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Application Guidelines

Annual Grant Round 2021/22

Application Period:

Letters of Enquiry: November 8th – November 21st 2021

IFGB Grants Round 2021/22 Overview

Application Period

The Ireland Funds Great Britain Annual Grant Round will open for online applications on 8th November 2021. We operate a two-stage application process:

1. **Letter of Enquiry:** Organisations across Great Britain and Ireland are invited to submit a Letter of Enquiry outlining a project that they wish to receive funding for in this year's Grant Round. Letters of Enquiry will be accepted between 8th and 19th November via an online portal. The deadline will be 11pm GMT on Sunday 21st November and late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

2. **Application form:** Following a review of the Letters of Enquiry, the IFGB Grants Committee will invite a shortlist of applicants to complete a detailed application form for funding. A deadline for the submission of the application form will be advised at the time of invitation.

Successful projects will be notified of their award offer in February 2022.

Objective of the Grant Round

The objective of the Grant Round is to contribute much needed funds to organisations supporting communities across Great Britain and the island of Ireland, whether or not of Irish descent.

Eligibility and Rules

- Only not-for-profit and charitable organisations with an 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 website. Hard copy or emailed applications will not be accepted.
- Only organisations based within Great Britain and the 32 counties of Ireland and Northern Ireland are eligible to apply.
- The project or activity for which you are seeking funding must take place within Great Britain and the 32 counties of Ireland.
- Grants will not be made to organisations for projects which have completed, or for the repayment of debt.
- Shortlisted 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 before a grant is drawn down.

- A specific sum of money must be sought (**up to €10,000 or £10,000**)
- Application forms not completed fully will not be considered. If you are unsure as to whether your application has been submitted, please contact the Grants Office before the deadline of 21st November 2020.
- Applications must be received by the deadline set on the website. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Size of Awards

Organisations may apply for funding between £/€1,000 and £/€10,000. It should be noted that the average grant awarded last year was £4,000.

Evaluation

Letters of Enquiry and application forms will be reviewed and evaluated by the IFGB Grants Committee. A recommendation 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 following funding priority guidelines:

IFGB Annual Grant Round Funding Priorities

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.

Below, we have provided a description of activities The Ireland Funds aims to support under each priority area. Please review the list carefully and ensure that your proposed project fits at least one of these categories.

Community Development

We invest in local communities by supporting initiatives that contribute to:

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

Peace

We support communities in Northern Ireland by prioritising initiatives that contribute to:

1. The strengthening of cross-community relations
2. The treatment and resolution of transgenerational trauma
3. Assisting young people at risk across Northern Ireland's communities.

Education

We support programmes that contribute to:

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

Culture

We support the promotion of arts and culture by prioritising initiatives that contribute to:

1. Connecting communities with Irish culture and heritage
2. Sharing Irish culture with the next generation and across communities

When assessing the merits of each application, The Ireland Funds will consider the following:

- Is it clear what the group is proposing?
- 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?

The Small Grants Round will not provide support for:

- Tuition, course fees, accreditation costs
- Medical expenses
- Purchase of buildings or land
- Construction or refurbishment projects
- Salaries
- Travel expenses (transportation, accommodation, field trips)
- Purchase of vehicles
- One-off events – performance production, conferences, festivals
- Consultancy fees
- Animal welfare activities
- Marketing materials or publication costs

For queries regarding the Annual Grant Round, Letter of Enquiry or Application form and process, please contact The Ireland Funds Grants Team by email at ifgb@irelandfunds.org