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Guide to the Online Portal

Heart of the Community Fund 2026

Round 1 Education and Innovation

Apply Online: irelandfunds.org/grants

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 [application guidelines](#) 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.

Grants

Application Information

WORKSHOPS

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

Belfast Information Session

In-Person
Wednesday, 11 March at 11:00 am
174 Trust
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Dublin Information Session

In-Person
TBC



Heart of the Community Fund 2026

This year, The Ireland Funds will award \$1 million in grants through two targeted rounds of the Heart of the Community Fund:

Round 1: Education and Innovation
Open 19 February – 20 March 2026

For the first open call grant round of the Heart of the Community Fund 2026 we will prioritise

The Ireland Funds uses Titan Forms to facilitate applications to the Heart of the Community Fund. Please review our [privacy policy](#) 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 2022-2025 will need to create an account.

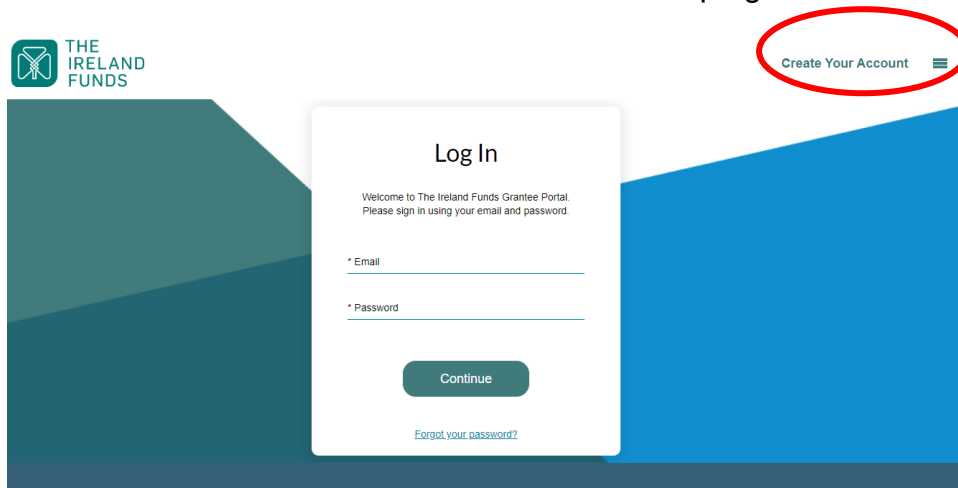
If you created an account for Heart of the Community Fund in a previous

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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'.

A screenshot of the 'Confirm Eligibility' page. The page has a dark teal background. At the top left is the 'THE IRELAND FUNDS' logo. The main heading is 'Confirm Eligibility'. Below this is a paragraph: 'The Ireland Funds supports organisations advancing peace, culture, education and community development across the island of Ireland and among Irish communities around the world. For further information on applying for a grant, please visit <https://www.irelandfunds.org/grants/>'. Below this is a sub-heading: 'Answer the questions below to find out whether your organisation or project is eligible to apply.' There are two questions: '1. Are you enquiring about grants on behalf of an organisation?' with a note 'The Ireland Funds does not award grants to individuals.' and '2. Is your organisation operating, registered or based in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland or the United States?'. Each question has radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. At the bottom, there is a 'Continue' button, which is circled in red.

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

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Success

We are pleased to confirm you are eligible to apply for funding from The Ireland Funds!

Register to get started.

Register

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.



Register

Please search for your organisation by typing the name, address or charity number of your organisation into the box below then clicking the magnifying glass on the right to view more information. If you cannot find your organisation you may add it by clicking "Add New Organisation" at the bottom of the listed organisations.

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Ireland Funds - US Northern Ireland Mentorship Program	
The Ireland Funds	
The Ireland Funds - No Mind Left Behind	
The Ireland Funds America	
The Ireland Funds America - New York	
⊕ Add New Organisation	

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'.

