

Guide to the Online Portal

Heart of the Community Fund 2025 Round 2 Republic of Ireland

Apply Online: irelandfunds.org/grants 8th September – 26th September 2025

1. How to access the grant application portal

The Grants page on The Ireland Funds website https://irelandfunds.org/grants is where you will find all information, guidelines and additional materials relating to the Heart of the Community Fund, along with a link to the online grants portal.

When you have read the <u>application guidelines</u> and have confirmed that your organisation is eligible to apply to the Heart of the Community grant round, the first step is to access the grant application.

Scroll to the section 'How to Apply' and click 'Apply Now' to visit our grant application portal.



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Join us for our upcoming information sessions. These sessions, offered both inperson and online, provide detailed guidance on the application process and an opportunity to ask questions of The Ireland Funds' team.

Northern Ireland Information Sessions Webinar: Week of 2 June (Date TBC) In-Person: Wednesday, 18 June at 11 am 174 Trust, Belfast Registration Details Coming Soon

Republic of Ireland Information Sessions will be held in Dublin, Cork, and online via webinar in Autumn. Details coming soon.

Application Resources

Application Resources (coming soon)



Heart of the Community Fund 2025

This year, The Ireland Funds will deliver the Heart of the Community Fund through two separate grant rounds. The first round will launch on 29 May and support organisations in Northern Ireland. The second round will support organisations in the Republic of Ireland (dates TBC). This approach allows us to better address the needs of each region and maximise the positive outcomes of our funding.

The Ireland Funds uses Titan Forms to facilitate applications to the Heart of the Community Fund. Please review our <u>privacy policy</u> for information about how we manage and store your data.

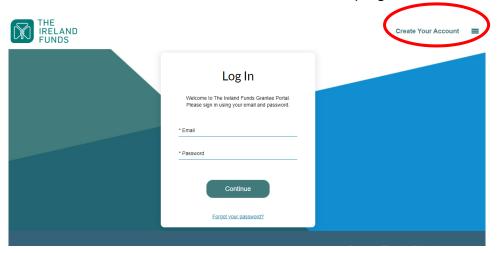
1.1. How to create an account on the portal

The Ireland Funds online portal was started in late 2022, so any organisation that did not apply for Heart of the Community Fund in 2022-2024 will need to create an account.

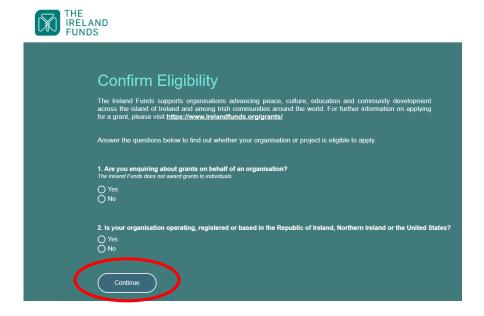
If you created an account for Heart of the Community Fund in a previous year, please skip to step 13, 'Log into the Grants Portal'.

Guidance for New Applicant Organisation i.e. did not apply previously to a grant round

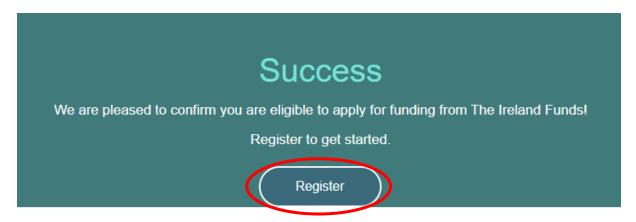
- 1. You will be directed to the below webpage, which is the homepage of The Ireland Funds grants portal.
- 2. Select the 'Create Your Account' button in the top right hand corner.



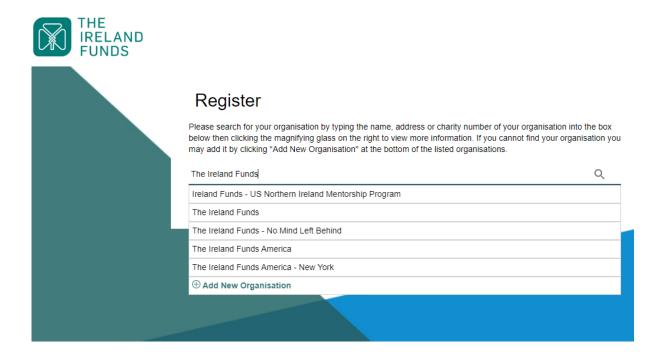
3. The below page will appear requesting you to confirm your eligibility. Select your answers and click 'Continue'.



