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Grant Round 2024

Your Generosity Changes Lives

The Ireland Funds Australia (IFA), with the support of our generous donors, has delivered meaningful grants and valuable support to inspiring and committed organisations through our 2024 Annual Grant Round.

Operating under four key pillars of Community, Education, Peace and Culture, The Ireland Funds Australia awards grants based on each organisation's ability to deliver at least one of these objectives:



Invest in local communities and contribute to the avoidance of poverty and hardship.



Support programmes that contribute to the reconnection people of all ages with education, employment and re/upskilling opportunities.



Support the promotion of arts and culture that connect groups with Irish culture and heritage and share it with the next generation



In Northern Ireland, strengthen cross-community relations, the treatment and resolution of transgenerational trauma and assist young people at risk.

We are grateful to our many donors and friends whose support throughout the year makes our Annual Grant Round possible. Thank you to The Ireland Funds Board of Directors who volunteer their time, talent and treasure to ensure grants are provided to outstanding organisations delivering real impact in their communities. Thanks also to our incredible Young Leader Committee for the time they contribute to enhancing the work of the Ireland Funds Australia. Please read on to see the reach that your generosity, combined with the tireless work of the supported charities, will have this year.



Projects Supported 2023 – 2024

Community Development / Education in Ireland



- 174 Trust Northern Ireland
- Community Action Network
- Trinity Hyman Tarlo Scholarship
- Royal College of Surgeons Ireland
- Trinity Access Program
- TCD Library
- TSJCI
- Inner City Enterprise
- Limerick Learning Hub
- No Mind Left Behind