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Lookup

Search: The Ireland funds

Organisation Name	Address	Charity Number / Tax ID
☐ Ireland Funds - US Northern Ireland Mentorship Program	C/o The Ireland Funds 25 St. Stephen's Green Dublin 2,	
☒ The Ireland Funds	Denshaw House 121-122 Baggot Street Lower Dublin, 2	10798
☐ The Ireland Funds - No Mind Left Behind	Denshaw House, 121-122 Baggot Street Lower Dublin, Dublin 2	
☐ The Ireland Funds America	10 Post Office Square Suite 1205	25-130-6992

Buttons: Clear, Cancel, **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

+ Add New Organisation

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

Please enter information relating to the organisation you are inquiring about. If there is no organisational email/phone number available, personal contact details can be provided in lieu.

* Organisation Name	* Country
* Street Address	* City/Town
* Website	* Phone

Submit

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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'.

The below information is what The Ireland Funds has on record for your organization. If the information is incorrect or blank, please contact grantsinfo@irelandfunds.org.

Address 121 Lower Baggot St Dublin, Dublin D01Y56U	Charity Number / Tax ID / Company Registration Number 123456
* First Name	* Last Name
* Job Title	* Primary Phone
* Email (this will also be your username)	* Confirm Email
	is mandatory
* Password	* Confirm Password
	is mandatory
* Security Question	

Submit

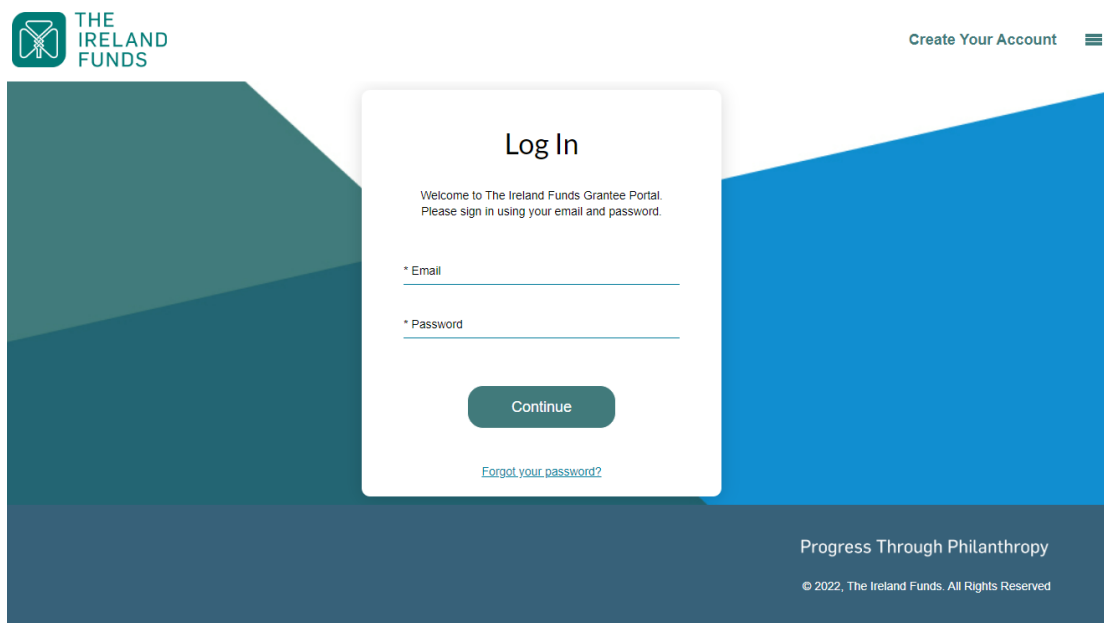
11. Once you submit, you will be directed to a confirmation page.
12. Form Titan will automatically generate an email with a link for you to verify your email address and finalise the account set-up. This email will be sent from the following address: noreply@formtitan.com. Click the link in the email 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/>