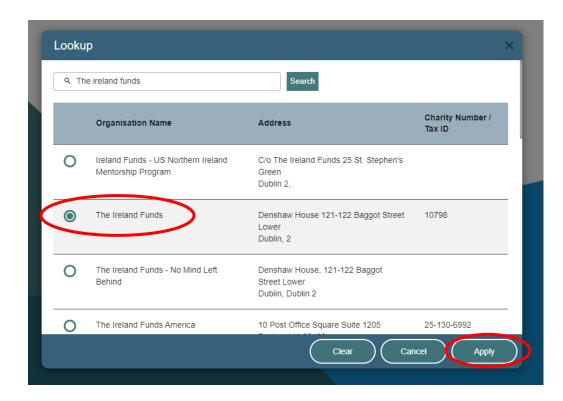
4. The below page will appear if you pass the initial account eligibility requirements. Click 'Register' to continue.



5. Type your organisation name into the search bar. It may appear in the top five results below the search bar, in which case you can select it from there.



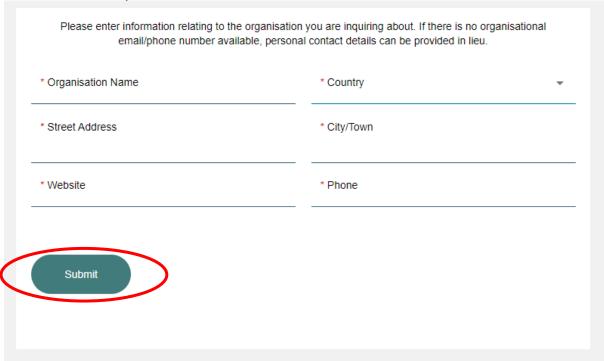
6. If it does not appear in the top search results, click the magnifying glass to bring up the longer list of results. If you find your organisation in this list, please click the radio button and then 'Apply'.



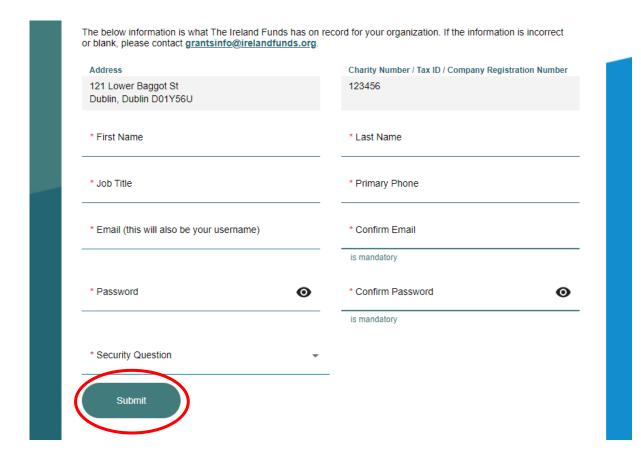
7. If your organisation did not appear in either the short or long list, you will need to add it by clicking 'Add New Organisation' on Register page



8. An information box will pop up for you to add your organisation's details. Fill out the required details and click 'Submit'.



- 9. Whether you set up a new organisation or not, the next step will be to fill out the information in the window shown below. If you have received a grant from The Ireland Funds previously, some of this information will auto-populate.
- 10. Fill out the required information and click 'Submit'.

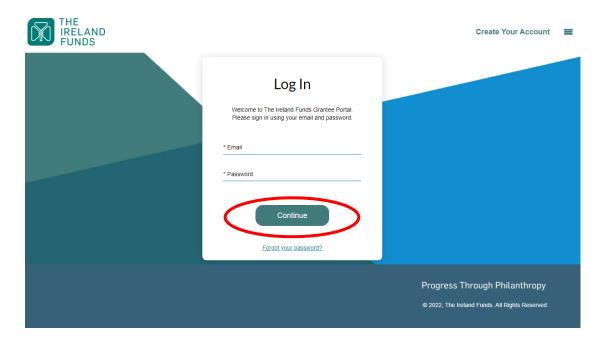


- 11. Once you submit, you will be directed to a confirmation page.
- 12. Form Titan will automatically generate an email with a link for you to verify your email address and finalise the account set-up. This email will be sent from the following address: noreply@formtitan.com. Click the link in the email to verify and return to the log-in page.
 - *Please note that depending on your email server, this email may be flagged as 'Spam'/'Junk' so if you have not received the email 5-10 minutes after registering, please check these folders.

You should now be able to log into the grants portal. Proceed to step 13.

