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Application Guidelines

Annual Grant Round 2024

Application Period:

Online Applications, 1st December – 31st December

IFGB Grants Round 2024 Overview

Application Period

The Ireland Funds Great Britain Annual Grant Round will open for online applications on 1st December 2023. This year IFGB will operate a closed grant round and charities who have been funded by IFGB in the last three grant rounds will be invited to apply for funding by completing an online application form. An invitation to apply is not a guarantee of funding.

The deadline for completed applications is Sunday, 31st December 2023.

Successful projects will be notified of their award offer by 28 February 2024.

Objective of the Grant Round

The objective of the Grant Round is to contribute much needed funds to organisations supporting communities across Great Britain and the island of Ireland, whether or not of Irish descent.

Eligibility and Rules

- Only not-for-profit and charitable organisations with an average annual income of less than €/**£1m** can apply for funding. Organisations with an annual turnover exceeding this amount are not eligible for funding in this round.
- Grants will not be made to individuals.
- Organisations may submit only one application and applications should be submitted under one Funding Priority area only
- Applications must only be submitted electronically through our grant portal, Plinth. Hard copy or emailed applications will not be accepted.
- Only organisations based within Great Britain and the 32 counties of Ireland and Northern Ireland are eligible to apply.
- The project or activity for which you are seeking funding must take place within Great Britain and the 32 counties of Ireland and Northern Ireland.
- Grants will not be made to organisations for projects which have completed, or for the repayment of debt.
- The final award will be at the discretion of the Grant Committee and Ireland Funds GB Board of Directors.
- All 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 at time of application.

- Application forms not completed fully will not be considered. If you are unsure as to whether your application has been submitted, please contact The Ireland Funds GB before the deadline of 31st December 2023.
- Applications must be received by the deadline set on the website. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Size of Awards

Grants will be offered in tiers of £2,500, £4,000 or £8,000. The final award offered is at the discretion of the Grants Committee and the IFGB Board. The average grant awarded in 2023 was £4,000.

Evaluation

Application forms will be reviewed and evaluated by the IFGB Grants Committee. A recommendation of awards will be presented for consideration by the Board. Lobbying will lead to the disqualification of the Grant Application. The decision of the Board is final and we regret that we are unable to enter into conversations or correspondence regarding the decision of the Board. We encourage applicants who are not awarded a grant to request feedback on your proposal from our Grants Office staff.

To see if your project is eligible for an Ireland Funds grant, please review the funding priority guidelines on the next page.

IFGB Annual Grant Round Funding Priorities

Before beginning your application, ensure that your application activity is not for one of the ineligible items listed at the end of this document. If you are unsure as to whether an activity is allowable, please contact a member of our Grants Team.

Below, we have provided a description of activities The Ireland Funds aims to support under each priority area. Please review the list carefully and ensure that your funding request fits at least one of these categories.

Note: for the Annual Grant Round 2024, The Ireland Funds will accept funding requests to cover core costs for organisations.

Community Development

We invest in local communities by supporting initiatives that contribute to:

1. The avoidance of hardship by supporting vulnerable members of society, whether or not of Irish descent, and servicing basic/critical needs
2. Showcasing and celebrating the importance of diversity of Irish communities

Peace

We support communities in Northern Ireland by prioritising initiatives that contribute to:

1. The strengthening of cross-community relations
2. The treatment and resolution of transgenerational trauma
3. Assisting young people at risk across Northern Ireland's communities.

Education

We support programmes that contribute to:

1. Reconnecting people of all ages with education and employment opportunities
2. Reskilling and upskilling, in particular the older generation

Culture

We support the promotion of arts and culture by prioritising initiatives that contribute to:

1. Connecting communities with Irish culture and heritage
2. Sharing Irish culture with the next generation and across communities

Application assessment:

When assessing the merits of each application, The Ireland Funds will consider the following:

- Is it clear what the group is proposing? Is the application compelling?
- Is the charity and project a good match for The Ireland Funds mission and its four pillars of support?
- Does the proposal clearly describe the issue that will be addressed and the intended impact or outcomes?
- Sustainability: how will this funding help to make your organisation more sustainable? Has the organisation secured other sources of funding for the project? If not, can the project proceed with partial funding?
- Are the financial figures provided accurate? Is the proposal offering good value for money?

The IFGB Annual Grant Round will not provide support for:

- Tuition, course fees, accreditation costs
- Medical expenses
- Purchase of buildings or land
- Construction or refurbishment projects
- Travel expenses (transportation, accommodation, field trips)
- Purchase of vehicles
- One-off events – performance production, conferences, festivals
- Consultancy fees
- Animal welfare activities
- Marketing materials or publication costs

For queries regarding the Annual Grant Round or Application form and process, please contact The Ireland Funds GB Grants Team by email at ifgb@irelandfunds.org