Community Development Australia

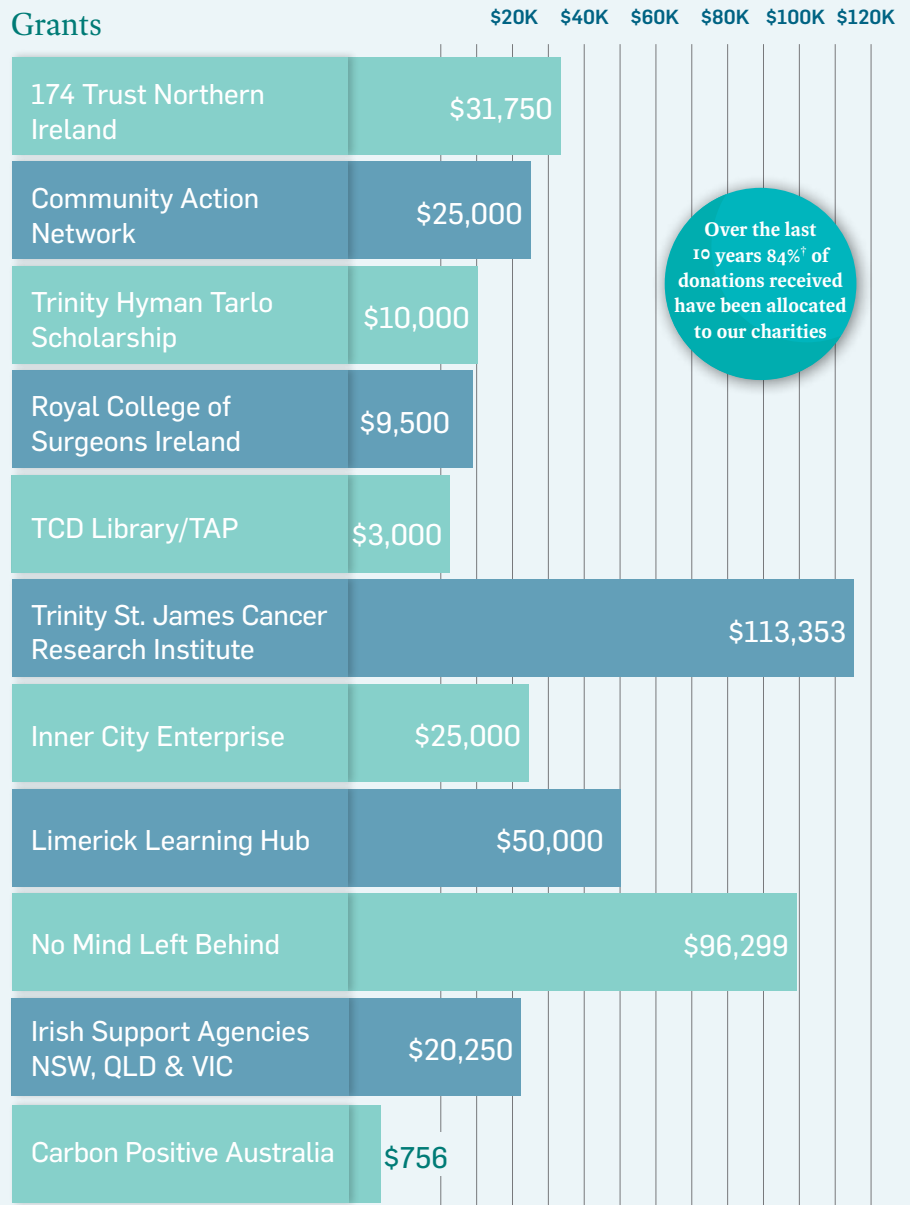


- Irish Support Agency NSW
- Irish Australian Support Association of QLD
- Irish Australian Support & Resource Bureau VIC
- Carbon Positive Australia

Total Donations 2023 – 2024

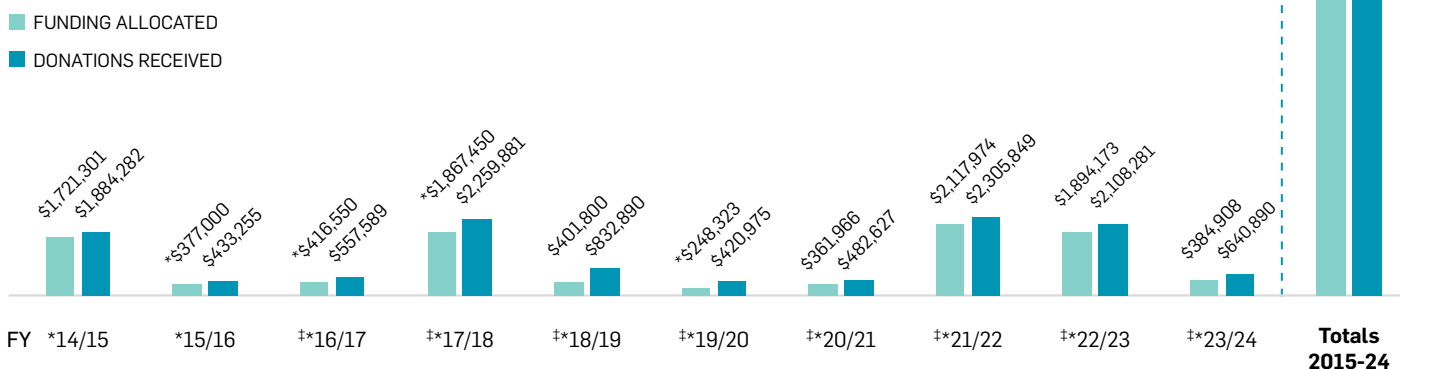
\$384,908

Grants



Over the last 10 years 84%* of donations received have been allocated to our charities

IFA donations received vs funding allocated June 14/15 to June 23/24



* Relates to the aggregated donations and funding allocations of The Australian Ireland Fund Limited.

† Donations received represent the donation element of ticket receipts, tax-deductible donations and event sponsorship. It excludes receipts from auction and raffle events.

The Impact of your Generosity

The Ireland Funds Australia June 2024 Grant Round was \$384,908 and saw 20 grants made to support the following projects:

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Community Action Network

Community Action Network (CAN) is a social-justice Non-Governmental Organisation, that places people at the heart of change. They seek to create a more just and equal society that has the well-being of people as citizens at its heart.

