

# **Cavan Public Participation Network 2023 Funding Book**



**Public Participation  
Network Cavan**

## **List of 2023 Advertised Grant and Funding Opportunities For Community Groups**

**Plus Your Guide, Workbook  
& Calendar For 2024 Applications**

Below: Flemming's Folly, Ballinagh



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## Foreword by CavanPPN Chair

It takes a village to raise a child and though all life on earth is an ecosystem, it could be an ecosystem of generosity and abundance and when we begin to improve things at any point we improve them at all points. The good news we now have is that the public and communities are organizing at the grassroots level for their representation.



At the end of the day, we have to all realise we're all on the same side. We can move away from things like Black Friday and move to a more connected community, we can belong in a place we can roll our sleeves up and take part in. To create the future we want for ourselves and our children we have many things we need to do, too many for any one individual. But together we can. By coming together, finding common ground of collaboration we can end up in a better place than where we started. Community is where this happens.

We at CavanPPN have put together this list of funding opportunities for community groups in Cavan. It serves as a guide for your group to fund projects in your fields of interest and expertise. CavanPPN is here to help you define your Problem/Solution impact and we want you to succeed in delivering well-funded bottom-up solutions for the benefit of your community.

- Fiachra Keogh, November 2023

## Foreword by CavanPPN Coordinator

Welcome to this funding guide. We recognize that it is sometimes hard to manage funding applications and the windows to do so are often too narrow for volunteers who might only meet sporadically. Therefore, we wanted to give you this handy document to show what funds we advertised in 2023 so that you might know what may be available to you to apply for in 2024.



This is also an opportunity to see how the PPN can be of benefit to you and your groups in helping develop community in our county. Helping to help our County be a better place to call home is the aim of CavanPPN, and we'd love you to be supported with funding opportunities to do the brilliant work you do as part of your group.

On a final note, I'd encourage you as communities to take part in your PPN and to help it work together as a network of hundreds of Cavan groups. To sum up our message in two words, we are all of us:

**'BETTER TOGETHER'**

- Daniel Downey, November 2023

## Introduction– What’s Is The PPN?

Public Participation Networks (PPNs) are networks of community groups across Ireland who work to support community:

### REPRESENTATION    CAPACITY BUILDING    &    NETWORKING

PPNs were launched under The 2014 Local Government Act and on January 27th 2024 will be a decade old. They host over 18,500 community groups nationwide and order these groups both geographically and by pillars of:

### ENVIRONMENT    SOCIAL INCLUSION    &    COMMUNITY/VOLUNTARY

CavanPPN has over 350 registered groups in County Cavan who provide REPRESENTATION through 37 elected representatives on 18 boards and committees across the county. It also provides CAPACITY BUILDING through provision of free training, workshops, publications like this and one-to-one development support to member community groups. And finally, we support NETWORKING through hosting countywide Roadshows in each of the areas of Cavan and twice per year host a Plenary Conference for groups to come together and learn about one another and how to work together better on common themes and solutions for community.

PPNs are funded by The Department of Rural and Community Development and County Councils in order to provide community inputs into developing local policies and actions and to ensure a community voice is at the heart of change in our society. Our own PPN is hosted by Cavan County Local Development and CavanPPN has seen constant growth over the years and currently has over 350 community groups registered with it, up from 130 in 2017. We aim to provide a continued support and representative voice for community groups in County Cavan and invite you to contribute your voice to the collective of community voices which make up CavanPPN.



*For more information please refer to our website  
[www.cavanppn.ie](http://www.cavanppn.ie) or contact our staff on  
[info@cavanppn.ie](mailto:info@cavanppn.ie)*



## A Short Guide To Funding Your Funding Document

CavanPPN is happy to bring you this guide to community funding. It is by no means an exhaustive guide to funds, but merely a compilation of all the funds we have processed for community groups in County Cavan throughout 2023.

You see, one of the largest issues for community groups is that funding windows are so short. Not enough time to gather your team, consider your work and make the application. Some local funders, particularly LEADER and Peace, are more open calls and pre-advertise many of their funds. But the majority of funders advertise with a limited deadline.

We can't seem to influence the funder in this regard, but we can provide this document to help you to be ready for potential applications going forward. We encourage community leaders to use this document to plan your potential applications going forward and we've collated the data both into yearly quarters and months according to how it was sent to us throughout 2023.

As mentioned, this is not all the funding out there and some of the funding in here may either not be continued into 2024 or may have an alternative date or details. In that case, we would encourage you to reach out and contact the funder to research the fund your group is interested in applying for.

Funders are not 'gatekeepers' of money, but 'shepherds of legacy' and they WANT to get the money out to legitimate community groups that will wisely spend the money on impactful projects. That's why, within their capacity to do so, funders will usually help applicants to successfully make an application and it's always VERY well worth it to reach out to them through the information given.

Finally, we hope this may be a useful resource to you and we'd like to thank the funders for sending their information throughout 2023 to our 353 community groups through our weekly ENews and to you, the groups for making good use of funds to positively change our county.

*For more information please refer to our website  
[www.cavanppn.ie](http://www.cavanppn.ie) or contact our staff on [info@cavanppn.ie](mailto:info@cavanppn.ie)*

*Below: The Erne River By Night & Day in Crossdoney, County Cavan*



## Making Applications and Approaching Funders

Making applications can be an easy or a grueling process. Some forms and funds can be simple one page documents but others vast labyrinths of administrative and bureaucratic detail. But even these harder ones can be made easy with forward planning and asking the funder for support.

When making an application, first ensure you have all your required information. Most funders of community finance require that you have a committee which meets regularly (and may require AGM minutes to reflect this), at least a constitution to ensure some governance to guide and protect the organization, and records of your financial arrangements to receive and administer the funds.

Beyond this, we come to the project expression of interest. This varies according to the requirements of the funder but all share a few things in common:

They need **clarity**, essentially a clear and understandable project proposal. Should you be struggling to explain it to someone who knows your organization then the funder will struggle to understand it too. Practice with your team mates.

They need **governance**. Some form of structure to show that this is not simply an individual applying for community money and that there is a set of rules that determines how the group is run and how its members operate.

They need **assurance**. Funders are the custodians of money and they not only need to know what it's being spent on but why and how it will be spent. This is to assure the funder that it's a worthwhile investment so that the "money in" will lead to a "results out" end.

So, we encourage you to reach out to the funder of your choice from among the 76 we've detailed here to ask them....

*What clarity can we give you on our proposal?*

*What governance should we demonstrate to you from our community group?*

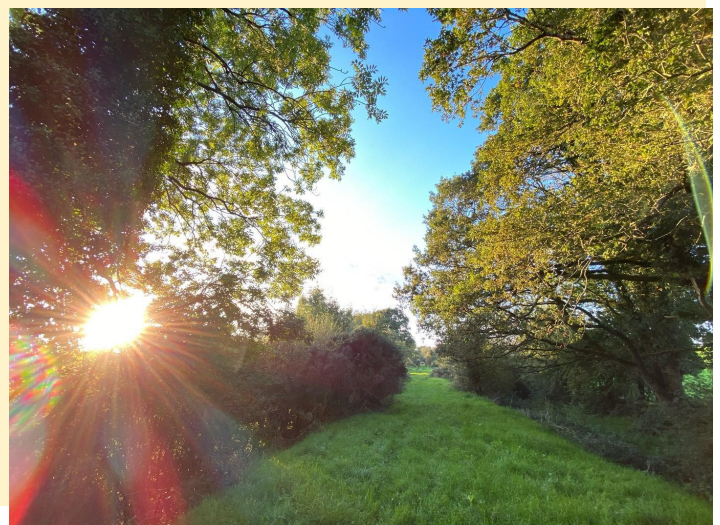
*What assurances can we give to consolidate your confidence in your investment?*

One final and most VITAL component is team work. You need to spend time with and meet your fellow members to work on applications. Cups of tea are the fuel for community work:

Groups Who Tea Together Succeed Together!