Log into the Grants Portal https://irelandfunds.formtitan.com/ftproject/grantee/

13. Enter the email address and password you used for your account and click 'Continue'.



2. Start Your Application to Heart of the Community Fund

- 1. Once you 'Log In', you will be directed to the homepage of The Ireland Funds grantee portal.
- 2. Click 'View Open Funding Opportunities' to view the grant round that is currently open.



3. Click the magnifying glass next to 'Heart of the Community Fund 2025 – Round 1' to view the grant opportunity.



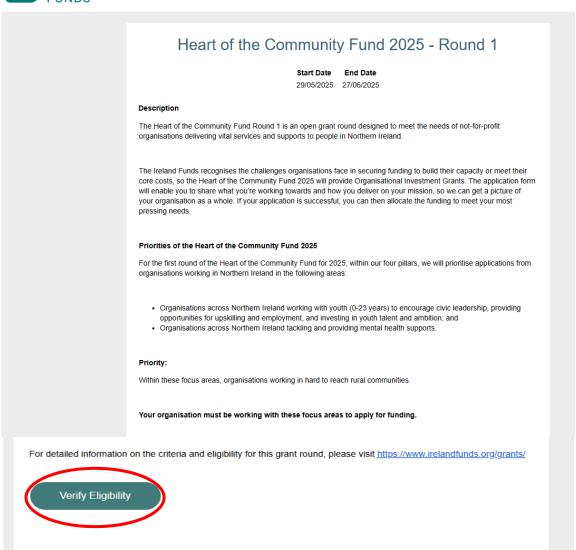
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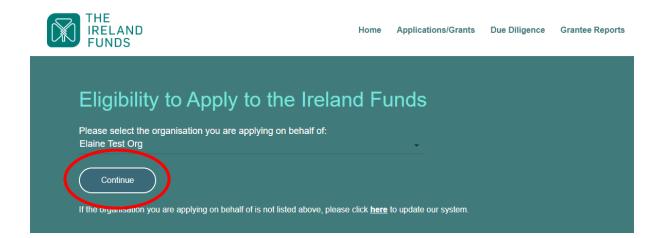
4. The next page will display information about the grant round. You can commence your application by clicking 'Verify Eligibility'. Please note: each organisation can only have one active grant application in progress for a given grant round. Once you click this button, you will be starting the grant application for your organisation.



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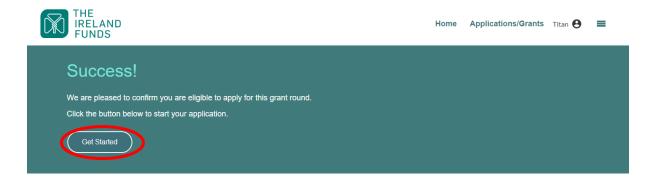
5. To begin, select the organisation you are applying on behalf of from the dropdown menu and click 'Continue'. Most people will only have one option in this list.



6. Answer the eligibility to apply questions and click 'Continue'.

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https://irelandfunds.formtitan.com/ftproject/grantee/hcf_eligibility?campaignid=701Uu0000047BVvIAM
Eligibility to Apply
 Does the activity or work for which you are seeking funding take place within the Republic of Ireland and/or Northern Ireland? Yes No
2. Does your organisation satisfy the due diligence requirements to receive funding from The Ireland Funds? The due diligence requirements are detailed in the application guidelines, which are available via this link. O Yes
○ No
3. Does your organisation have an annual turnover of less than €/£3,000,000? ○ Yes ○ No
4. Are you seeking funding for any of the following activities? • Individuals, bursaries, or scholarships • Medical expenses • Animal welfare activities • Commemorative structures • Advancement of religion/faith or religious beliefs • Political activities and promotion of individual political candidates
O Yes O No
5. Where is your organisation located? Northern Ireland Republic of Ireland
6. Is your organisation a registered charity? O Yes O No
7. Does your organisation have a Governing Document and recent Financial Statements? Yes No
Continue

7. You will receive confirmation of your eligibility on the next page. If you are eligible, click 'Get Started' to commence the application.

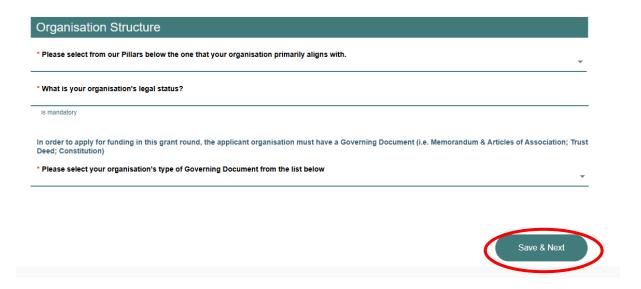


3. Frequently Asked Questions

i. Can I save and return to an application?

