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Community Water Development Fund 2022

Your local community or voluntary group can now apply for a grant under the Community Water Development Fund 2022. This Fund helps local communities deliver projects and initiatives that enhance the local water environment, delivering multiple benefits for biodiversity and climate action. The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) administers the Fund on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is open to all community and voluntary groups to apply.

LAWPRO launched the 2022 Fund at their annual 'Communities Caring for Water' conference held virtually on Saturday 20 November 2021. The conference is an annual event hosted jointly between The Rivers Trust and LAWPRO. This year, almost 300 attendees representing community groups across the whole of Ireland shared knowledge and experiences of caring for their local water environment.

Speaking at the event Sheevaun Thompson, Funding lead with LAWPRO said "since it was first launched in 2018, demand for the Community Water Development Fund has increased year on year. It is exciting to announce the fund for 2022 to support locally led community projects."

Eligibility

The funding scheme is open to not-for-profit Community and Voluntary Groups; Rural Networks; Urban Networks; Environmental Non-Government Organisations, Clubs, Associations or other appropriate bodies located in the Republic of Ireland ONLY.

Projects should show benefits for water quality, biodiversity, and climate action.

There is a total fund of €380,000 available for 2022. Grants awarded will range from €500 to €25,000. For support with your application contact your local Community Water Officer.

How to Apply

To make an application please visit:

<https://consult.watersandcommunities.ie/en/content/community-water-development-fund-grant-application-form-2022>

Deadline: 8 Feb 2022

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Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

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

Aims & Objectives

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

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

What does it support?

CERV funds actions:

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

Specific activities funded include:

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

Eligibility

Who can apply?

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

EU Policy

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

Budget

€1,55 billion over 7 years

Project Examples

[Examples of successful projects from Ireland](#)

National Contact Point in Ireland

Not yet decided, information will follow soon.

Assistance is also available via www.accesseurope.ie.

How to Apply

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

CERV - Citizens' engagement and participation

Deadline: 10 February, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

CERV - Promote capacity building and awareness on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and activities on strategic litigation relating to democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights breaches

Deadline: 24 February, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

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

Deadline: 24 February, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

CERV - Proposals to promote gender equality

Deadline: 16 March, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

CERV - European Remembrance

Deadline: 24 March, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

CERV - Network of Towns

Deadline: 24 March, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

CERV - Town-Twinning

Deadline: 24 March, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

CERV - Union Values

Deadline: 29 March, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

CERV - Proposals to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children

Deadline: 12 April, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

CERV - Proposals to protect and promote the rights of the child

Deadline: 18 May, 2022

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Scheme to Support National Organisations

The Scheme to Support National Organisations' overall aim is to provide multi-annual funding towards the core costs of national organisations in Ireland to the community and voluntary sector to assist them to operate and fund core staff positions.

Administered by Pobal on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development, the overall aim of the SSNO is to provide multi-annual funding towards the core costs of national, community and voluntary organisations in Ireland.

The SSNO primarily focuses on the provision of core funding to national organisations that:

- provide supports (both direct and indirect) to those who are disadvantaged;
- demonstrate good governance;
- deliver services and supports that have a focus on one or more of the following: addressing poverty, addressing social exclusion, promoting equality.

Organisations can apply for;

1. Minimum grant award of €30,000 per annum for up to three years funding
2. Maximum grant award of €100,000 per annum for up to three years funding

How to Apply

[Full fund details available here.](#)

Deadline: 24 Feb 2022 @ 3pm

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Charlemagne Youth Prize

Since 2008, the European Parliament together with the 'Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen' have each year been inviting young people from all EU Member States to submit projects run by and for youth showing an active participation in the development of Europe.

CAN WE PARTICIPATE?

Young citizens aged between 16 and 30 living in any EU Member State can submit projects for the European Charlemagne Youth Prize.

Projects can be submitted individually or, preferably, in groups. They should promote European and international understanding; foster the development of a shared sense of European identity and integration; and provide role models for young people living in Europe and offer practical examples of Europeans living together as one community.

The European Parliament and the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen invite young people from all EU Member States to participate in a competition on EU development, integration and European identity issues.

The 'European Charlemagne Youth Prize' is awarded to projects, which:

- promote European and international understanding,
- foster the development of a shared sense of European identity and integration,
- serve as a role model for young people living in Europe and offer practical examples of Europeans living together as one community.

The projects can focus on the organisation of various youth events, youth exchanges or online projects with a European dimension.

WHAT TYPE OF PROJECT CAN WE SUBMIT?

[Previous winners](#) have been awarded for projects such as youth exchanges, events in the fields of sports, arts or culture or may take the form of online projects with a European dimension. Have a look [here](#) to read about previous winners' projects.

WHAT IF WE WIN?

The prize for the best project is €7500, the second €5000 and the third €2500. As part of the prize, the three European laureates are invited to visit the European Parliament in Brussels or Strasbourg.

One representative of each national winning project is invited to Aachen for several days to attend several events, including the Youth Prize Award Ceremony, which always takes place two days before Ascension Day, the day on which the prestigious International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen is awarded.

The prizes for the best three projects will be presented by the President of the European Parliament and representatives of the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen.

Your project will also receive lots of coverage through the European Parliament's and the Foundation's media channels.

... and last but not least, your stay in Aachen will be a unique chance to meet and network with other dynamic young people from all over Europe, a platform to share your vision about Europe in front of European leaders and for many it will be the beginning of some long-lasting friendships with like-minded young people from all over Europe!

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online via the website of the European Charlemagne Youth Prize (www.charlemagneyouthprize.eu).

For more information please send an email to ECYP2021@ep.europa.eu

[Full application details available here.](#)

Deadline: 13 Feb 2022

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Irish Youth Foundation - Vhi Health & Wellbeing Fund 2022

In partnership with the Irish Youth Foundation (IYF), Vhi is launching a fund of €85,000 to support young people's health and wellbeing.