So, we invite you now to come together, look through these funders and consider your options and ideas. Good luck!

Image: The Old Killeshandra Railway Line.



## Managing A Project and Rallying Your Team

So, you've been successful in your application. The money is on its way and your project looks likely to get off the ground. What's next?

First, your group needs to devise what's called a PRODUCTION SCRIPT. This is just a fancy term for a timeline plan. Here's a very simple example:

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	REPORT
NOW	GATHER THE TEAM AND ALLOCATE JOBS	THE CHAIR	X DOES Y Z DOES Q ETC
JANUARY	SORT OUT BANK ACCOUNTS AND START LOOKING FOR QUOTES FOR X.Y.Z	TEAM X (Q,R AND S)	WE DID THAT BUT STILL WAITING ON 1 QUOTE
FEBRUARY	BOOK ALL THE VENUES AND SORT THE GUESTS ALONG WITH ADVERTISING.	ADVERTS—TEAM X VENUE & GUESTS—TEAM Y	1 GUEST CANCELLED, LOOKING FOR REPLACEMENT.

As you can see, this not only serves as a way to get people engaged but also helps to provide a planned format going forward and as a report you can print to show the funder how organised you are with the challenges met and overcome along the way. It's VERY important to delegate but also make sure the team comes together to make everyone aware of what's going on. It may seem easier for one person to take all on but this both isn't healthy and is against community spirit of empowering everyone to 'own' their project.

A good leader will ENABLE EMPOWERMENT by DISEMPOWERING themselves for the sake of spread ownership.

And the MOST IMPORTANT thing in community projects is TEA! If you only ever come together to talk shop no relationships are built. Always set aside social time for people to chat and get to know one another. When it comes to community groups....

**THOSE WHO TEA TOGETHER  
SUCCEED TOGETHER!!!**



# Reporting & Oversight & Legacy

## Reporting

Reporting is simply the art of keeping track and record of your project. This can be internal (among your members or for yourself) or external (for your funder, partners or public). Reporting is essential to make sure there is an accurate overview of the project and indeed of your community group and helps to recognize key victories and how to improve in your work. Reports can be very simple one-liners or medium templates like the one on the previous page. They can also be VERY detailed and some funders like this level of detail, down to the receipt for the cup of tea you had. Clarify this with your funder. Ask them:

*What level of reporting would you like to see throughout the project?*

## Oversight

Good governance is useless without oversight. No amount of policies or procedures or paperwork can protect a group from bad oversight. Oversight is simply the ability of a group to keep an eye on the life of your project. When it comes to oversight, the leads or lead in a project needs to provide a keen eye on the thresholds of responsibility of the parts of the project and ensure that the requirements are being met. If there's a financial element then someone needs to ensure that the spending is being done within the threshold of the funding allocated and not any way outside that. When someone has responsibility for attendance for an event then someone has to know the data protection for the details of those who attend. Oversight does require a knowledge of policies that group should have to protect themselves and those engaging in the project. Demonstrating these policies and oversight regarding these policies will help improve your chances of application and assuage the fears of funders that they might be allocating money to a project without protections and guidelines.

## Legacy

'Legacy' is probably the most overlooked element to a community funded project. In essence this is the impact of the project beyond the lifetime of the project. How does the project positively impact on the area it's in, well after the funding is done and dusted. For example, applying for funding for a village green is great but identify how this green will have a positive impact on the youth of the area, creating a greater sense of belonging for them to their communities and therefore decrease their anti-social behavior toward the area of which they now feel they belong. Funders will love to see this and even more so, to hear from you with a follow on photo or report well after the last penny is spent. It's also a nice way to build an on-going relationship with your funder.



## ***CALENDAR OF FUNDS (FROM 2023) QUARTER 1***

### **JANUARY**

The Community Voluntary Sector Energy Scheme  
Waterways Ireland Heritage in Community Grant

The Community Supports Fund  
The Community Heritage Grant

### **FEBRUARY**

Healthy Ageing Grant  
Fit for Life Award  
Irish Youth Foundation Bursary  
ReThink Ireland  
Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant  
Shared Island Civic Society Fund

The Charlemagne Youth Prize  
European Youth Foundation Grant  
Africa Day Event Funds  
Cavan Calling Grants Scheme  
CMETB REACH Funding

### **MARCH**

Irish Men's Shed Fund  
The HeadStart Fund  
Europe Day Fund  
Disability Participation Awareness Fund  
National Lottery Good Causes Award  
Vulnerable Women & Families in the International Protection process Fund

Community Recognition Fund  
CREATE National Women's Council Award  
CREATE Artists Residency Award  
Energy Support Scheme  
Artists In Community Fund

### **YOUR NOTES HERE:**

## ***CALENDAR OF FUNDS (FROM 2023) QUARTER 2***

### **April**

Cavan Sports Clubs Grant Scheme  
Council Municipal District Grants  
Adult Literacy for Life Grant  
HSE Suicide Prevention Fund

ESB Wind Farm Community Fund  
Connect For Life Fund  
Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme

### **May**

The Children's Promise Grant  
2023 Clar Grant  
Natura 2000 Award

Active Citizenship & Equality Fund  
International Protection Integration Fund  
Ireland Against Racism Fund

### **June**

Community Worker's Bursary  
Coca-Cola Thank You Fund

National Lottery Health Social Care Fund  
Women of Ireland Empowerment Fund

### **YOUR NOTES HERE:**

## CALENDAR OF FUNDS (FROM 2023) QUARTER 3

### July

Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)  
Circular Economy Supports Grant

Community Centres Investment Fund  
LGBT+ Community Services Fund

### August

LEADER Food Initiative

RISE Community Fund

### September

Sports Capital Equipment Grant  
The St. Stephen's Green Trust  
The Rural Action Awards  
Funding Across Borders Interreg Funding

The Civil Society EESC Prize  
Age & Opportunity Active National Grant  
Meet & Code Community Grant  
Healthy Eating Project Fund

### YOUR NOTES HERE:

## CALENDAR OF FUNDS (FROM 2023) QUARTER 4

### October

The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme  
Biodiversity Funding

Local Wind Farm Funding  
Traveller Accom. Small Grants Scheme

### November

HSE Children's Disability Service Grant  
Arts Council Festival Fund  
Local Bereavement Development Grant

Clean Energy Transition Funding  
Irish Aid Global Citizenship Fund

### December

The Water Development Fund  
Movement for Good Fund  
Asylum, Migration & Integration Fund

Creative Europe Cooperation Arts Award  
Fit for Life Awards  
Children's Rights Alliance Food Poverty Fund

### OPEN ON ROLLING BASIS OR SECTIONED WINDOWS FOR SPECIFIC FUNDING

The Peace Plus Fund  
The Community Climate Activation Fund  
Cavan County Local Development (& SICAP) Funds

LEADER  
The International Fund for Ireland

### YOUR NOTES HERE:



## **JANUARY**

### **Community Voluntary Sector Energy Support Scheme**

**Closing Date: Friday, 20 January 2023, 3pm**

The **Community and Voluntary Energy Support Scheme (CVESS)** launched on the 21 November to provide for a once-off payment to eligible charities and community and voluntary sector organisations towards their **energy costs** for 2022. Given the level of interest, the scheme will re-open for applications until **Friday, 20 January 2023 at 3pm (15:00 hrs)**. Organisations that have an application in draft will be able to complete and submit their application. Organisations that have already submitted their application will not be able to re-apply. Please note that the application process for organisations with multiple facilities or branches has been updated.

