



THE IRELAND FUNDS

# Application Guidelines

## Small Grants Round



## What is the Small Grants Round?

The Ireland Funds Small Grants Round supports a wide range of not-for-profit and community organisations in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

## What awards are offered in the Small Grants Round?

The Small Grants Round offers awards up to €10,000 for small not-for-profit and community organisations. Projects seeking larger grant amounts will not be considered for the Small Grants Round but should consider applying for an Ireland Funds Flagship Award.

## What are the funding priorities of the Small Grants Round?

The Ireland Funds Small Grants Round is suitable for organisations making an impact and a positive contribution in their local community. Suitable applicants will have projects that align closely with The Ireland Funds priorities - Community Development, Education, Arts & Culture and Peace & Reconciliation.

*Please see the chart on the next page.*

Organisations should be able to clearly demonstrate how their project impacts upon the lives of their participants and their local communities. Projects should have tangible and quantifiable outcomes as well as qualitative outcomes.

Before beginning your application, ensure that your application activity does not fall within one of the ineligible items listed at the end of these guidelines.

If you are unsure as to whether an activity is eligible, please contact a member of our Grants Team.

## The Ireland Funds Priorities

Community Development	Education	Arts and Culture	Peace and Reconciliation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting gender equality and the empowerment of women</li> <li>• Promoting LGBTQI+ rights</li> <li>• Supporting migrant rights, family reunification and community integration programmes</li> <li>• Helping the homeless through pathways for independence</li> <li>• Providing opportunities and access to people with physical disabilities</li> <li>• Responding to environmental challenges and creating sustainable communities</li> <li>• Supporting an aging population</li> <li>• Providing youth mental health programmes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivering early intervention education programmes</li> <li>• Providing access to education for marginalised and underrepresented groups</li> <li>• Providing access to education and opportunity for people with intellectual or sensory disabilities</li> <li>• Educating stakeholders on current societal issues e.g. cyber safety, mental health, climate change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting innovative arts and cultural projects with a positive effect on society</li> <li>• Providing arts initiatives for people with intellectual disabilities</li> <li>• Combining arts and cultural initiatives with proven positive health benefits (mental health and physical health)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fostering positive relationships through cross community groups</li> <li>• Delivering restorative justice programmes</li> </ul>

## What are the standard criteria?

- The project must fit within one of The Ireland Funds key priorities
- 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 quantifiable positive impact on the beneficiaries
- The project or activity for which you are seeking funding must take place on the island of Ireland
- The project must be for a future activity, not for an activity or project that has already been completed
- Applicants must come from an entity that has a not-for-profit legal form in the Republic of Ireland and/or Northern Ireland e.g. school, charity, social enterprise, voluntary organisation or Higher Education Institution
- Organisations may submit only one application
- Organisations must have an annual turnover of less than €/**£1,000,000**. Organisations with a turnover exceeding this limit are not eligible for awards in the Small Grants Round.
- Applicants must provide a copy of the organisation's governing document (e.g. Constitution, Memorandum of Articles of Association) and the most recent set of Audited Accounts or bank statements to be considered at the time of application.

## What applicants are not eligible?

**The Small Grants Round will NOT provide support for the following activities:**

- Individuals, bursaries, or scholarships
- Tuition, course fees, accreditation costs for staff
- Medical expenses
- Capital projects - purchase of buildings/land or construction/refurbishment projects
- Salaries (facilitator fees are eligible)
- Travel expenses (transportation, accommodation) – unless the activity is reliant on providing travel and accessibility to the beneficiary. Travel expenses for staff will not be covered.
- Purchase of vehicles
- One-off events – performance production, conferences, festivals. The project must have a lasting impact over a set period of time.
- Consultancy fees
- Animal welfare activities
- Marketing materials or publication costs
- Audio-visual and IT equipment
- Commemorative structures i.e., statues, benches, plaques