What is the Vhi Health & Wellbeing Fund?

Vhi aims to support their customers to live longer, stronger, and healthier lives. In partnership with the Irish Youth Foundation (IYF), Vhi is launching a fund of €85,000 to support young people's health and wellbeing.

The fund will support projects that seek to strengthen resilience in young people and help them manage anxiety, with the emphasis on early intervention and prevention. Projects may work directly with young people or with the adults that surround them.

Treatment programmes or 1-1 counselling will not be eligible for funding.

The fund is looking to support projects in the six locations where Vhi have offices;

Cork, Donegal, Dublin, Galway, Kilkenny, Limerick

Eligibility

To be eligible the applying organisation must;

- Work with young people aged between 12-25 years old
- Be a registered not-for-profit or charitable organisation
- The organisation must have a bank account set up in the name of the organisation
- Be registered in the Republic of Ireland and active in Ireland for the past 12 months
- The organisation must have a child protection policy in place

What funding opportunities are available?

Option 1: Awards of up to €10,000

Option 2: Awards of up to €5,000

Organisations applying for funding will be asked to submit a detailed budget breakdown of expenditure for both of the above options. The final allocation of awards will be determined after all applications have been reviewed.

Evaluation

Organisations applying for funding will have to show how their proposed project will show measurable impact in one of the following two areas;

1. An increase in knowledge regarding anxiety
2. A new skill learned to manage/ support anxiety

As part of your application you will be asked to detail how you plan to measure this impact and report on it.

How to Apply

All applications will be made online here: <https://iyf.ie/vhi-health-wellbeing-fund-2022/>

Deadline: 16 Feb 2022

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Emigrant Support Programme

The Emigrant Support Programme is a tangible expression of the Government's support of, commitment to, and interest in the global Irish community. It aims to strengthen the international Irish community and its bond with Ireland.

Through this programme, the Government wants to fund projects that will have a clear and identifiable impact on supporting and building global Irish communities. The Irish Abroad Unit in the Department of Foreign Affairs manages and coordinates the programme in partnership with Ireland's Embassies and Consulates abroad.

Since its inception in 2004, the Emigrant Support Programme has assisted over 530 organisations in over 36 countries with grants totalling over €200 million. Grants have ranged from small amounts for grass-roots groups to major allocations awarded to voluntary and community organisations operating on a large scale.

Priorities and Objectives

In 2022 the Government, through the Emigrant Support Programme, is committed to prioritising the following:

Our People

New and innovative projects which strengthen ties with our diaspora and reach out to engage with those who are less connected to our existing networks, including digital initiatives, new ways of building connections and support for the vulnerable.

Our Values

Supporting projects which focus on inclusivity and celebrating the multicultural diversity of our people in the under-represented and non-traditional diaspora.

Encourage women and girls to be leaders of change in their communities and help promote gender equality and women's empowerment across our diaspora.

Projects which support members of the survivor community living abroad.

Our Prosperity

Collaborative initiatives that encourage not-for-profit and charitable organisations to work together to rebuild and recover from the Covid pandemic.

Support recently returned emigrants or those planning on returning to Ireland, with advice on work-skill training, job placements and business start-up resources.

Our Culture

Projects promoting our shared Culture and Heritage, across sports, language, history, art, music, film and Irish Studies.

Develop links to those of African/American and Hispanic heritage in the US, and people of Irish ancestry in Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America and other parts of the world.

Our influence

Events aimed at expanding our global reach, connecting with non-Irish born members of the diaspora and those with an affinity to Ireland, especially youth leaders in order to build self-sustaining and impactful Irish communities.

Applications are particularly welcome from organisations that have not applied before and/or new projects in geographic areas not previously assisted.

Criteria for grant aid:

Applicant organisations should be established as registered charities, charitable bodies or voluntary/not for profit organisations and will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- the need for the project
- beneficiaries in the Irish community (including second and later generations), including their needs and vulnerabilities
- the impact of the project based on clear expected outputs and outcomes
- partnerships with other statutory, voluntary and ESP-funded organisations to maximise service delivery to vulnerable Irish people
- how the outcomes will contribute to the achievement of ESP's objectives
- the capacity of the organisation to deliver the project
- the total project cost and value for money offered
- what funding has been secured from other sources for the project

- the monitoring and evaluation systems in place to measure the outcomes for target beneficiaries
- commitment to good governance and best practice throughout the organisation (including e.g. financial management, fundraising strategy, inclusion policies and staff training and development)

Categories of Funding:

All funding decisions are based on the information submitted in the official application form, which must be submitted online. No hard copy application forms will be accepted.

The categories under which ESP can be applied for are as follows;

- Heritage - Project involving the promotion and maintenance of Irish heritage and identity overseas.
- Welfare (Elderly) - Projects that are specifically targeted at the older members of the Irish community.
- Welfare (Other)- Projects involving the provision of front-line welfare services including advisory, counselling, information and outreach services to Irish communities.
- Business Networks - Projects to support Irish business networks or other Irish professional networks overseas.
- Capital - Projects involving the construction, refurbishment or purchase of capital assets. This includes projects related to website development and large digital/software projects.

Organisations are permitted to make applications in more than one category.

Principles governing recipients of Irish Government funding:

The ESP is funded through taxpayer's money and is therefore public funding. The highest levels of transparency and accountability will be applied. As part of this we require reports on the impacts and the success of projects funded as well as financial reports.