See more at:

<https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/community-and-voluntary-sector-energy-support-scheme/>

### **Heritage in Community Grants**

#### **Waterways Ireland - Heritage in the Community Grants Programme**

The Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan provides, for the first time, a strategic framework for the integration of built, natural and cultural heritage into the future management of our waterways.

Deadline: 31 Jan

[Find out more](#)

# JANUARY

## The Community Supports Fund

Cavan Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) invites applications from community groups and community facilities under the Community Support Fund.

Funding is available for the following (Please note that a separate application must be completed for each measure)

Funding for running costs incurred in the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 such as energy costs or other non-pay operating costs e.g., rental/lease costs, insurance bills.

Capital funding for use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc. Maximum capital funding per application is limited to €10,000.00.

€2,851 ring-fenced for Current funding (non-pay) running costs for Women's sheds.

The CSF is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development (the Department) and administered by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority area.

[Download the guidelines for the Community Support Fund under the Community Enhancement Programme 2022.](#)

### How to apply

Eligible groups can apply online through the submit.com links below:

Community Support Fund 2022 (non-pay running costs): <https://cavancoco.submit.com/show/20>

Community Support Fund 2022 (equipment and repairs/improvements to facilities): <https://cavancoco.submit.com//show/22>

Community Support Fund 2022 (Women's Sheds): <https://cavancoco.submit.com/show/21>

Please use the link provided to access the application form and any queries please contact Trevor Harte on [tharte@cavancoco.ie](mailto:tharte@cavancoco.ie)

Closing date for receipt of applications is **31st January 2023** at **5pm**.

Late applications will **not** be accepted.

**JANUARY**

## **The Community Heritage Grant Scheme**

Aimed at projects that improve access and inclusion to heritage sites, and that apply good heritage practice to the management of places, collections or objects (including buildings), applications for The Community Heritage Grant Scheme open Jan 17.

**The Community  
Heritage  
Grant Scheme  
is Now Open**

Find out more | [heritagecouncil.ie](https://heritagecouncil.ie)

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta  
The Heritage Council



## **FEBRUARY**

### **Healthy Ageing - Grant opportunity for NGOs and Social Enterprises**

Every year, the Fit for Life Foundation awards grants of EUR 100,000 each (disbursed over 3 years) to 3-4 non-profit organizations or social enterprises that are pioneering projects to promote healthy ageing around the world. This multi-year support enables Laureates to steadily scale up their programs, while building public awareness of the importance of healthy aging for communities. **Deadline: 15 Feb** [Find out more](#)

### **Charlemagne Youth Prize**

Since 2008, the European Parliament together with the 'Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen' have each year been inviting young people from all EU Member States to submit projects run by and for youth showing an active participation in the development of Europe. **Deadline: 13 Feb** [Find out more](#)

### **Fit for Life Awards 2023**

Every year, the Fit for Life Foundation awards grants of EUR 100,000 each to 3 non-profit organizations or social enterprises that are pioneering projects to promote lifelong fitness and health. Winner will be announced during the awards ceremony that will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, in September/October 2023.

**Deadline: 15 Feb** <https://www.fitforlife.foundation/awards-application>

### **EYF Grants - Pilot Activity Grant**

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities.

**Deadline: 1 Feb** [Find out more](#)

### **Irish Youth Foundation Bursary 2023**

The Irish Youth Foundation Bursary is awarding grants of €5,000 to young people who are ready to transition to the next stage of their lives however, are being held back because of financial constraints.

**Deadline: 17 Feb** [Find out more](#)



## **FEBRUARY**

### **Africa Day Fund**

Africa Day, the annual celebration of the continent's cultures and people, falls on 25 May each year. Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs partners with local authorities around Ireland to organise events aimed at marking this special and unique day.

Last year saw a record number of local authorities organise Africa Day events – and we hope that Africa Day 2023 will be even bigger!

We are once again pleased to provide support to organise events for Africa Day, aimed at celebrating African cultures and the links between Ireland and Africa.

For more information about past events and the ethos of the celebration, please see our [www.africaday.ie](http://www.africaday.ie) website.

If you wish to organise an Africa Day event or series of events, and for any further queries, please contact Susan Monaghan in Cavan County Council. Contact details are as follows:

*Susan Monaghan*

*Administrative Officer*

*Community and Enterprise*

*Cavan County Council*

*Courthouse, Farnham Street, Cavan, Co. Cavan. H12 R6V2*

*049 4378579 / 087 2397169*

**Closing date for Expressions of Interest/applications is Friday, 17th February 2023 via email to [smonaghan@cavancoco.ie](mailto:smonaghan@cavancoco.ie)**

# FEBRUARY

## **RETHINK Social Enterprise Development 2023 Fund**

Rethink Ireland are thrilled to announce the launch of our Social Enterprise Development 2023 [Fund](#). This iteration of our 4.4 million Fund aims to support not-for-profit organisations working to scale and grow their social impact.

The SED 2023 Fund was created in partnership with IPB Insurance and The Department of Rural and Community Development under the Dormant Accounts Fund. Up to 8 awardees will receive a package of supports, including:

A Cash grant of up to a maximum of €22,500

A place on a 6-month Rethink Ireland Accelerator Programme- Rethink Ireland's Accelerator is a unique offer, equipping Awardees with the skills needed to expand and deepen their impact. It provides training from best-in-class experts across the private, nonprofit and public sector. Training is provided across a range of functions and may include;

- Impact measurement and management
- Theory of change and business planning
- Communications strategy and social media storytelling

In addition, up to 8 Awardees will receive a budget for business supports worth €7,500

each. Business supports will be tailored to the specific needs of each project and

carried out by approved consultants, focusing on creating social impact in line with

their Theory of Change and strategic plan.

The Fund is open for applications from **January 16th until the 24th of February 2023 at 1pm**. Please see our [website](#) for more information on **who is eligible to apply** and **how to submit your online application**. **\*Please note that LDCs and other Government and state agencies are not eligible to apply\*** Please also join us for our online [Information Session](#) on the Social Enterprise Development Fund on Friday February 3rd at 1pm to hear more about this opportunity, ask your questions and get some tips on writing an effective application. Please share this email with anyone in your networks who may be interested. Thank you and Best wishes, Team SED 2023

# **FEBRUARY**

## **Cavan Calling Grant**

Applications are welcome from community and voluntary groups and other organisations within County Cavan.

Funding will generally be provided in the range of €750 - €1,500 per event. However, events which can clearly demonstrate that they will attract a significant number of overseas visitors, may be awarded funding in excess of €1,500 up to a maximum of €5,000.

Organisers are encouraged to look within their community to see what resources /talents are available to help bring the whole community together to reach their Diaspora.

Events must take place in the time period June 2023 to September 2023. Applicants are encouraged to hold their event as close to the 27th -30th July 2023 as possible and preference will be given to events that are held that weekend.

Applicants are requested to promote the 'Cavan Calling' Programme of Events that are taking place from the 27th -30th July 2023 through their promotional material.

