



THE IRELAND FUNDS

Application Guidelines

Flagship Awards 2019

Apply Online

24th July – 14th August 2019

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What are the Flagship Awards?

The Ireland Funds Flagship Awards offers grants for core funding, capacity building or programme costs for charitable organisations working within one of our key programme areas: Arts & Culture, Community Development, Education, and Peace & Reconciliation. Our aim is to improve the quality and sustainability of existing programmes, or to help scale initiatives already demonstrating impact.

What grants are offered in the Flagship Awards 2019?

A Flagship Award can be up to €100,000 in financial support over a two-year period, together with an array of additional non-financial supports.

A total of €500,000 is available for the Flagship Awards in 2019.

What is the application period?

The Ireland Funds Flagship Awards will accept initial applications from **12pm on 24th July - 12pm on 14th August 2019**. Late applications will not be accepted.

The review process for eligible inquiries can take up to 4 weeks, at which point you will either receive an email noting that your application will not be progressed, or that your organisation has been invited to make a full application.

What are the funding priorities of the Flagship Awards 2019?

The Ireland Funds Flagship Award is suitable for organisations making an impact and a positive contribution to society. Suitable applicants will have projects that align closely with the following initiatives within The Ireland Funds key programme areas.

Community Development	Education	Arts and Culture	Peace and Reconciliation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Supporting gender equality and the empowerment of womenProviding support and advice to the LGBTQI+ communitySupporting migrant rights, family reunification and community integration programmesHelping the homeless through pathways for independenceProviding opportunities and access to people with physical disabilitiesResponding to environmental challenges and creating sustainable communitiesSupporting an aging populationProviding youth mental health programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Delivering early intervention education programmesProviding access to education for marginalised and underrepresented groupsProviding access to education and opportunity for people with intellectual disabilitiesEducating stakeholders on current societal issues e.g. cyber safety, mental health, climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Promoting innovative arts and cultural projects with a positive effect on societyProviding arts initiatives for people with intellectual disabilitiesCombining arts and cultural initiatives with proven positive health benefits (mental health and physical health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fostering positive relationships through cross community groupsDelivering restorative justice programmesEducating and preparing stakeholders for the potential implications of Brexit

Applicants should be able to clearly demonstrate how their project impacts upon the lives of their participants, their communities and indeed the wider society. Projects should have tangible and quantifiable outcomes as well as qualitative outcomes.

What are the standard criteria?

Before beginning your application, ensure your application and organisation meets the criteria below.

- The project must fit within one of The Ireland Funds key programme areas
- The project must offer an innovative approach/solution to the problem
- The project must define activities which are feasible, reasonable, and sustainable
- The project must have a measurable positive impact on the beneficiaries
- The project or activity for which you are seeking funding must take place within the 32 counties of Ireland
- The project must be for a future activity, not for an activity or project that has already been completed
- Organisations must come from an entity that has **Charitable status** in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland (i.e. registered with the Charities Regulator or with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland)
- Organisations must be established, well-managed, and financially viable
- Organisations must be leading the way in transparency and accountability, publishing SORP compliant annual accounts and compliant with the Governance Code and Fundraising Code.
- Organisations must provide a copy of their governing document (e.g. Constitution, Memorandum of Articles of Association), the most recent set of Audited Accounts and the most recent Annual Report to be considered in the second stage of the application.
- Organisations **must not** have received an Ireland Funds Flagship Award within the past 4 years (i.e. only Flagship Awardees pre-2015 are eligible to apply)
- Organisations may submit only one application

Organisations may apply for support for capacity building or programme costs.

Capacity Building: Funding is available for new or enhanced activities aimed at strengthening an organisation's programmatic and/or administrative capacity. Projects must evidence a credible plan for sustaining costs.

Programme: In general, funding for programme development or the expansion of existing programmes will be limited to programmes which clearly demonstrate effectiveness and have a viable fundraising and sustainability plan. On a very selective basis, The Ireland Funds will consider programmes or projects that offer the potential to produce significant impacts.

How do I apply?

All Letters of Inquiry must be submitted online via www.irelandfunds.org/grants during the application period from **12pm on 24th July - 12pm on 14th August 2019**. Late submissions will not be accepted. You will receive an immediate acknowledgment to confirm that your Letter of Inquiry was received.

Guidelines for the Letter of Inquiry

- **Maximum 2 pages uploaded in .pdf, .doc. or .docx file format**
- There is no specific format, but applicants are encouraged to include the problem you are addressing, the solution your project is offering and the potential impact and measurable targets you hope to achieve. Compelling, innovative and engaging proposals are strongly encouraged.

What is the Application and Selection Process?



For assistance with the Flagship Awards Letter of Inquiry, please contact The Ireland Funds Grants Team at [01 662 7878](tel:016627878).