In line with regulations governing the receipt of grants from the Irish Government, all grantees must:

Clarity

Set out clearly the objectives, inputs and outputs of their funding spend:

- Show clearly that funding was spent only for the business purposes for which it was provided
- Seek clarification from the grantor where necessary – on use of funds, governance and accountability arrangements

Governance

Ensure appropriate governance arrangements are in place for oversight and administration of funding:

- control and safeguarding of funds from misuse, misappropriation and fraud
- accounting records which can provide, at any time, reliable financial information on the purpose, application and balance remaining of the public funding
- Accounting for the amount and source of the funding, its application and outputs/outcomes
- Value for money
- Be in a position to provide evidence on:
 - effective use of funds
 - value achieved in the application of funds
 - avoidance of waste and extravagance
- Fairness
- Manage public funds with the highest degree of honesty and integrity:
 - Act in a manner which complies with relevant laws and obligations (e.g. tax, minimum wages)
 - Procure goods and services in a fair and transparent manner
 - Act fairly, responsibly and openly in dealings with the Grantor

How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 16 Feb 2022.

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The Community Foundation for Ireland - RTÉ Toy Show Appeal

The huge generosity of viewers to the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal is being turned into action with groups which support children across the country being invited to apply for support from (Monday 24th January 2022) from the €6.6 Million raised.

The Community Foundation for Ireland, RTÉ's partner in the appeal, is beginning the process of turning the donations into grants supporting a range of local services and supports.

The first year of the appeal in 2020 benefitted an estimated 600,000 children and their families as highlighted in an [Impact Report](#) showing how through their donations the 1.7 Million viewers of the Late Late Toy Show have given vital support to communities.

This year's funding is being distributed through two rounds, the first has now opened and is inviting applications from community groups and organisations. It will provide grants of between €5,000 and €20,000.

Grants will be made under three thematic pillars:

Addressing Essential Needs

Grants are available to eligible organisations that can demonstrate the impact of their work at local and community level. Grants within this Strand of funding will be made to ensure that vulnerable children are safe, warm and fed; and they are properly supported in addressing educational needs. This Strand aims to improve living conditions and outcomes of children at risk by providing holistic and practical supports and by improving their educational outcomes.

Improving Wellbeing

Grants are available to eligible organisations that can demonstrate the impact of their work at local and community level. Poor health is difficult at any point in life, but it can have significant and long-term impacts in childhood in terms of educational outcomes and emotional wellbeing. Covid has created additional challenges in terms of mental health and social isolation. This Strand aims to improve the mental health and resilience of children and to increase quality of life for children with disabilities and serious health conditions.

Creativity and Play

Grants are available to eligible organisations that can demonstrate the impact of their work at local and community level. Creativity and play are essential to supporting children's development of cognitive and social behaviours. This Strand aims to enhance personal and

emotional development, resilience and wellness for disadvantaged children through creative programmes and activities.

How to Apply

[Full application guidelines available here.](#)

Deadline for applications: 18 Feb 2022.

Note: a second of grants aimed at Impact will open on 21st February 2022

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European Solidarity Corps Programme

The European Solidarity Corps is the EU's funding programme for volunteering and promoting solidarity.

Aims & Objectives

The European Solidarity Corps aims to:

- Empower young people to participate positively in their world: The programme aims to provide young people, including young people with fewer opportunities, with easily accessible opportunities to take part in solidarity activities that bring about positive societal changes in the European Union and beyond.
- Build an inclusive and democratic Europe: The programme aims to support young people and organisations across Europe and to strengthen cohesion, solidarity, democracy, European identity and active citizenship in the Europe Union and beyond.
- Promote sustainable development through projects at grassroots level: European Solidarity Corps projects are about addressing societal challenges on the ground, with a particular focus on the promotion of sustainable development, social inclusion and equal opportunities.

The European Solidarity Corp's priorities are:

- Inclusion and Diversity
- Environmental Protection and Climate Action
- Digital Transformation
- Participation in Democratic Life
- Health Promotion and Support
- Connecting EU and Youth

What does it support?

The European Solidarity Corps supports young people aged 18 to 30 to address needs in their community or abroad by taking part in activities across Europe.

Young people can volunteer or develop solidarity projects that benefit their communities at local, regional or European levels.

Projects are funded under 'Volunteering Projects' and 'Solidarity Projects'.

Volunteering Projects are projects where young people are sent by an accredited organisation to volunteer in another European country to exchange ideas, learn, connect and grow. Volunteering may take place in Ireland or abroad. Funding is available for 'Individual Volunteering Projects', 'Volunteering Teams Projects' or 'Preparatory Visits'.

Solidarity Projects are organised by groups of young people who want to make a positive difference at national or international level.

Eligibility

Any public or private body may apply for funding.

In order to take part in the European Solidarity Corps, organisations need to obtain a quality label, which certifies that they carry out high quality solidarity activities in compliance with the principles, objectives and requirements of the programme. Visit the European Solidarity Corps site for more [information about the Quality Label](#).

Why the EU funds European solidarity and volunteering

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

Budget

€1,1 billion over 7 years.

Project Examples

[My Experience as a European Solidarity Corps Volunteer: Laurita Maher-Bordalo](#)

[Amina Moustafa: The Evolution of the Erasmus+ Experience](#)

[Detached Youth Support - Supporting Young People in Time of Covid-19](#)

[More impact stories of the European Solidarity Corps](#)

National Contact Point in Ireland

[Léargas](#) is the National Agency for the European Solidarity Corps in Ireland and they hold a range of online application workshops and information sessions. Keep an eye on their [Event Calendar](#) or sign up to their [newsletters](#) for details.

Contact Suzanne Kavanagh at kavanagh@leargas.ie or Noeleen O'Callaghan at nocallaghan@leargas.ie for more information.

Website: www.leargas.ie

How to Apply

Learn more here, or see open calls below:

European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering Projects

Deadline: 23 February, 2022

[FULL DETAIL](#)

European Solidarity Corps - Solidarity Projects

Deadline: 23 February, 2022

[FULL DETAIL](#)

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Erasmus+ Programme

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe.