CLOSING DATE IS FEB 21<sup>st</sup>

FULL DETAILS AT:

[https://www.cavancoco.ie/news/2023/cavan-calling-grants-scheme-2023.html?fbclid=IwAR3A53nTOSbBIGXTh\\_PZqR07xIIV8zQw3F1DX-7bfX\\_YF9VakyxDYPttPNk](https://www.cavancoco.ie/news/2023/cavan-calling-grants-scheme-2023.html?fbclid=IwAR3A53nTOSbBIGXTh_PZqR07xIIV8zQw3F1DX-7bfX_YF9VakyxDYPttPNk)

# **FEBRUARY**

## **Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant**

VACANT PROPERTY REFURBISHMENT GRANT The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant is a payment you can get if you are turning a vacant house or building into your permanent home or a rental property. A grant of up to €50,000 is available. If the refurbishment costs exceed the standard grant of up to €50,000, a top-up grant amount of up to €20,000 is available. The scheme was launched by the Government in 2022, but a key change this year is that the grant can also be applied to properties that will be made available to rent, and the levels of grant have increased.

This link gives further details, including the application form and frequently asked questions: <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/f8f1b-vacant-propertyrefurbishment-grant/>

# FEBRUARY

## CMETB REACH FUND

CMETB's Further Education and Training (FET) Service, in conjunction with SOLAS, invites local community and youth education providers/groups to apply for funding under the REACH fund 2023.

### **Overarching principles of the fund**

The aim of the Reach fund (formally MAEDF) is to provide funding to support educationally disadvantaged learners in accessing and participating in community education. It aims to increase the participation of disadvantaged learners, particularly those who are undertaking literacy and skills programmes. The fund has a strong focus on building the digital infrastructure of community education providers, including providing devices and software, and increasing their capacity to deliver learning. The fund was specifically designed to tackle inequalities and support access to community education and intended to address specific actions in the Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) Strategy to target funding on access to technology and devices, expand community access to wi-fi and broadband resources and to directly address unmet literacy needs.

### **Funding Categories:**

1. Learner assistance fund – initiatives that will support learners to engage/participate in educational programmes
2. Innovative green projects.
3. Projects focused on increasing participation in learning with target cohorts (For a full list of target groups, please see Point 5, Page 1 of the Application Form.)
4. Events/awareness campaigns that contribute to equality policy and legislation.

In line with the Adult Literacy for Life Strategy specific actions that;

directly address those experiencing unmet literacy needs

target funding on access to technology and devices

expand community access to Wi-Fi and broadband resources

6. Community groups in pre-development phase to support the most marginalised and disadvantaged groups. Support for refugee groups to support education and training delivery and promote/ support cultural and social inclusion, including research and/or needs analysis.

**The closing date for submission of applications is 5pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

For any queries, please email:

<b>Community Education – Cavan &amp; Monaghan</b>	<b>Youth Services – Cavan Monaghan</b>
Deirdre Byrne	Maureen Mc Intyre
<a href="mailto:deirdrebyrne@cmetb.ie">deirdrebyrne@cmetb.ie</a>	<a href="mailto:Maureenmcintyre@cmetb.ie">Maureenmcintyre@cmetb.ie</a>

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Shared Island Civic Society Fund**

Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Micheál Martin TD, has announced an open call for applications for a new funding scheme aimed at enhancing civic society engagement across the island of Ireland.

The Shared Island Civic Society Fund will promote practical North South cooperation and engagement, across a range of sectors and themes, consistent with the objectives and commitments of the Good Friday Agreement. It will encourage and support civic society and community organisations to further strengthen existing partnerships and/or to develop new cross-border links, to build connectivity on issues of concern for the island of Ireland.

Applications for funding under the Shared Island Civic Society Fund will be accepted until Monday, 27 February 2023.

[Find out more](#)

### **Community Water Development Fund 2023**

- Full details are on our website here - <https://lawaters.ie/community-water-development-fund-2023/>
- Funding guidelines are also available on our website - <https://lawaters.ie/app/uploads/2022/11/CWDF-Guidelines-2023.pdf>
- You'll need to register/ login your group on our portal to [apply online](#) - [LAWPRO Portal](#);
- If you have a proposal for funding please get in touch with your local Community Water Officer to discuss; proposed applications must be discussed with [Community Water Officer](#).
- CWDF 2023 closing date for applications is **Tuesday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 2023**.

# MARCH

## The Irish Men;s Shed Fund

Please go to [www.irishmensshedsassociation.ie](http://www.irishmensshedsassociation.ie) and to the home page. You will see a Red Button with **APPLY HERE** on it , click this and it will lead you to three options.

[Irish Men's Sheds Association | Mens Sheds Ireland](http://Irish Men's Sheds Association | Mens Sheds Ireland)

<https://menssheds.ie/>

Email application to be sent to [grants@menssheds.ie](mailto:grants@menssheds.ie) and Print application can be posted to the Irish Mens sheds Association, Unit 6, 12 O'Carroll Street, Tullamore Co. Offaly.

The Grant is open till the end of March 2023. All receipts been claimed for must be dated from **1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023** and invoiced in the shed's name.

There are three options OR a combination of all three.

*All utilities – ( Insurance , Light , Heat, Rent etc., )*

*Materials – Wood, Paint , Arts Crafts etc.,*

*Any small improvement works made to the shed in 2022.*

Address: Irish Men's Sheds Association, Irish Farm Centre, Naas Road, Bluebell, Dublin 12, D12 YXW5.

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# MARCH

## **The HeadStart Fund**

### The HeadStart Fund 2023-2026 Inviting Applications

This is a three-year, €3,000,000 Fund created by Rethink Ireland in collaboration with the Zurich Foundation and the HSE. Applications are invited from projects and organisations that have an innovative approach to effecting positive mental health, with a proven track record of impact and a vision to scale.

You can apply to the Headstart Fund via the online portal until 3 March at 1 pm.

[https://rethinkireland.ie/current\\_fund/the-headstart-fund/](https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/the-headstart-fund/)

## **CREATE & National Women's Council Award**

Create and The National Women's Council (NWC) are delighted to announce this important opportunity for a collaborative socially engaged artist(s) to engage with the membership of the NWC during 2023 via an Artist Residency Award.

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NWC, the largest representative organisation for women and women's groups in Ireland. Established in 1973 as the Council for the Status of Women, NWC today has over 190 member groups representing women in their diversity from across the island of Ireland and a large and growing community of individual supporters. The Residency is intended to run from April 2023 for 9 months and has a fixed artist's fee of €15,000 (inclusive of insurance and VAT). There is an additional budget of approximately €5,000 to cover expenses, travel, materials and production. The closing date for receipt of Expressions of Interest is 5pm, 15th March 2023.

Read more about the Residency and how to apply, [on our website](#).



# **MARCH**

## **The Community Recognition Fund**

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys and Minister of State Joe O'Brien, have today set out the details of the €50 million **Community Recognition Fund, including €1,191,206 for County Cavan!**

This major initiative, the first of its kind, is designed to specifically support communities across the country that have welcomed and are hosting families and citizens from Ukraine and other countries.

### **Among the projects that will be supported under the fund include:**

- The refurbishment of local sports clubs and facilities
- The upgrade of community facilities such as play areas, walkways, parks and community gardens
- The purchase of equipment to benefit local clubs, festivals, music and arts organisations
- The enhancement of school or parish facilities that are open to the wider community after hours or on weekends
- Transport infrastructure such as community vehicles and bus shelters

The €50 million has been allocated across all local authorities based on the number of new arrivals located there.