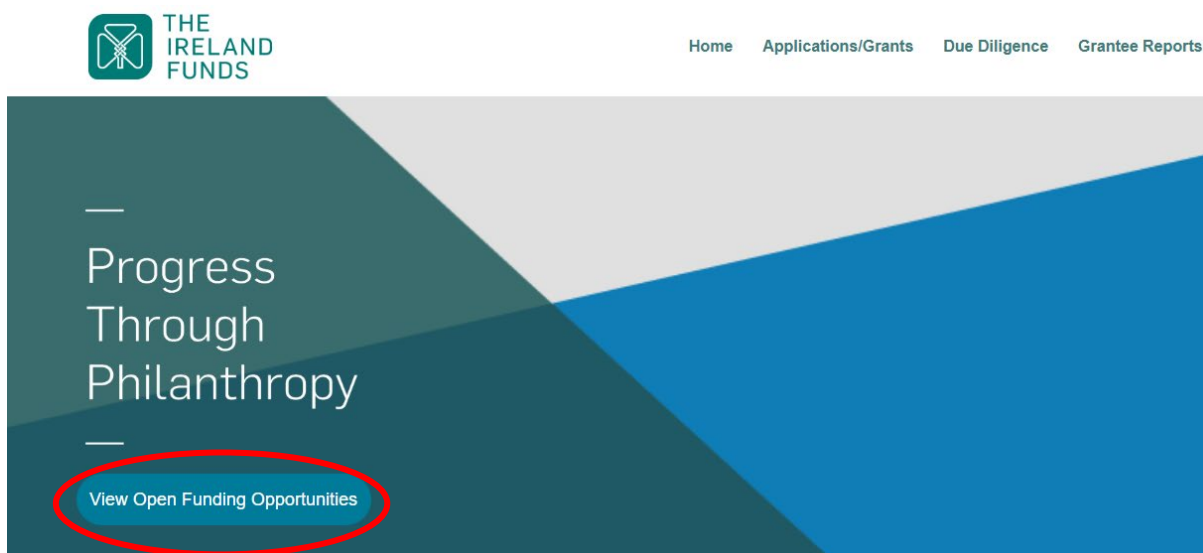
13. Enter the email address and password you used for your account and click 'Continue'.

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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 2026 – Round 1' to view the grant opportunity.

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View	Grant Name	Start Date	End Date
	Heart of the Community Fund 2026 - Round 1	19/02/2026	20/03/2026

- 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.**

VSC Test Heart of the Community Fund 2026 - Round 1

Start Date **End Date**
 18/02/2026 20/03/2026

Description

The Heart of the Community Fund Round 1 is an open grant round designed to meet the needs of not-for-profit organisations delivering vital services and supports to people on the island of Ireland.

The Ireland Funds recognises the challenges organisations face in securing funding to build their capacity or meet their core costs, so the Heart of the Community Fund 2026 will provide Organisational Investment Grants. The application form will enable you to share what you're working towards and how you deliver on your mission, so we can get a picture of your organisation as a whole. If your application is successful, you can then allocate the funding to meet your most pressing needs.

Priorities of the Heart of the Community Fund 2026

For the first open call grant round of the Heart of the Community Fund 2026 we will prioritise applications from organisations working in two areas, (i) education, and (ii) innovation.

- **Education:** This priority focuses on organisations providing access to learning, both formal and informal, across all age levels.
- **Innovation:** This priority supports organisations taking innovative approaches to address a problem, either by creating something new or enhancing an existing solution.

Your organisation must be working with these focus areas to apply for funding.

For detailed information on the criteria and eligibility for this grant round, please visit <https://www.irelandfunds.org/grants/>

Verify Eligibility

- 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.

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Eligibility to Apply to the Ireland Funds

Please select the organisation you are applying on behalf of:

Elaine Test Org

Continue

If the organisation you are applying on behalf of is not listed above, please click [here](#) to update our system.

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

The Ireland Funds Grantee Portal x +

https://irelandfunds.formtitan.com/ftp/project/grantee/hcf_eligibility?campaignid=701Uu0000047BVvIAM

Eligibility to Apply

1. 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](#).
☐ Yes
☐ No
3. Does your organisation have an annual turnover of less than €13,000,000?
☐ 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☐ Yes
☐ No
5. Where is your organisation located?
☐ Northern Ireland
☐ Republic of Ireland
6. Is your organisation a registered charity?
☐ Yes
☐ 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.

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Home Applications/Grants Titan

Success!

We are pleased to confirm you are eligible to apply for this grant round.
Click the button below to start your application.