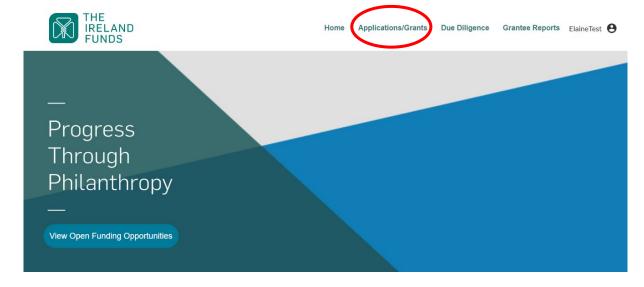
Yes, applications can be completed in stages and progress can be saved. We would encourage all applicants to save their applications frequently to ensure that no information is lost.

This can be done by scrolling to the bottom of the page and locating the 'Save and Next'. Selecting this will save all progress made on that section of the application form. Please note that in order to be able to save, all fields on that page must be inputted and fully complete - you cannot save a page if any fields are blank

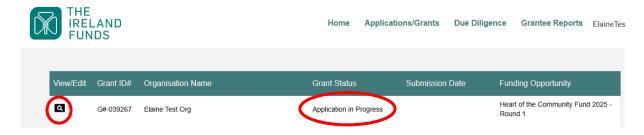


ii. I have logged into the portal to continue completing an application that I have already started but I can't find my application?

When you log in, click 'Applications/Grants' tab at the top of the page.



This will direct you to a list of your organisation's previous grants, as well as the current grant in progress. Click the magnifying glass to continue your application.

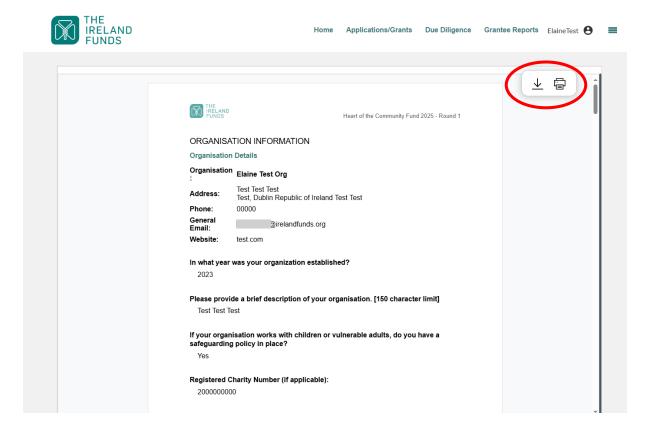


iii. Can I edit an application after it is submitted?

No, you will not be able to edit an application after it is submitted. We encourage you to review the application carefully before submitting to ensure that there are no errors or omissions.

iv. How do I save a copy of my completed application after submitting?

We recommend you download a copy of the completed application once it has been submitted. This can be done by clicking the download button:

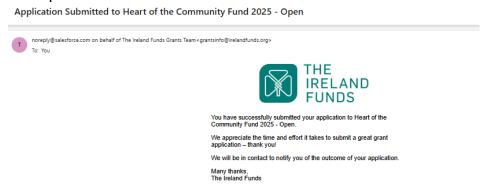


V. How do I know if my application has been successfully submitted?

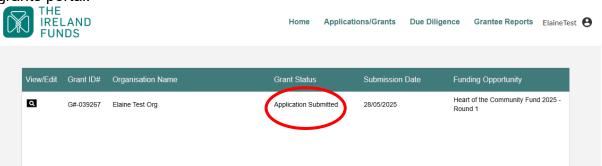
After you have submitted your application, you will receive an automatic email confirming your submission. This is receipt that you have submitted an application.

Please check your spam/junk/quarantine for this email if you have not received it.

Example of the confirmation email:



You can also check the status of the application in the Applications/Grants tab in the grants portal:



vi. I haven't received a confirmation email

This email will come from grantsinfo@irelandfunds.org (via noreply@salesforce.com)

Depending on your email provider, these emails can be marked as Junk/Spam so we always recommend checking these folders if you are not receiving emails at any stage of the process.

Contact Email for Further Questions or Portal Issues

If you have any further questions or issues not covered in this portal guidance, please email grantsinfo@irelandfunds.org and we will get back to you as soon as possible.