The Department has published the full details of the scheme (including funding allocations) [online here](#) , and applications are now being sought from local authorities on the basis of engagement with local communities and clear targeting of proposed projects to areas with the highest level of need.

## **MARCH**

### **Europe Day Funding**

Minister for European Affairs, Peter Burke TD has announced that €150,000 is being made available to Local Authorities across Ireland for projects which should take place on around Europe day (9 May 2023) or Europe Week (8-12 May 2023).

The scheme for 'Local Authority EU50 led Events' is now open with a closing deadline of 8<sup>th</sup> March next. A total of €150,000 is available with max project funding of €7,500 per local authority. Find more information and the application form here:

[2023-EU50-Local-Authority-Application-Form.pdf \(dfa.ie\)](#).

If an application is made it should be resaved as a PDF before being submitted. If you have any queries regarding this funding stream please email [cei@dfa.ie](mailto:cei@dfa.ie). Thanks and best of luck with your application!

### **Disability Participation and Awareness Fund Inviting Applications**

A new €3m Disability Participation and Awareness Fund has been announced by Rethink Ireland in partnership with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, which aims to enhance the lives of people with disabilities. Rethink Ireland is making an open call for applications to innovative non-profit organisations working to support people with disabilities in communities across Ireland including charities, community groups and social enterprises.

Applications for the 2023 Disability Participation and Awareness Fund will be open until 31 March. [Find out more](#)

### **CREATE Artists Residency Award**

The Create and FSAS Artist Residency 2023 offers a focused professional development opportunity that supports and nurtures the arts practice of a professional artist who is interested in developing or consolidating their collaborative/ socially engaged arts practice. The Residency will run during the month of June, offering opportunities for development of practice, discussion, networking, and learning.

The residency is funded through the Arts Council of Ireland's Artist in the Community Scheme managed by Create, and the Fire Station Artists' Studios funded through the Visual Arts Department of the Arts Council of Ireland. The award is delivered through a Create and Fire Station Artists' Studios partnership. The Deadline for Expressions of Interest is the **17th April, 5pm**. [Read more about the Residency and how to apply, here.](#)

## **MARCH**

### **National Lottery Good Causes Awards 2023**

The National Lottery are seeking entries to this year's Good Causes Awards. The competition will culminate with a National Final awards ceremony which will take place in October 2023. The Awards celebrate your inspiring work that you do within your community.

**Deadline: 31 Mar** <https://www.wheel.ie/news/2023/03/national-lottery-good-causes-awards-2023-now-open-entries>

# MARCH

## Energy Support Scheme

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and Minister of State, Joe O'Brien TD, have announced funding to support 134 groups with their energy bills. Under the Community and Voluntary Energy Support Scheme (CVESS), small grants are provided to community groups, development associations, and volunteer-led organisations.

Hundreds of groups have already benefitted under the scheme, which was launched last year in response to the rising cost of energy and the impact it is having on the sector.

Today, a further 134 groups are to receive grants as part of an overall investment of almost €189,000.

Payments will issue to the organisations immediately.

The funding announced today brings the total number of organisations supported under the initiative to 552, with over €705,000 now disbursed.

Making the announcement today, Minister Humphreys and Minister O'Brien, also confirmed an extension to the scheme deadline, with applications to be accepted until Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>. All eligible groups around the country are encouraged to apply.

All the information is on the Pobal website and a dedicated helpdesk can be reached at [energyscheme@pobal.ie](mailto:energyscheme@pobal.ie)

This initiative forms part of a range of measures introduced in Budget 2023 to meet higher energy costs for households, businesses and community organisations and it complements the Department's supports to the community and voluntary sector, promoting sustainable, inclusive and empowered communities across Ireland.

Also the government is urging householders and businesses to ensure that they are availing of the supports that are in place – and to stay warm and well this winter. For more information visit [www.gov.ie/reduceyouruse](http://www.gov.ie/reduceyouruse)

[Full list of successful applicants is available here](#)

## **MARCH**

### **THE ARTISTS IN COMMUNITY FUND FROM CREATE**

The (AIC) Scheme offers awards to enable artists and communities of place and/or interest to work together on projects. This includes the following awards: Research and Development Award (without mentoring), Research and Development Award (with Mentoring), Recent Graduate Research and Development Award (with Mentoring) Project Realisation Award.

Deadlines are 27th Mar & 25th Sept See more at [AIC Scheme Awards Page](#)



### **Supporting Vulnerable Women and Families in the International Protection Process**

In 2023, SSGT launched a new funding programme aimed at supporting the most vulnerable women and families in the IP process including: lone parents, families with children who have additional needs, women and children who have survived abuse, victims of sex trafficking and families with deportation orders who do not have access to adequate financial or social supports.


**Deadline: 16 Mar** [Find out more](#)


**APRIL**

**Cavan Sports Clubs Grant Scheme**


 Sport Clubs Grants Scheme 2023 up to €1,600 per Club 

 OPEN NOW FOR APPLICATIONS

 We are delighted to open our "Sport Clubs Grant Scheme 2023" for applications.

 There are 4 different grants available with the opportunity to receive up to €1,600 in support funding per Sports Club.

 Club Development Grant    Participation Grant    Equipment Grant    Training Grant

 Don't miss out!! Closing date for applications is April 5th 2023. Please like, share and tag to spread the word to all Sport Clubs in Cavan

Go to [www.cavansportspartnership.ie](http://www.cavansportspartnership.ie) for more

# APRIL

## **ESB Wind Farm Community Funds**

The 2023 ESB Wind Farm Community Funds\* are now open for applications until April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023. For a full list of Wind Farm Community Funds included in this call, please click [here](#).

*\*Grousemount Wind Farm Community Fund is not included in this call, this fund will open later in the year.*

The fund is available to community and voluntary groups, non-profit groups or organisations with a charitable status. The Wind Farm Community Funds will prioritise projects and initiatives that support and benefit the areas surrounding ESB wholly owned and co-owned wind farms, in the following categories:

***Education and skills.***

***Health, safety and wellbeing.***

***Environment and habitat conservation.***

***Energy efficiency and sustainability.***

***Culture and heritage.***

***Recreation, sport and social inclusion.***

***Tourism (Raheenleagh & Castlepook only)***

***Covid-19 related supports***

Getting started on your project ideas early will greatly assist with your application, as a well-developed project is key to a successful outcome.

It is essential to note that applications from groups that do not submit required documentation with the application form e.g. planning permission, planning exemption, confirmation that you have liaised with your local authority or owner permission, may not proceed to evaluation.

Applications may be made online at [www.communitybenefitfunds.ie](http://www.communitybenefitfunds.ie), please ensure you take some time to read the [Fund Guidelines](#), prior to submitting your application. If you are registered a previous call, you can use the same user name and password to apply to the 2023 fund. If you have lost or forgotten your password, please go to the "[Forgot Password](#)" tab, or contact SECAD.

If you do not have a current constitution for your group please click [here](#) to download a template constitution, to edit and adapt to suit your group.

National schools can use [this template](#).

If you register as a new user and do not receive the confirmation message within a few minutes of signing up, please check your spam or junk mail folders, just in case the confirmation email was delivered there instead of your inbox. If so, select the confirmation message and click Not Spam, which will allow future messages to get through.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact SECAD, Elaine Barrett [ebarrett@secad.ie](mailto:ebarrett@secad.ie) or Eilish Walsh [ewalsh@secad.ie](mailto:ewalsh@secad.ie).