It has an estimated budget of €26.2 billion. This is nearly double the funding compared to its predecessor programme (2014-2020).

The 2021-2027 programme places a strong focus on social inclusion, the green and digital transitions, and promoting young people's participation in democratic life.

It supports priorities and activities set out in the European Education Area, Digital Education Action Plan and the European Skills Agenda. The programme also:

- supports the European Pillar of Social Rights
- implements the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027
- develops the European dimension in sport.

Erasmus+ offers mobility and cooperation opportunities in:

- higher education
- vocational education and training
- school education (including early childhood education and care)
- adult education
- youth
- and sport

Detailed information on these opportunities, including eligibility criteria, is available in the [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#).

The outcomes of Erasmus+ are available in reports and compendia of statistics, as well as through the [Erasmus+ Projects Platform](#). This includes most of the initiatives funded by the programme and a selection of good practices and success stories.

How to Apply

See specific calls details below.

ERASMUS+ - Virtual Exchanges in Higher Education and Youth with other specific regions in the world

Deadline: February 23, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Mobility of Youth Workers

Deadline: February 23, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - European Youth Together

Deadline: 22 March 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - European Youth Together (Small)

Deadline: March 22, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Cooperation Partnerships in Sport

Deadline: March 23, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Cooperation Partnerships in Adult Education

Deadline: March 23, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Not-for-profit European Sport Event

Deadline: March 23, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

ERASMUS+ - Small-scale partnerships in Adult Education

Deadline: March 23, 2022

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ERASMUS+ - Small-scale partnerships in Vocational Education and Training

Deadline: March 23, 2022

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ERASMUS+ - Small-scale partnerships in Youth

Deadline: March 23, 2022

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ERASMUS+ - Cooperation Partnerships in Vocational Education and Training

Deadline: March 23, 2022

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ERASMUS+ - Cooperation Partnerships in Higher Education

Deadline: March 23, 2022

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ERASMUS+ - Cooperation Partnerships in Youth

Deadline: March 23, 2022

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The Arts Council - Commissions Award

The Arts Council is the national agency for funding, developing and promoting the arts in Ireland. The Council recognises that the arts have a central and distinctive contribution to make to society.

The purpose of the Commissions Award is to enable the commissioning of new work from freelance artists.

In general, the finished work may be in a form capable of being presented, exhibited, published, performed and/or disseminated in its entirety at the point of completion, or it may be capable of being presented as a work-in-progress, either live or online. Please see the artform/arts area specific guidance below for the priorities for the award in each area. and [Paying the Artist](#).

For 2022, in recognition of the Arts Council's seventieth anniversary, we have introduced an Anniversary Commissions strand with a thematic focus on children's right to arts and culture.

STRAND 1 – Artform commissions

Commissions can be applied for in the areas of:

- Dance
- Opera
- Music
- Traditional Arts

This means that any applicant, whether an organisation or an individual, can apply to commission an artist working within one of these artform areas.[\[1\]](#)

STRAND 2 – Cross arts-area commissions

In order to assist with the animation of arts organisations working across different artforms and with the commissioning of work by artists working in particular contexts, the award is open to organisations in the following categories:

- Festivals

In these cases, organisations can apply to commission an artist working in any artform, with the exception of festivals applying for a commission in Dance, Music, Opera, Traditional Arts or Literature, which should apply directly to those artforms in Strand 1. The application will be

assessed primarily in relation to the context in which the commission is proposed. The Arts Council's artform specialists will provide a secondary comment where their artform is integral to the proposal.

STRAND 3 – Young People, Children and Education (YPCE) Anniversary Commissions

2022 marks the seventieth anniversary of the Arts Council. To mark this significant moment, the Arts Council will present a programme of events in a year of celebration, reflecting the excellence of the arts sector in Ireland. Included among these is an expanded commissions strand for artists working with and for children and young people.

YPCE Anniversary Commissions will support artists to create ambitious new work for and with children and young people. Organisations can apply to commission an artist working in any artform. Anniversary Commissions should have a particular focus on children's right to participate in the arts. Proposals should demonstrate a high level of ambition with regard to involving children and young people in the development and delivery of the commission. The Arts Council welcomes in particular commissions involving artists working in the Gaeltacht and/or working through the medium of the Irish language.

Applications will be assessed primarily in relation to the context of young people, children and education. The Arts Council's artform specialists will provide a secondary comment where their artform is integral to the proposal.

The maximum award is €45,000.

How to Apply

[Full guidelines available here.](#)

Deadline: 24 Feb 2022

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Foras na Gaeilge - Summer Camp Scheme

Foras na Gaeilge is providing funding for appropriate Summer Camps through Irish for young people (3 to 18 years of age):

- which aim to strengthen the Irish language through a mix of activities;
- that are not residential camps;
- which will last 5 days;
- which will run between 20 June and 28 August 2022;
- which will last at least 4.5 hours each day.

This is a nonprofit scheme to keep the camp fees low for the young people.

Grants are provided out of public funding, and Foras na Gaeilge has statutory duties to ensure value for money for all funded projects.

Foras na Gaeilge recommends applicants to seek joint funding for projects, when appropriate, and to cooperate with other organisations in order to achieve the best value from the Foras na Gaeilge grant.

We particularly welcome applications from organisations located in areas recognised in government strategies or legislation.

How to Apply

[Visit the Foras na Gaeilge website to download further guidelines.](#)

Deadline: 25 Feb 2022

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Go for Life - National Grant Scheme for Older People

The Age & Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme 2022 is now open for applications.

We recognise the impact that Covid 19 has had on older peoples' participation in sport and physical activity over the last 2 years. Therefore, within this 2022 Grant there are specific allocations aimed at encouraging older people back to sport and their clubs. We also recognise the impact Covid 19 has had on those living in nursing homes and attending day care settings so we are opening up the grant this year to all public and private nursing homes and day care settings.