CAN work with people to assert their rights to participate fully as subjects of their own lives, to have their voices heard and to have their choices respected, within a human rights framework. They seek to develop leadership and participative democracy.

In response to an identified need by groups on the ground, the continued support of a Donor Advised Grant of \$25,000 this year will contribute towards the salary of a development worker to implement vital grass roots community leadership programmes.



No Mind Left Behind

No Mind Left Behind is an initiative designed to give promising young people from areas of social disadvantage an opportunity to complete third-level education.

An annual scholarship of €4,000 is provided to cover the costs of books, accommodation, and other key expenses. Our \$96,000 donation this year is supporting 9 students from St James Street CBS, some of whom will complete their 4 year degree this year, and 2 students from Trinity College for a 4 year scholarship. The programme has helped 300+ students so far.



Trinity College Dublin

Trinity Access Programmes

We are delighted to continue to support this programme in a very small way from Australia but the programme itself has pioneered initiatives to reach underrepresented students and support them in reaching their full educational potential. It delivers projects for students of every age from Primary through to Third Level.

Trinity Law School

One of the leading Law Schools in Europe, consistently ranked as one of the top 100 Law Schools in the world. With yearly scholarships donated by Ruth Tarlo to honour her Husband Hyman Tarlo, we are so very grateful for Ruth's continued support this year via bursaries to students to attend Trinity College, we thank Ruth and remember her Husband Hyman.

Trinity Old Library Redevelopment

Modest support from individuals via The Ireland Funds Australia is going towards the redevelopment plans that draws upon the best 21st-century design and technology to safeguard the Old Library structure and conserve the precious collections for future generations.





Trinity St James Cancer Institute

The Trinity St James's Cancer Institute (TSJCI) is an OECD accredited Cancer Centre that is transforming cancer care in Ireland by combining frontier science with excellent patient care and worldclass education to pioneer new ways to prevent and detect cancer and to lead the transformation to scientifically driven personalised cancer care and after care for patients in Ireland.

This year through a Donor Advised Gift we provided funds to enable detailed architectural drawings for the Institute.

We are also supporting 2 Ireland Funds Trinity Global Fellowships between TSJCI and the VCCC in Melbourne in 2025 - 2027.



174 Trust Northern Ireland

The 174 Trust is a Christian Community Development Organisation located in the most divided and disadvantaged area of North Belfast and is committed to "Building peace & promoting reconciliation".

This year our support will help with the increasing costs of overheads enabling 174 Trust to continue to keep the complex open as it is used on a day to day basis by cross communities where prejudice is challenged and people are changed.



Inner City Enterprise (ICE)

ICE advises and assists unemployed people in Dublin's inner city to set up their own businesses or create their own self-employment.

In 2024 our grant will help with running the Young Entrepreneurs Training Programme which will train 100 youth in hard and soft business skills as well as creating 20-25 new businesses.



Learning Hub Limerick

LHL works in partnership with parents, education providers, statutory agencies and the wider Limerick community to provide a safe, welcoming and inspiring learning environment where young people can reach their true potential. We deliver a wide range of educational programmes throughout the year, encouraging curiosity, a love of learning, creativity, healthy living and environmental sustainability.

Over the last 12 months over 36,816 visitors went to the Learning Hub to engage in various activities and to use the facilities. LHL serves over 1000 children, young people and families on average each week with many involved in multiple activities during and after the school day ends.

Our funds this year will be used to provide educational programmes to children most in need to help raise aspirations and increase opportunities in a creative, child-centered environment.



The Royal College of Surgeons

Supported for the purpose of furtherance of education and research by educating healthcare leaders who make a difference worldwide. The range of scholarships offer financial help to students from low-income families who have the potential to be outstanding doctors.



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Irish Support Agency NSW

The ISA's Mission is to provide front-line support to anyone in the Irish-Australian community who finds themselves in circumstances of vulnerability or distress. They endeavour to promote mental health & wellbeing and a sense of connection in the community.

They do this through referrals to qualified specialists for advice, running senior drop in groups, computer classes and outreach services. They are also there when someone from home needs practical guidance. Our Young Leaders are very pleased to be able to provide modest financial support in addition to volunteering their time at ISA activities and promoting the ISA's work and events on social media.