**APRIL**

## **Cavan County Council Municipal District 2023 Grants**

### **Municipal Districts Discretionary Allocation Grant Scheme 2023**

The members of Cavan County Council have created a funding scheme in each of the three Municipal District areas for the purpose of supporting community groups in delivering and promoting projects in their areas.

The scheme is designed for larger scale, infrastructural and capital projects. The minimum grant aid payable will be €3,000.

#### **How to apply**

Eligible groups can apply online at <https://submit.link/1vF>

The Council is using the Submit.com system to administer this grant and all guidelines for this scheme are available on our website.

Please use the link provided to access the application form and any queries please contact Donna Macklin on **049 437 8545** or by email **dmacklin@cavancoco.ie**

The closing date for receipt of applications is **14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 5pm**

Late applications **will not** be accepted.



## **APRIL**

### **Connect For Life Fund**

HSE Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service and HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention are seeking applications for once off funding of

between €4,000 and a maximum of €8,000 from local community and voluntary groups. This funding is aimed at initiatives to reach at risk/vulnerable groups in relation to improving their mental health and wellbeing, and reducing the risk of self-harm and suicide. Download the guidelines and application form [here](#) Email [emer.mulligan@hse.ie](mailto:emer.mulligan@hse.ie) for further information

**Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023.**

### **Adult Literacy for Life: Collaboration & Innovation Fund 2023**

Minister for Further & Higher Education, Research, Innovation & Science Simon Harris, TD, has announced the opening of a €1 million funding call for new projects to help address unmet literacy needs.

€1 million is available for grants under the Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) Collaboration & Innovation Fund and public, nonprofit, community and voluntary organisations are all eligible to apply to a maximum of €50,000 each. Full details here:

<https://www.adultliteracyforlife.ie/fund/> deadline April 14th

### **Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme**

A fund of up to €500,000 is being made available to support community-led projects as part of the Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme 2023. Successful applicants for this year's assistance will be awarded funding to support a maximum of 80% of the project's eligible costs, with a maximum grant of €40,000 for designated sites and up to €20,000 for undesignated peatland or fen sites.

[https://www.npws.ie/peatlands-and-turf-cutting/peatlands-community-engagement-scheme-funding-2023?fbclid=IwAR3-3JLp1D5B1l0ExXCK7IXZc5x3CjmxAnTLKrCM-zWAdHW\\_r\\_zSwzZVUtlk](https://www.npws.ie/peatlands-and-turf-cutting/peatlands-community-engagement-scheme-funding-2023?fbclid=IwAR3-3JLp1D5B1l0ExXCK7IXZc5x3CjmxAnTLKrCM-zWAdHW_r_zSwzZVUtlk)

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**MAY**

## **THE CHILDREN'S PROMISE GRANT**

The 'Children's Promise' Grants Programme is a new programme within the Katharine Howard Foundation, in collaboration with Community Foundation Ireland (CFI), and aims to support organisations working with young children and their families in disadvantaged areas, who may not reach their potential due to the corrosive impact of poverty.

The 'Children's Promise' Grants Programme is a promise from KHF to provide financial and other supports to selected organisations, to support and develop the potential of the children engaged with the organisations. The Programme aims to build on the powerful work taking place at community-level to address child poverty with a grants programme of €1,000,000 in financial and non-financial supports over the duration of the programme 2023-27

**Deadline: 12 May**

See full details at <https://www.khf.ie/childrens-promise-grant-programme/>

## MAY

### **Active Citizenship & Equality Based EU Funding**

With the new year comes a variety of exciting new funding opportunities with a focus on equality and active citizenship! The EU's Citizenship, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme has published calls for proposals for collaborative projects focused on promoting and protecting fundamental rights, rule of law and democracy inside the EU. Any nonprofit organisation actively working to promote equality and rights can apply for funding to deliver projects that address the CERV programme's objectives and priorities. The open calls for proposals include:

Network of Towns – deadline: 20/4/2023. This call aims to provide towns and municipalities the opportunity to develop sustainable networks and to outline their long-term vision for the future of European integration.

[Call details and application link here.](#)

Calls for proposals for capacity-building and awareness raising on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights – deadline: 25/5/2023. This call aims to fund projects that build the capacity of civil society organisations and implement awareness raising activities that increase the knowledge and the use of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, including its gender dimension. [Call details and application link here.](#)

Calls for proposals to protect EU values and rights by combating hate speech and hate crime – deadline: 25/5/2023. This call aims to enable civil society organisations to establish mechanisms of cooperation with public authorities to support the reporting of episodes of hate crime and hate speech and to ensure support to victims of hate speech and hate crime. [Call details and application link here.](#)

European Remembrance – deadline: 6/6/2023. This call aims to support projects aimed at commemorating defining events in modern European history including resistance against totalitarian regimes, the Holocaust and other mass crimes, democratic transition and the legacy of colonialism. [Call details and application link here.](#)

Call for proposals to promote equality and to fight against racism, xenophobia and discrimination – deadline: 20/6/2023. This call aims to support actions to prevent and combat all forms of intolerance and discrimination on the grounds of racial or ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity offline and online, with an emphasis on intersectional approach. [Call details and application link here.](#)

The Access Europe team is here to provide you with support and advice around these and other EU funding project applications. [europe@wheel.ie](mailto:europe@wheel.ie) to begin your EU funding journey and sign up to our [Access Europe newsletter](#)

**MAY**

## **2023 Clár Grant**

The Clár 2023 is now open with Application Forms & Scheme Guidelines on Cavan County Council's website [www.cavancoco.ie](http://www.cavancoco.ie) & social media.

For clarity: Council will administer Measure 1 only. Measure 2 must be sent directly to the DRCD and Measure 3 is only for the Islands so not applicable to us.

The link to the Application Forms and Measures is under Community Grants on the website. [www.cavancoco.ie](http://www.cavancoco.ie)

This grant will be for Expressions of Interest with forms to be submitted to us by post/email.

Clár Areas in County Cavan Map <https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/ab7580-clar-funding-area-maps/>

Natura 2000 site check <https://dahg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8f7060450de3485fa1c1085536d477ba>

X – Y Coordinates converter <https://gnss.osi.ie/new-converter/>

# MAY

## **International Protection Integration Fund**

The Minister of State for Integration, Joe O'Brien, has approved €500,000 in funding under the International Protection Integration Fund 2023.

Now in its second year, the International Protection Integration Fund celebrates rich cultural diversity and enables community based organisations across Ireland to play a greater role in supporting the integration of International Protection Applicants. Successful organisations stand to receive grant funding of €5,000 – €20,000 to support integration initiatives.

[Applicants can access a detailed guidance document and complete an online application form online.](#)

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 12pm on 24 May 2023.**

### **Purpose of projects/activities**

This call is open to community based organisations and centres around 6 key themes to support the integration of International Protection Applicants:

employment

language

civic and legal supports

health and wellbeing

intercultural awareness

children and young people

Projects supporting the following objectives will be given special priority this year and can attain additional marking during the selection process:

mental health

solidarity through sport

inclusion.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/20d9d-minister-of-state-obrien-invites-applications-to-the-international-protection-integration-fund-2023/>

## **MAY**

### **Get Ready for the Natura 2000 Award**

The European Natura 2000 Award rewards excellence in the management of [Natura 2000](#) sites and showcases the network's added value of conserving nature for local communities and economies across the European Union. The call for applications for the 2024 edition of the Award will be launched on 22 May 2023.