Background

Since 2001 Sport Ireland has provided funding to Age & Opportunity for our Active programme to help increase the participation of older people in recreational sport and physical activity. This Active National Grant Scheme for Sport and Physical Activity for Older People is one element of the extensive Active programme which has resulted from this funding.

Aim

The Active National Grant Scheme aims to assist in the implementation of locally-developed, well-planned initiatives designed to increase participation in recreational sport and physical activity by older people. In particular, the scheme is aimed at:

- supporting the work of Age & Opportunity's Active Programme including the network of PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) and the development of Go for Life Games and other initiatives;
- assisting local clubs/organisations to enhance existing opportunities for their members in recreational sport and physical activity;
- assisting local clubs/organisations to start new initiatives geared at involving older people in recreational sport and physical activity;
- encouraging all sports clubs to provide new initiatives within their clubs aimed at getting older people back to their sport;
- assisting those working in care settings (both nursing homes and day care settings) to introduce more initiatives to increase physical activity levels of those in their care.

Eligibility

Recognising the impact that Covid-19 has had on the physical activity levels of older people and their groups, the 2022 grant will have specific allocations aimed at encouraging older people back to sport and physical activity and their clubs. The same impact has been felt by those in care settings (both residential and day care settings) around the country so we are opening up the grant this year to both public and private nursing homes and day care settings.

Grants are also available to all eligible local clubs, groups and organisations that promote increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people as a main element of their activities. Umbrella bodies, or their agents, are not eligible for funding under this grant scheme. An exception to this are Local Sports Partnerships who are eligible to apply.

Funding for sports clubs will only be considered if the application specifically relates to older people.

Grants are made available for sport or physical activity for older people and the overall club membership of applicants must be such that older people will be the beneficiaries of the grant monies.

Key Criteria

Applications are encouraged from clubs/organisations that:

- have the potential to increase levels and frequency of participation in recreational sport and physical activity among older people in their setting or local area;
- can act as showcases or successful demonstration projects that can be replicated by other clubs/organisations in the future;
- have the potential to develop into a sustainable, longer-term programme;
- have not previously received a grant;
- are developing initiatives in designated disadvantaged areas;
- are developing initiatives for minority older populations or older groups with special needs;
- have one or more active Physical Activity Leaders (PALs);
- have a CarePAL in their setting;
- are focussed on an outdoor sport or physical activity initiative;

- developing an online sport or physical activity initiative;
- are making a joint application with other groups in their geographical community.

Applicants who have had previous successful applications processed should take advantage of PALs workshops. These are a series of workshops teaching older people how to lead their peers in sport and physical activity. Contact the Active programme team or your local contacts listed on page 8 to register.

Funds permitting:

Grants to older groups will be between €300 and €700* and may be allocated towards the cost of the eligible initiatives outlined overleaf.

Grants allocated to sports clubs will be up to €1,000.

Grants allocated to nursing homes and day care settings will be up to €1,000.

How to Apply

[Full guidelines and application forms are available here.](#)

Deadline: 25 Feb 2022

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Waterways Ireland - Heritage in the Community Grants Programme

In support of the Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan, we are delighted to announce the Heritage in the Community Grants Scheme 2022 is now open for application! A fund of €20,000 has been allocated to assist community based heritage projects which compliment or fulfil the delivery of the Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan along the Barrow Navigation, Erne System, Grand Canal, Lower Bann, Royal Canal, Shannon, Shannon-Erne, and the Ulster Canal (Upper Lough Erne to Clones).

Applications will be considered from communities seeking assistance for projects related to inland waterways' heritage including data collection & research, good heritage practice in managing sites, collections, objects, etc. And support fresh approaches and initiatives that link heritage to communities, promoting active engagement with heritage.

Key Criteria

All decisions relating to the assessment of grant applications will be based on the degree to which they compliment the strategic aims and actions from the Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan. Projects must also factor in potential future COVID19 restrictions and how this may impact delivery of the initiative i.e. grant applications which propose groups of people congregating indoors or outdoors.

The Application Form and Guidelines should be reviewed for clear information on project eligibility.

Any grant-aided project not completed within the specified timeframe will be subject to clawback of awarded monies.

Only one grant per organisation is permitted. Grants up to €1,500 / £1,350 are available.

Successful grant recipients may receive a partial upfront payment (up to 50%) but this will be reviewed on a case by case needs assessment i.e. where projects can be successfully initiated without grant aid, the full amount will be payable upon successful completion of the project.

This Grant Scheme has an appeals process.

Please refer to the Guidance for further details.

How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 28 Feb 2022

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Christian Brothers Edmund Rice Trust Fund

To mark the beatification of their founder in 1996, the Christian Brothers in Ireland established a Trust Fund to respond, in the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice, to the challenges facing Christianity in the modern world. The fund is managed by a Board of Trustees in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust. The Trust is a registered charity.

The annual income from the fund is available to promote the objectives of the Trust. These objectives include helping individuals and groups in the pursuit of projects which are in accordance with the objectives of the Trust and which are deemed worthy by the Trustees.

Among the projects it may assist are:

- The alleviation of poverty
- The training of teachers, parents, youth leaders or others engaged in the provision of education, leadership or development
- Research into educational disadvantage, school effectiveness, youth leadership and religious development of young people
- Educational facilities

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

The Trustees meet in May each year to review applications received by the Trust. The applicants are advised of the Trustees decision in June. Successful applicants will receive funding in September and the funds received are to be applied from that September to June of the following year. Exceptions may be approved when circumstances are deemed deserving.

