

# The Community Foundation for Ireland

Instead of, or in addition to a grant, the Foundation may offer the support of its board, committees and staff to provide expertise and assistance.

The Community Foundation is keen to give active support to organisations where possible and welcomes invitations to attend open days and AGMs.

When the Community Foundation cannot support an application it will try to suggest alternative sources of funding

## The Community Foundation for Ireland

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## How to apply

1. Please use the accompanying Grant Application Form. This can be downloaded at [www.communityfoundation.ie/grants](http://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants). If you require a hard copy, please call **01 874 7354**.
2. We recommend that you save the form to your desktop, named the same name as your organisation. Please complete the form in full and email it to [info@foundation.ie](mailto:info@foundation.ie)
3. The form may also be posted to: Grants Officer, The Community Foundation for Ireland, 32 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin 1

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and are assessed three times per year. You will receive an acknowledgement of your application within 5 working days. Applications are considered by an independent Grant Advisory Board and recommendations approved at Foundation Board meetings.

## Types of projects we fund

The Community Foundation makes grants to not-for-profit and voluntary groups working in communities throughout the Republic of Ireland. The Community Foundation will favour projects leading to the social inclusion of people and communities who are excluded by reason of geography, race, age, disability, family circumstances, poverty, gender or race. The Small Grants Scheme has a particular focus on:

### 1. Carers

Support for carers including actions such as the development of social networks, local respite initiatives

### 2. Older People

2a. For **outreach schemes** which assist older people to join social groups and networks in their community. This is a pilot scheme whereby grants will be a maximum of €2,000.

The foundation will require grantees to share learning of the strategies employed. Such information will be disseminated as best practice to other groups

2b. For projects promoting **social contact for older isolated men**

3b. For groups who are working with older people through visitation/ phone services and with older people who are in hospitals/ nursing homes for long periods

### 3. Families at Risk – Pilot Grants Scheme

Aimed at very vulnerable children, this scheme is for projects which provide supports allowing children at particular risk to participate in social and educational activities within

their community. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that children are at particular risk. Indicators include substance misuse issues in the family setting, if they are in receipt of social work services, or in consistent poverty

#### **4. Sexual Minorities**

Supports for sexual minorities, especially outreach projects to LGBT ethnic minorities and those in rural areas

#### **5. Ethnic Minorities**

Assisting the building of networks and structures for ethnic minorities, with a particular emphasis on Integration

#### **6. Mental Health and Integration**

Community integration and supports for people who have had recent mental health difficulties

#### **The Small Grants Scheme seeks to**

Support areas of work that are currently not well funded by the state

Target areas of work where a small grant can create a new opportunity or make an obvious addition

Be relevant to urban and rural areas

### **SMALL GRANTS SCHEME GRANTMAKING POLICY AND GUIDELINES**

Some other things to bear in mind

- Applications must be from community and voluntary groups that possess charitable aims and are not for profit
- A commitment to equal opportunities must be demonstrated
- A willingness to share learning with others if necessary
- Multiple applications may be made, provided they are for separate projects
- Services users should be involved in the design, planning and delivery of the project
- For larger grants the piece of work must be sustainable beyond a three-year period or the project must be completed within this time
- Commitment to working in partnership with other organisations must be demonstrated
- Proposals must include clear, detailed, realistic costs and timescales
- We will consider all requests fairly and will do our best to take any particular need into account

#### **Costs**

Most grants are in the range of €1,000 to €1,500. The maximum small grant is €5,000.

On the Grant Application Form, please supply a breakdown of the costs that will be involved in your project.

If other funding is being sought, please indicate for which portion of the project you require funding

#### **Reporting Requirements**

Organisations in receipt of a grant will be required to provide Outcome Reports (after six months), updates and newsletters.

The Foundation will also require the mention of the grant in annual reports, accounts and any appropriate publications. We are always pleased to receive good quality digital photographs if possible.

The Grants Officer undertakes Evaluation visits to grantees on an annual basis. Your co-operation is requested, should you be selected for such a visit.

The things we do not normally give grants for are:

- Non-charitable activities
- Sponsorship and fundraising events
- Capital projects  
(including building, refurbishment and equipment costs)
- Core or ongoing costs (including salaries)
- Work that has already taken place
- Individuals
- Overseas Travel
- Promotion of religious causes
- Statutory organisations or a  
direct replacement of statutory funding
- Sports without an identifiable charitable element
- Animal charities / work which only benefits animals
- Medical research, equipment or treatment
- Political activities

**The Small Grants Scheme** aims to assist projects working to respond to isolation and to develop a more diverse society.

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**2009 Closing Dates:**

**27th February** (successful grantees will receive their grants in April)

**31st July** (successful grantees will receive their grants in September)

**30th October** (successful grantees will receive their grants in December)

**The Community Foundation** is a donor services and grant-making organisation. The Foundation – a registered charity - was established in 2000 with the support of Government and the business sector. It has grown with the support of individuals, families, businesses, religious and other institutions, enabling them engage in effective philanthropic activity by getting funds to the most deserving and effective local grassroots causes.

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