Get Started

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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**

Organisation Structure

* Please select from our Pillars below the one that your organisation primarily aligns with.

* What is your organisation's legal status?

is mandatory

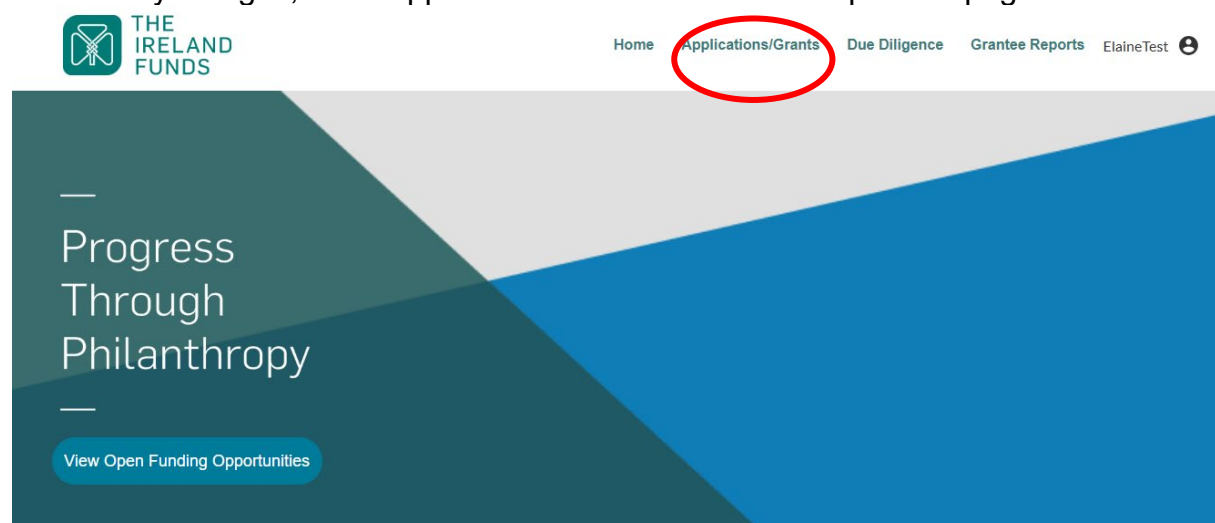
In order to apply for funding in this grant round, the applicant organisation must have a Governing Document (i.e. Memorandum & Articles of Association; Trust Deed; Constitution)

* Please select your organisation's type of Governing Document from the list below

Save & Next

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

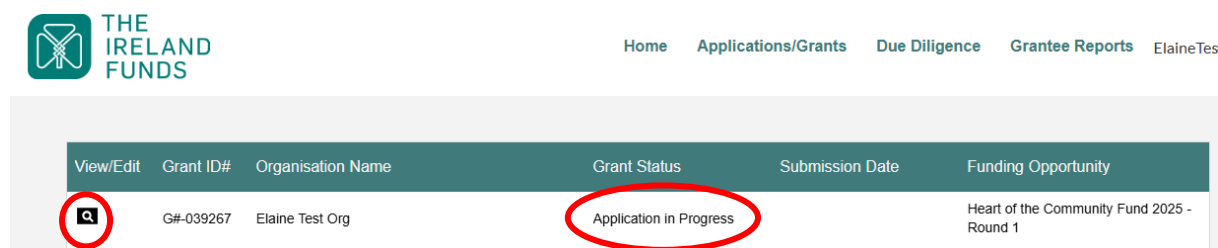
When you log in, click 'Applications/Grants' tab at the top of the page.



This will direct you to a list of your organisation's previous grants, as well as the

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current grant in progress. Click the magnifying glass to continue your application.