REPORTS

An Annual Report form, available from the Trust, should be completed and submitted to the Trustees for their information in June each year for funding received in the previous year

As part of this report, a detailed breakdown of how the funding was used should include the different items of expenditure, together with invoices and receipts, the total expenditure, and the balance in hand.

RULES GOVERNING FUNDING

Projects must be deemed by the Trustees to conform fully to the objectives of the Trust.

The Trust has strict a policy whereby it will only provide funding to groups/organisations with a child and vulnerable adult safeguarding policy. The Trust will not consider applications from any group/organisation which does not have such a policy in place.

The decision of the Trustees, regarding funding for any project, shall be final.

Funding from the Trust will be made available in the form of a donation which does not have to be repaid. However, if for any reason, after receipt of funding from the Trust, the implementation of the project becomes impossible, the Trustees shall be made aware of this immediately and they may require the return of whatever portion of the donation to the project that remains unexpended.

Any change in the details of the project, as submitted to the Trustees, must be made known to them immediately.

The Trustees must be informed immediately if funds, other than those already specified in the original application, later become available to finance the complete project or any section of it. This may have implications for ongoing funding.

The exact amount of funding received from the Trust must be acknowledged immediately to the Trustees. Where foreign exchange is involved, the acknowledgement must state (1) the exact amount received, in the currency in which it is received and (2) the equivalent in the local currency.

A payment schedule will be decided by the Trustees.

The Trustees require annual reports in June each year for funding received in the previous year. Failure to submit year end reports will impact the consideration of future funding applications.

The financial section of the year-end report should detail the financial aspects of the project, including all income and expenditure. All project-related records and documents, including receipts for expenditure, invoices, vouchers and bank statements, must be retained for a minimum period of seven years, in accordance with standard accounting practices.

The Trustees have the right, at their discretion, to nominate a representative to visit the project in order to check progress and/or substantiate financial reports and records.

If applicants do not object, the Trustees may use information relating to the project in any statements by them concerning the operation of the Trust.

How to Apply

The Fund opens in the first week in January.

Please request an application form from Cbert@edmundrice.eu, or [download it here](#).

Deadline: 28 Feb 2022

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Rethink Ireland - Social Enterprise Development Fund 2022 – 2023

Rethink Ireland is delighted to announce the continuation of its Social Enterprise Development Fund with an additional investment of €1.2 million set to be awarded from 2022-2023.

The additional €1.2 million investment builds on our existing €3.2 million partnership to create a legacy Fund of €4.4 million. This new Fund focuses on continued seed funding for start-up social enterprises, elevated funding for enterprises at the next stage and offering a Business Course across all Local Authority regions in Ireland.

About the Fund

The Social Enterprise Development Fund was created in 2018 by Rethink Ireland in partnership with Local Authorities Ireland and supported by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Dormant Accounts Fund.

IPB Insurance is an Irish-owned general insurance company which protects and supports their local authority members and their communities across Ireland.

Objective

The objective of the Fund is to find and back social enterprises that add to the social and economic fabric of their community by way of social impact.

The Fund will provide critical support to the most innovative and impactful social enterprises across Ireland, helping them to:

- Increase or establish their social impact
- Increase their traded income or set up to create traded income
- Create (more) jobs
- Develop long-term, effective and sustainable solutions.

What is a Social Enterprise?

A social enterprise is a business that works primarily to improve the lives of people. Its business is social good.

Social enterprises are organisations whose mission is to have a positive effect on society. Social Enterprises are at the heart of facing the greatest social challenges in Ireland. They are

professional and experienced, and use business skills and clever thinking to bridge the gaps in our society. The money they make from their work is used to grow what they do so that they can reach all the people in society who need their help.

Social enterprises are innovating every day by inventing and developing solutions to Ireland's most pressing social issues. They are creating meaningful jobs, tackling inequalities and supporting community development. We believe there is a need to foster and invest in these social enterprises to allow them to grow and spread their solutions throughout the country.

What does the Fund offer?

The Social Enterprise Development Fund 2022 now provides the opportunity to participate in a Start a Social Enterprise Business Course, as well as the chance to receive an Award including a cash grant, business supports budget and a place on our Accelerator Programme. The addition of the Business Course offering ensures that the Fund provides vital supports to a wider number of social enterprises across the sector tailored to their stage of development.

The different options are outlined in more detail below, including details on eligibility criteria and the application process.

a) Awards

In 2022, the fund offers (up to) 8 Awardees an Awards package of €30,000:

Cash grants for up to 8 Awardees of €22,500

A Business Support budget worth €7,500

A place on the Accelerator Programme

Cash Grants

Up to 8 Social Enterprises will receive a package of supports worth a maximum of €30,000 each in total. This will include cash grants of €22,500, paid in two instalments upon delivery of agreed milestones.

Business Support Budget

In addition, Awardees will receive a budget for business supports worth €7,500 each. Business supports will be tailored to the specific needs of each project and carried out by approved consultants, focusing on creating social impact in line with their theory of change and strategic plan.

Accelerator Programme

All successful applicants will win a place on Ireland's first National Accelerator Programme specifically designed for social enterprises. The Accelerator Programme will equip social enterprises with the skills they need to scale and deepen their social impact.

The intensive and practical six-month Programme provides training from best-in-class experts in the private, nonprofit and public sector on key functions such as Strategic Planning, Impact Measurement, Financial Management, Governance, Business Modelling, Pitching, Storytelling and more.

b) Start a Social Enterprise Business Course Participation

In 2022, the Fund will offer places on a first of its kind Start a Social Enterprise Business Course. This course will take an emerging idea and give the participants the tools to take the idea to the next stage. It will be the launch pad for the idea and also, importantly, a pathway to additional supports.

