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Application Guidelines

Community Impact Fund 2025

Application Period:

Online Applications, 13th December 2024 – 6th January 2025

IFGB Community Impact Fund 2025 Overview

Application Period

The Ireland Funds Great Britain Community Impact Fund will open for online applications on 13th December 2024. This year, IFGB will operate an open grant round and charities who meet the application criteria will be able to apply for funding by completing an online application form. The opportunity to apply is not a guarantee of funding.

The deadline for completed applications is Monday 6th January 2025.

Successful projects will be notified of their award offer by 28 February 2025.

Objective of the Grant Round

The objective of the Community Impact Fund is to contribute much needed funds to organisations supporting communities across Great Britain and Northern 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.
- Applications must be for project funding, but requests for salaries will be considered. Requests for other core costs will not be eligible this year.
- Only organisations based within Great Britain and Northern Ireland are eligible to apply.
- The project or activity for which you are seeking funding must take place within Great Britain 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 Grants 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.

Due Diligence

Due diligence is critical for The Ireland Funds. To be eligible, organisations must provide:

- Governing Document (i.e. Memorandum & Articles of Association; Trust Deed; Constitution)
- Financial Statements (Audited or Unaudited Accounts are equally accepted)

Depending on the charitable status of your organisation, the governing document must contain the following clauses:

- Income and Property including a Directors Clause:
 - Outlining the allocation of any income to the sole purpose of pursuing the organisations purpose and objects
 - Ensuring that any Directors will not be remunerated by salary or fees
 - Winding Up/Dissolution:
 - Providing security for income/funds should the organization cease operations. Funds are guaranteed to be transferred to an organisation with a similar charitable purpose.
 - Limited Liability:

Formal recognition that the company is limited by guarantee, as opposed to shares, and establishes that dividends etc. will not be afforded due to the organisation's status as a CLG
- 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 6th January 2025.
 - Applications must be received by the deadline set on the website. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.
 - Only applications of the highest quality will be considered by our Grants Committee and will be diligently scored.

Size of Awards

This year, charities will apply for grants of £10,000 to fund projects of significant impact. The final award offered is at the discretion of the Grants Committee and the IFGB Board. If your project does not require a grant of £10,000, you will have the opportunity to apply for a grant of £2,000 and state this in your application.

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.

Funding Priorities 2025

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.

Within our four pillars (Community Development, Peace, Education & Culture), we will prioritise applications from organisations working in the following spaces.

However, if your project falls out of these headers, you are still welcome to apply.

Relief of Poverty and Hardship

1. The avoidance of hardship by supporting vulnerable members of society, whether or not of Irish descent, and servicing basic/critical needs

Education and Training

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

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 funding priorities?
- Does the proposal clearly describe the issue that will be addressed and the intended impact or outcomes?
- 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?

Please review your application before submitting it to make sure that your responses have included the above information; only applications of the highest quality will be considered.

The IFGB Community Impact Fund 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)
- Consultancy fees
- Purchase of vehicles
- Animal welfare activities
- Marketing materials or publication costs

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