) age-cohort;
- part-time services, sessional services and school age childcare services that are willing to extend their operations to provide full time places for the 1-3-year-old (pre-ECCE) age-cohort;
- will commit to opening for a minimum of 46 weeks per year, five days per week and 8 hours per day.

There are two strands to the Scheme, as follows:

Community strand:

- Community providers can apply for a capital grant of between €100,000 (minimum) and €530,000 (maximum) to extend their existing premises.
- Match funding is not a requirement.
- Project values between €100,000 and €680,000 will be eligible.
- Any additional project costs between €530,000 and €680,000 must be funded by the provider.

Private strand:

- Private providers can apply for a capital grant of between €50,000 (minimum) and €265,000 (maximum) to extend their existing premises.

- Match funding will be required.
- Project values between €100,000 and €680,000 will be eligible.
- Any additional project costs between €530,000 and €680,000 must be funded by the provider.

Eligible projects are limited to physical extensions to existing premises. This may include the physical extension of an existing premises or the installation of a modular building.

All proposed projects must adhere to the Early Years Services Regulations 2016 and must incorporate Universal Design Guidelines for Early Learning and Care Settings (UDG).

The closing date for applications is 31 July 2026. This will ensure that all applicants have sufficient time to engage with their design teams and their solicitors prior to the closing date. The outcome of the appraisal process will be communicated to services in September 2026.

Successful applicants can commence their projects after 1 January 2027 and all projects must be completed by 31 December 2027.

How to Apply

Full guidelines and application details are available here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/publications/building-blocks-extension-scheme-phase-2/>

Deadline: 31 Jul 2026

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