The course will be aimed at:

- Idea stage social enterprises (vague ideas included; teasing them out will be part of the course)
- Unincorporated individuals or groups undertaking work at a local level
- Staff within organisations who want to explore the establishment of a social enterprise within their organisation

The Fund offers a place on the Business Course which will be held online over two months and run twice during 2022 for up to 50 participants. The seven modules will equip participants with the skills and tools to make informed decisions regarding the start-up of their social enterprise. Those that are ready to start a social enterprise and have attended all seven modules, can, upon completion of the course, apply for cash grants. Up to five graduates from each course will receive an Award.

Eligibility

a) For a cash grant:

We invite applications from social enterprises that:

- Meet the definition of social enterprise as outlined above

- Have a clear social mission that addresses a critical social issue
- Generate income from goods or services
- Have a not-for-profit legal form, e.g. companies limited by guarantee
- Are separate from the Government and state agencies
- Reinvest any surplus into achieving their mission
- Are already up and running
- Have their main impact in the Republic of Ireland
- Have not previously completed a multi-year Fund with Rethink Ireland
- Have the potential to scale or replicate in Ireland
- Have the potential to create additional jobs
- And are innovative in an Irish context

*Social enterprises can sit within larger not-for-profit organisations, such as charities and voluntary organisations

b) For the Start a Social Enterprise Business Course

We invite applications from:

- Individuals with an idea for a social enterprise
- Members of unincorporated groups undertaking work at a local level
- Staff within organisations who want to explore the establishment of a social enterprise within their organisation

Places will be awarded on a first-come basis.

How to Apply

Applications are open from Thursday, 20th January until Friday, 3rd March 2022. At this point, applicants are invited to complete an application form. Based on this initial form, Rethink Ireland will identify a shortlist of applicants who have met the required criteria. These applicants will be invited to an interview.

Stage 2: Interviews

Finalists will be invited for an interview which will take place between Monday, 11th April and Friday, 22nd April 2022.

[Visit the Rethink Ireland website](#) for full details and to start your application today.

Deadline: 3 Mar 2022

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World Habitat Awards

The World Habitat Awards were established in 1985 by the Building and Social Housing Foundation as part of its contribution to the United Nations International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

Our World Habitat Awards recognise and highlight innovative, outstanding and sometimes revolutionary housing ideas, projects and programmes from across the world.

More than 360 outstanding [World Habitat Awards projects](#) have been recognised over the years, demonstrating substantial, lasting improvements in living conditions.

Each year two winners [receive £10,000 each and a trophy](#), presented at a global [UN-Habitat event](#).

Eligibility

We want to hear about projects from around the world that:

- focus on affordable and adequate housing;
- have taken action to address the climate emergency;
- are in progress or have been completed in the last ten years;
- are taking steps to promote diversity, equality and inclusion; and
- have been designed and/ or delivered in close collaboration with the residents/ local community.

How to Apply

Two winners of the 2022 World Habitat Awards will receive a Gold Award and £10,000. There will also be Silver and Bronze Awards for other outstanding projects and programmes. In addition, Gold Award Winners will have the opportunity to share their approach to housing solutions through World Habitat's exChange programme.

Read the full guidelines and apply online at the [Awards website](#).

Deadline: 14 Mar 2022

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The Hospital Saturday Fund Charity

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

Eligibility

Which organisations may apply?

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

The Hospital Saturday Fund has two grant categories: - Standard grants of up to £2,000 or €3,000 OR - Large grants to up to £10,000 or €13,500 (please note this is the maximum sum that HSF will grant). Large grant applications should be towards specific projects, research or equipment rather than running costs. Organisations may make one application for a meeting and can apply for a standard or a large grant. The Grant Making Committee (GMC) meets quarterly.

What Support is Available?

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

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

For Individuals:

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

- Specialised mobility equipment, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, car adaptations, medical appliances and aids, hearing aids, nebulisers, specialised vision aids, specialised computer equipment, therapeutic equipment/treatment, orthopaedic beds, mattresses or pillows, riser /recliners chairs, lift hoist/aids.
- Physiotherapy, Hydrotherapy, Acupuncture, Speech Therapy, Osteopathy, Chiropractic treatment, Reflexology, Massage Therapy and Aromatherapy.
- Home adaptations, walk in showers, accessibility adaptations to bathrooms, access ramps, non-slip flooring, stair lifts.

- Respite breaks at a therapeutic centre.

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

How to Apply

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

Deadline: 23 Mar 2022 (large grants)

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Culture Ireland Grants

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

Purpose of Awards

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

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

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

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

- Application must be in respect of a Irish professional artist/s or arts organisation
- Application must be in respect of an art form defined under the Arts Act 2003
- Only international events are supported (i.e., outside the island of Ireland)
- The event must be accessible to an open public audience and fees must be payable to the artist/s or arts organisation
- Funding support is limited to travel and travel related costs
- Grants are only payable to the person/organisation named on the initial application
- Applications deemed eligible are assessed in line with the following criteria:
- Artistic quality of work and track record of artist/s or arts organisation
- Financial and operational viability of the event (including fees and level of support from presenter/venue/other partners)
- Profile of international venue/festival

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

What does Culture Ireland mean by artistic quality?

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

Examples of eligible applications include:

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

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

Examples of ineligible applications include:

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

- Work by non-professional artists
- Events of a competitive nature.

How to Apply

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

Deadline: 1 Apr 2022

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European Youth Foundation - International Activity Grant

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities. Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

What is International Activity?

International meeting of young people or youth leaders in Europe which contribute to the work of the youth sector of the Council of Europe in topic, methodology and with a clear European dimension.

The following hard criteria are a requirement for an international activity:

- Participants must represent at least 7 Council of Europe member states*;
- It has to be run by an international team (4 nationalities represented in the project team);
- 75 % of participants under 30 years old;
- A gender and geographical balance must be ensured;
- A gender perspective is taken into account throughout the whole process.
- Importance is also given to a non-formal education approach in your projects.