Irish Australian Support Association of Queensland

The IASAQ is a Charity Organisation that seeks to support the welfare of Irish Australians.

Founded in 2007, their mission is to provide appropriate and valued assistance to the Irish Australian Community in Queensland ensuring people feel supported in times of isolation, vulnerability and crisis, in addition to ensuring people feel connected to their culture and heritage.

Support from our Young Leaders, although modest, plays a role in enabling them to continue their important work.



Irish Australian Support & Resource Bureau

The IASRB is a non-profit organisation that was formed in the early 1970s with the aim of supporting the Irish Australian community. They have been supporting Irish Australians in a multitude of ways and assists the community by acting as a backbone of support, friendship and care in Victoria.

Our Young Leader support, though modest, will help towards the work they do.



Science Gallery Melbourne

The University of Melbourne hosts Australia's only node in the highly successful Science Gallery International network, founded at Trinity College in Dublin.

With funds we provided this year, Science Gallery Melbourne developed an Indigenous STEM Roadshow that was delivered from 10th to 12th September 2024 for 190 students from two regional schools in the Shepparton area from Greater Shepparton Secondary College and Notre Dame College.

A team of three Indigenous university students facilitated a hands-on Indigenous fire practice workshop – a module co-designed by a team of Indigenous university students with guidance from University of Melbourne based on his research. Through this method of delivery, the Indigenous facilitators not only gained professional development experience, but school students connected with Indigenous university student role models and gained unique insights about potential career pathways, particularly at Greater Shepparton College, which has a 14% Indigenous student enrolment.





Carbon Positive

The Ireland Funds Australia proudly supports Carbon Positive Australia with a modest donation to reduce carbon emissions and help regenerate select native species that support natural ecosystems and wildlife. Carbon Positive Australia is an Australian charity that has been restoring degraded sites through ecologically sensitive planting since 2001. To date they have restored over 5,000 hectares, planted over 6 million trees and captured almost 650,000 tonnes of carbon, collaborating with land holders, communities and environmental organisations, While reducing our carbon dioxide emissions is essential to limit the impacts of climate change, developing a 'carbon positive' approach has wider social, environmental and economic benefits.

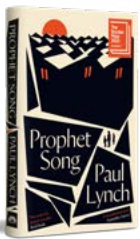


Other Activities



St Patrick Day Parade and Citizenship Ceremony

The Ireland Funds has sponsored the St Patrick's Day Citizenship Ceremony as a Gold Sponsor again in 2023. The Sydney St. Patrick's Day Committee deliver the best international St Patrick's Day celebrations to the Irish Australian community in Sydney and the Southern Hemisphere.



An Evening with Paul Lynch

Presented in partnership with The Ireland Funds and the University of NSW, we were thrilled to have internationally acclaimed author Paul Lynch with us to discuss his 2023 Booker Prize Winner Prophet Song on Thursday 23rd May, generously hosted by the Consulate General of Ireland, Sydney. It was an intimate evening enjoyed by 50 guests, with the conversation being led by Professor Elizabeth McMahon of UNSW.



YL Community Connections Event in partnership with the Consulate of Ireland

The Young Leaders worked together with the Consulate of Ireland in reaching out to young new arrivals within Australia to showcase some of the many community networks they can tap into.



The Young Leaders

The Young Leaders program, unique to The Ireland Funds, cultivates young friends of Ireland to network and support the philanthropic work of The Ireland Funds Australia. Paving the way for the future, their mission is to attract young leaders and professionals to develop an emerging generation of philanthropists, connect the global Irish community and inspire positive change.

We could not be more proud of the energy, vitality and innovation the Young Leaders bring to the work of the Ireland Funds worldwide.

Become a Young Leader member [here](#).

View our Young Leader Committee [here](#).



On behalf of all of us at The Ireland Funds and the programmes we support

THANK YOU

Together we can make a huge difference. To find out more and to support us, please contact TKeating@irelandfunds.org