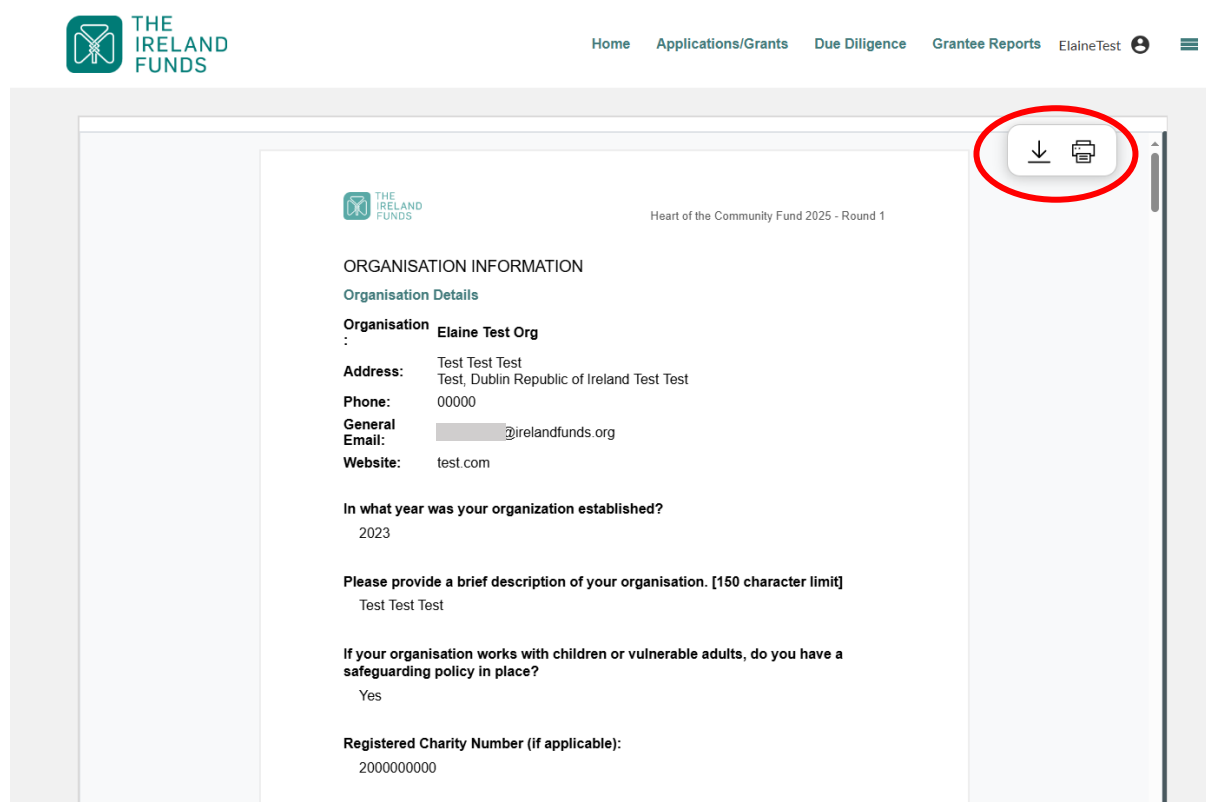
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	G#-039267	Elaine Test Org	Application in Progress		Heart of the Community Fund 2025 - Round 1

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:



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Heart of the Community Fund 2025 - Round 1

ORGANISATION INFORMATION

[Organisation Details](#)

Organisation : Elaine Test Org

Address: Test Test Test
Test, Dublin Republic of Ireland Test Test

Phone: 00000

General Email: @irelandfunds.org

Website: test.com

In what year was your organization established?
2023

Please provide a brief description of your organisation. [150 character limit]
Test Test Test

If your organisation works with children or vulnerable adults, do you have a safeguarding policy in place?
Yes

Registered Charity Number (if applicable):
2000000000

v. How do I know if my application has been successfully

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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:

Application Submitted to Heart of the Community Fund 2025 - Open



noreply@salesforce.com on behalf of The Ireland Funds Grants Team <grantsinfo@irelandfunds.org>
To: You



You have successfully submitted your application to Heart of the Community Fund 2025 - Open.

We appreciate the time and effort it takes to submit a great grant application – thank you!

We will be in contact to notify you of the outcome of your application.

Many thanks,
The Ireland Funds

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



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View/Edit	Grant ID#	Organisation Name	Grant Status	Submission Date	Funding Opportunity
	G#-039267	Elaine Test Org	Application Submitted	28/05/2025	Heart of the Community Fund 2025 - Round 1

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.

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