Questions from Heart of the Community Fund Information Session:

Below are the questions we received during our info session on March 25th. Unfortunately, some of the questions did not save so if your question is missing from the below list and you still require an answer please contact grantsinfo@irelandfunds.org

Thank you.

1. **Do you have to be a registered charity?**
   No, you do not need to be a registered charity. You can be a company limited by guarantee or a voluntary organisation. You find the full details in our guidelines on our website.

2. **My organisation was formed in November 2020 so currently we do not have accounts, can I still apply?**
   For a new organisation we can use your bank statement in lieu of the financial statement but, in that case, you would need to submit an unredacted bank statement. We would also ask that you submit a cashflow for the year ahead tracking income and expenditure.

3. **Can sports clubs apply?**
   Yes, sports clubs can apply as long as they are one of the following:
   ➢ Unincorporated Association with an explicit not-for-profit object
   ➢ Company Limited Guarantee (CLG)
   ➢ Community Interest Company (CIC)
   ➢ Registered Charity
   ➢ Charitable Trust

4. **Can pictures be attached to application?**
   We do not have an area to attach pictures in the application form.

5. **Are quotations required?**
   Quotations are not required but do try and provide as much detail as possible in your budget attachment.

6. **In assessing impact, can the proposal be for existing work meeting existing needs or must it be new work?**
   You can apply for existing or future needs but cannot apply for funding retrospectively. If the activity has already happened, it is not eligible for funding.

7. **If you are applying for core costs, do you state the work you are doing presently in the community and the funding shortfall for core costs?**
   Yes, you need to present a strong case for how the core costs are essential for creating impact in your local community. It must be clear how funding these core costs will contribute to the success of your organisation in meeting need in your local community.

8. **Is there a save as you go button on the portal?**
   Yes, there is a save button on each page of the application, please make sure to save regularly so you do not lose any of your work.

   Proposed **end** date of work/activities:

   MM/YYYY

   SAVE & CONTINUE EDITING   MARK AS COMPLETE

9. **Is the nub of the funding supporting a local community project?**
   This funding is for ongoing or immediate needs created by COVID-19 and for organisations whose day-to-day operations continue to be directly impacted by COVID-19. This does not need to be project focused. That said, your organisation must support the community and meet our criteria.

10. **Can you give examples of projects that would be eligible?**
    There are examples of eligible projects available in our guidelines which you can download from irelandfunds.org/grants

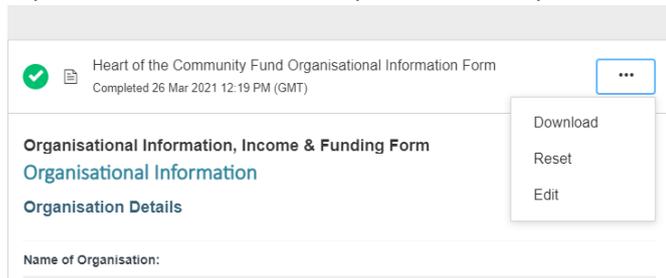11. **Are larger charities eligible? We have a turnover of up to 750k.**
    This fund is available for organisations with an income level/annual turnover of less than €/£500,000.

12. **Dividing a room to create a separate office space for social distancing?**
    Smaller items such as screen dividers would be eligible but a larger construction job such as having to build a new wall would not be eligible.

13. **Once you click mark as complete can you edit that section anymore?**
Yes, you can still edit a section of the form after you have clicked mark as complete.
If you click **'…'** as seen in the picture below, you can select edit to reopen the task.

14. **Do overheads include structural repairs please?**
Structural repairs would be ineligible for this fund as they fall under capital projects
including refurbishment projects in our list of ineligible activities.

15. **Can I apply as a regional/affiliate partner of a larger organisation?**
You can apply if your organisation is independently established and has separate bank
details, governing documents etc. multiple applications for the same registered organisation
will not be accepted.