Until now, four working days were considered as a minimum duration for an international activity based on the principles of non-formal education/learning. However, in order to adapt to NGOs' needs, the EYF will no longer consider this duration as a hard criterion. Nevertheless, the EYF will continue to assess grant applications on the basis of their merit and the quality of the programme provided. NGOs applying for activities lasting less than four days will have to convince the EYF that the activity is based on a non-formal education approach.

Statutory or internal meetings (e.g. Board meetings, General Assemblies) cannot be supported as a one-off international activity. These are covered by an EYF [structural grant](#). If a statutory meeting takes place in conjunction with an international activity supported by the EYF (e.g. a Board meeting directly after the activity), this has to be clearly explained and the relevant costs must be separated.

The maximum grant allocated is €20 000. The EYF will cover up to two-thirds of the total real costs of the activity. NGOs need to find additional resources to cover the remaining one-third.

Gender perspective criteria included in all EYF grants

Special attention will be given to applications integrating a gender perspective. This should be clearly explained in the grant application. Gender perspective does not mean having an equal number of female and male participants. You should try to develop your project looking through different gender glasses, taking into account the needs of young women and men.

More information on gender mainstreaming www.coe.int/equality and [our gender mainstreaming page](#) developed having in mind youth NGOs.

What costs are covered by the grant?

Participant's travel, accommodation and food are covered. Also trainer/expert fees, production of material and renting of rooms and equipment. Volunteer time can be included up to a maximum of 10% of the total budget.

The volunteer cannot be paid (travel, accommodation, food can be covered) but the monetary value of the volunteers's contribution can be included in expenditure and income. A more detailed explanation can be seen in the [Volunteer time recognition](#)

Eligibility

[International non-governmental youth organisations](#) can apply on their own;

[International networks of youth NGOs](#) can apply on their own;

[Regional networks of youth NGOs](#) can apply on their own;

[National non-governmental youth organisations](#) can apply if the activity is prepared in partnership with at least 3 other national NGOs or networks from different countries or with at least 1 international NGO or network.

How to Apply

Non-governmental youth organisations must be registered before being able to submit an application. For further criteria and registration, [please visit the EYF website](#).

Deadline: 1 Apr 2022

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European Youth Foundation – Annual Work Plan Grant

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities. Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

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

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

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

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

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

The maximum grant allocated is €50 000. The grant awarded for an annual work plan is paid in three instalments: 60% when the signed contract is sent to the EYF by post and the conditions in the contract (if any) are met, 25% upon receipt of the interim report and the remaining 15% upon receipt of a satisfactory activity and financial report.

The following criteria are a requirement for annual work plans:

- Composed by several activities (international/other); at least one international activity;
- Clear flow/link between activities: interconnected;

- Each individual activity contributes to the overall objectives of the work plan;
- Link with priorities, missions and vision of the CoE youth sector;
- At least one third of co-funding for international activities;
- A gender perspective is taken into account throughout the whole process.
- Importance is also given to a non-formal education approach in your projects.

What kind of activities can be included?

International activities

A work plan cannot be a set of very small activities or material production only. A work plan needs to have a "European dimension" and this means it should still contain international activities (at least one).

Remember the criteria of international activities (see link): 4 nationalities represented in the team, a gender and geographical balance among participants (minimum of 7 nationalities).

You should find co-funding for the international activities. The EYF will not be able to cover more than two-thirds of the total cost of the international activities calculated together (i.e. the two-third rule will not apply to each separate international activity).

Other activities

“Other activities” can be included such as campaigns, study visits, series of workshops, “mobile” activities (activities which involve travel).

Examples of activities that can be included in a work plan as an “other” activity.

Preparatory meetings, research, needs analysis should be linked to an activity in the work plan, not an activity in itself. Material production should be the “result of” or part of the “follow up of” an activity and not an activity standing on its own.

Statutory or internal meetings (e.g. Board meetings, General Assemblies) cannot be included as separate activities in a work plan. These are covered by an EYF structural grant. If a statutory meeting takes place in conjunction with an activity supported by the EYF (e.g. a Board meeting directly after an international activity), this has to be clearly explained and the relevant costs must be separated.

Aim and objectives of an annual work plan

You will be asked to provide the objectives of each activity of the work plan and also the objectives and the aim of the work plan as a whole. The objectives of each individual activity should contribute to achieve the overall objectives of the work plan.

You need to show the relevance of the set of activities submitted to the EYF within the medium or long-term development of the organisation, but also show how this contributes to the priorities, mission and vision of the Council of Europe.

Gender perspective criteria included in all EYF grants

Special attention will be given to applications integrating a gender perspective. This should be clearly explained in the grant application. Gender perspective does not mean having an equal number of female and male participants. You should try to develop your project looking through different gender glasses, taking into account the needs of young women and men. More information on gender mainstreaming www.coe.int/equality and our gender mainstreaming page developed having in mind youth NGOs.

Eligibility

Who can apply?

- International youth NGOs;
- International networks of youth NGOs.

How to Apply

Non-governmental youth organisations must be registered before being able to submit an application.

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

Deadline: 1 Apr 2022

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Additional Resources

Visit The Wheel's COVID-19 information hub, including essential funding information and key sector updates, including extensive Returning to the Workplace Safely resources:

www.wheel.ie/covid-19-info-hub

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

1. Fundraising Guidance Library

- [Fundraising Essentials](#)
- [Applying to Grant Makers](#)
- [Fundraising From The Public](#)
- [European Funding](#)

2. Fundraising Helpdesk

Can't find an answer to your fundraising question in the above articles? Then get in touch with The Wheel's Fundraising Helpdesk now. Email as much detail as possible to: paul@wheel.ie and we'll get back to you shortly. www.wheel.ie.

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