[Find inspiration and information on the upcoming call for applications here.](#)

**MAY**

## **Ireland Against Racism Fund**

The Minister of State for Community Development, Integration and Charities, Joe O’Brien, today announced that applications can now be made for funding from the Ireland Against Racism Fund.

The Ireland Against Racism funding call is an important element in supporting the implementation of the National Action Plan Against Racism, which was published on 21 March 2023. The funding call arises from Action 2.14 of the plan which states: **“Provide funding for national and local initiatives that aim to combat racism and foster racial equality and community cohesion, in order to support the implementation of this plan and the achievement of its objectives”**.

There are two streams of funding:

**Scheme A** will provide grants, ranging from €50,000 to €100,000, to organisations for national and regional projects.

**Scheme B** will provide grants, ranging from €5,000 to €10,000, to organisations for local projects.

All applications must be submitted electronically.

Applications for funding will remain open until noon on 31 May.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/b890b-minister-joe-obrien-announces-ireland-against-racism-funding-call/>



# JUNE

## **Bursary For Community Workers Training**

The Minister of State for Communities, Integration and Charities, Joe O’Brien T.D. has today (Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023) announced a bursary fund of €200,000 to support community workers to pursue endorsed postgraduate community work qualifications. The Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) has provided funding for the bursary to the All Ireland Endorsement Body (AIEB) for Community Work Education.

The fund has been established to meet a commitment under the government’s five year strategy for the Community and Voluntary sector: Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities. It responds to a key finding of AIEB’s assessment of education and training needs which calls for affordable and accessible professional community work education for people with degrees already in community work jobs.

The bursary will be available to managers of community organisations, community workers and those who undertake community work duties in associated roles who have graduate degrees but no professional community work qualifications.

The bursary will fund places on the Masters in Community and Youth Work Programme at NUI Maynooth, which will be offered on a part-time basis. The blended mode of delivery of that programme makes it possible for potential bursary applicants also managing workloads and other commitments.

The need for education and training for people with no degrees or qualifications working or involved in community work and associated areas was also strongly identified in responses to the AIEB needs assessment. AIEB is currently developing a pre-professional training initiative for people with no qualifications.

Information about the bursaries is available from [bursary@aieb.ie](mailto:bursary@aieb.ie) and information on the programme can be provided by the Department of Applied Social Studies in NUI Maynooth.

### **Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities**

*Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities, 2019-2024*, is a five year strategy to support the community and voluntary sector in Ireland. It contains a number of strategic actions including 2.4 and 2.5 which commit the Government to supporting the development of a continuum of training and education opportunities based on the All Ireland Standards for Community Work including for people who are employed, but not qualified in community work, to acquire qualifications. These strategic actions form part of a series of actions which aim to strengthen the capacity of communities to participate in community development and local development initiatives.

### **All Ireland Endorsement Body (AIEB)**

AIEB seeks to support and promote pathways to endorsed professional community work qualifications and the highest standards in community work education and training at all levels. The anticipated outcomes of this work are that it will ensure community work practitioners with the professional competencies required to work as professional community workers, producing quality outcomes for communities and for the organisations within which they work.

# JUNE

## National Lottery Funding

**National Lottery Funding** opened last week through the HSE

Community groups and voluntary organisations that provide health or social care services to the community are eligible to apply.

■ Important dates:

- Applications open on Wednesday, January 18th.
- Deadline for applications is Friday, February 17th at noon.
- Announcement of all outcomes of applications will be announced on Friday, June 2nd.

You can apply for funding between €300 and €10,000 for one-off projects and services that improve the health of your community.

To apply, you must follow the application process for the local office where your project will take place. Be sure to check the application process and where to send your application for your county on our website [www.hse.ie/lotterygrants](http://www.hse.ie/lotterygrants).

miss out on this opportunity, visit [www.hse.ie/lotterygrants](http://www.hse.ie/lotterygrants) for more information and apply today!

**June**

**COCA-COLA THANK YOU FUND.**

COMMUNITY GROUPS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR 2023 COCA-COLA THANK YOU FUND.

The Coca-Cola Thank You Fund is back with €200,000 in grants now available!

Awards of up to €5,000 and €10,000 will be available to support community-based projects.

Nonprofits and community groups that empower young people through programmes of learning, inclusion, and sustainable development, are encouraged to apply for funding at 🙌

[www.coca-cola.ie/thankyou](http://www.coca-cola.ie/thankyou)

Closing date ➡ Thursday 15th June at 6pm



# JUNE

## **Women of Ireland Empowerment Fund**

The Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Empowerment Fund 2023 – 2026 is a \$1 million, three-year fund created by Rethink Ireland in partnership with Bank of America and the Department of Rural and Community Development via the Dormant Accounts Fund. Building on the success of the previous Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Fund 2019 – 2022, Rethink Ireland is now launching the Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Empowerment Fund that aims to support women facing intersecting forms of disadvantage into sustainable employment and educational pathways.

The Mná na hÉireann, Women of Ireland Empowerment Fund will be focused on achieving deep and transformative impact by supporting women experiencing intersectionality – multiple forms of disadvantage and discrimination – with complex needs. Women facing intersecting forms of disadvantage are the furthest from the labour market and benefit from intensive wraparound support to enable them to transition into employment or education.

**The Fund's goal is to promote access to employment and/or education programmes for 850+ migrant women OR women experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in Ireland. Furthermore, the Fund aims to empower 260+ of these women into employment.**

The Fund offers a package of cash grants and non-financial supports to the value of €175,500 for up to 4 to 5 projects, to help them expand and increase their social impact.

This includes:

4 to 5 awards of up to €153,000 The non-financial supports will include:

a place on Rethink Ireland's Accelerator Programme bespoke business and capacity building supports designed in consultation with the successful projects on topics such as strategic planning, maximising your impact, communications, storytelling and fundraising. Access to Rethink Ireland's networks.

\* The Rethink Ireland Board will decide how much money to award, which may be less than the amount requested. The final amount of the award will depend on how many organisations are selected.

**You can apply to the Fund via the online [portal](#) until Friday, 2 June at 1.00pm.**

Please join Rethink Ireland for our application clinics to find out more and answer any questions that you may have: Thursday, 4 May at 1.30pm: [register](#) Friday, 19 May at 1pm: [register](#)

Each session will entail a short presentation followed by an open Q&A session, offering you an opportunity to bring any questions you may have regarding the application process to the Fund team.

[https://rethinkireland.ie/current\\_fund/mna-na-heireann-women-of-ireland-empowerment-fund-2023-2026/](https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/mna-na-heireann-women-of-ireland-empowerment-fund-2023-2026/)

# JULY

## **LIS Fund**

*Our Rural Future:* Minister Humphreys announces further €16 million in funding for upgrade works on rural roads and laneways

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has today announced additional funding of almost €16 million for repairs and improvement works on our rural roads and laneways. The funding, under the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS), will support the continued improvement of non-public roads and lanes that are not normally maintained by local authorities. Such roads represent a vital piece of infrastructure for rural residents - providing access to homes, farms and businesses, as well as outdoor amenities such as our lakes, rivers or beaches.

The funding is more than double the allocation provided last year, and will allow local authorities to address the backlog of applications that they currently face. Today's announcement means that almost €30 million has been allocated under the Local Improvement Scheme this year alone. And almost €130 million has been invested through LIS since the scheme was re-introduced in 2017.

### Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)

The LIS was reintroduced in September 2017 and over €113 million has already been provided for works on over 3,700 roads. The additional funding announced today will bring that total to almost €130 million.

#### **Eligible Roads**

Eligible roads under the Local Improvement Scheme are:

- Non-public roads that provide access to parcels of agricultural land, or provide access for harvesting purposes (including turf or seaweed) for two or more persons.; or
- Non-

# JULY

## **The 2023 Community Centres Investment Fund,**

**The 2023 Community Centres Investment Fund**, will see €20 million invested in new and ambitious community projects in our towns and villages.

For the first time, funding of at least €1 million will be invested in projects that are shovel ready and which are in areas that currently lack community facilities.

This builds on the highly successful 2022 initiative, which delivered an investment of over **€45 million** to renovate and upgrade over 850 projects the length and breadth of the country.

Details of the Community Centres Investment Fund – New Builds Measure are available on [www.gov.ie/drcd](http://www.gov.ie/drcd) with the **closing date for applications on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**.

The Community Centres Investment Fund - New Build Measure will invest in new build multi-functional community centres with a minimum grant of €1,000,000 up to a maximum of €6,000,000. The projects must be 'shovel-ready' with all the necessary permissions and consents in place (e.g. planning consent) and be located on a green/brown field site. The lead party to an application must be a State-funded body (e.g. a local authority).

The fund will provide 90% of the total project value to a maximum of €6,000,000, with at least 10% to be provided in matching contributions. A minimum of 5% of the matching contributions element must be in cash.

An application form can be requested from [ccif@drcd.gov.ie](mailto:ccif@drcd.gov.ie). The deadline for the receipt of applications is 12 noon on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

# JULY

## Circular Economy Supports

### **Circular Economy Supports**

Community Foundation Ireland is now inviting applications from groups interested in developing local Circular Economy Action Plans.

Local groups will be supported through Online Training, resource packs and access to experts to develop Community Circular Economy Action Plans which will be supported by grants of up to €2,500.

See full details below on the timeline, background to the fund as well as criteria and details on how to apply.

***Closing Date for Applications Friday 28th July.***

### **Background**

The Circular Economy Fund was set up in 2019 under Community Foundation Ireland's wider Environment and Nature grant-making to encourage sustainable practices in communities across Ireland. It was grounded in evidence that suggested community groups and organisations needed support in the development of a circular economy and to tackle issues related to sustainability.

The mission of the Circular Economy Fund is to invest strategically to raise the profile of circular economy, support the development of skills needed to effectively engage with issues associated with sustainability, and ensure that organisations working in this space are supported to continue their work.

Since 2019, close to €200,000 has been awarded in grants to organisations working on new and innovative approaches to reduce consumption and waste as well as designing and implementing online campaigns aimed at building awareness of circular economy and its impact.

Local and community-based organisations are now being invited to apply for structured grants to develop their Community Circular Economy Action Plans.

Applications are being invited until Friday 28th July 2023.

Full details at:

<https://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/environment-and-nature-fund/>

# JULY

## LGBTI+ Community Services Fund

€900,000 is being made available to applicant groups, operating at national, regional and local level, to support community services and promote visibility and inclusion of LGBTI+ people.

The 2023 LGBTI+ Community Services Funding Call is an important element in supporting the implementation of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy, which was published on 28 November 2019, and complements the National LGBTI+ Youth Strategy published in June 2018.

There are two streams of funding;

- **Scheme A** will support new initiatives but is also open to applications from existing LGBTI+ NGOs for funding to maintain and enhance existing services and initiatives. This will assist these organisations build capacity and maintain existing and well-established LGBTI+ supports.
- **Scheme B** will provide small grants to organisations for projects that promote visibility and inclusion of LGBTI+ persons.

All applications must be submitted electronically.

Applications for funding will remain open until **12pm on Wednesday 26 July 2023**.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/65be5-minister-ogorman-announces-2023-lgbti-community-services-funding-call/>



# AUGUST

## **Additional Call For LEADER Food Initiative Applications**

- *Over €883,000 in funding is available under the LEADER Food Initiative*
- *Call aimed at Artisan, Micro, Small food producers or on-farm diversification enterprises*
- *This grant aid is also for investment in local processing facilities, which allow farmers to sell their products into the local and wider domestic markets*
- *Timeframes for approval and completion of all LEADER funded projects also extended*

The call is targeted at eligible small food businesses in line with a commitment in the Programme for Government, 'Our Shared Future', to "support the small food producer, providing support for on-farm diversification enterprises and investment in local processing facilities, allowing farmers to sell their products into the local and wider domestic markets".

The LEADER Food Initiative was allocated €15 million as part of Ireland's Rural Development Programme 2014 -2020 and was launched in May 2018 to support the further development of food and beverage businesses throughout rural Ireland. Of the allocated amount, at least €883,000 in funding has become available for various reasons, e.g. project withdrawals, or projects completing for less than the grant amount approved.

This new call is specifically targeted towards the following groups to enable them to diversify, expand and develop:

- on-farm diversification enterprises; and artisan, micro and small food businesses.

The maximum amount of funding permitted per project under this call is €200,000 and funding proposals must not be for less than €5,000 per project. Additionally, projects must be fully completed by 31 March 2024.

Announcing the final call for applications, all three Ministers urged Local Action Groups and their Implementing Partners to engage with potential applicants for this funding in their areas and to submit any project proposals they may have to the Department of Rural and Community Development seeking funding approval in principle for these projects.

[All project proposals for this call must be submitted by the LAG and their Implementing Partners to food1420@dracd.gov.ie](mailto:food1420@dracd.gov.ie) by 5:30 pm on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

# AUGUST

## RISE Community Fund

The RISE Community Fund supported by NBI is aimed at addressing the rural digital divide and will award 5 monthly grants of €1,000 each to empower local businesses, community groups and social enterprises to enhance their digital strategy. The Fund offers an immediate financial injection into your local community, boosting the digital ecosystem.

**Deadline: 31 Aug**

<https://riseglobalfoundation.com/programs/rise-community-fund/>

<https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/181e2-outdoor-recreation-infrastructure-scheme/#:~:text=It%20helps%20to%20make%20use,Scheme%20has%20now%20been%20launched.>

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Sports Capital & Equipment Programme 2023**

The Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin, and the Minister of State for Sport and Physical Education, Thomas Byrne, has announced that new applications have opened for a new round of the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme (SCEP).

The SCEP is the government's primary vehicle for providing support to sports clubs and communities to develop sports infrastructure around the country.

**Deadline: 8 Sept**

More at <https://www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie/>

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **The EESC Civil Society Prize**

The 14th EESC civil society prize will reward effective, innovative and creative initiatives carried out on the territory of the EU which support people with mental health conditions and promote an environment fostering mental well-being on an individual or collective basis.

It is open to nonprofit initiatives carried out by natural persons, civil society organisations and private companies officially registered within the European Union. It has a total value of EUR 50 000 and can be shared among up to five winners.

The aim of the award is to raise awareness of the contribution that civil society can make to promoting a European identity and citizenship in a way that underpins the common values that are the foundation of European integration. The deadline for submitting applications is 30 September 2023, 10 a.m. (CEST).

Full details [available here](#).

### **Just Transition Community EV Fund**

#### **Applications Open for the EU Just Transition Fund Community Facilities EV Charging Scheme**

The EU Just Transition Fund (JTF) Community Facilities EV Charging Scheme provides funding for the cost of installing electric vehicle charge points at a variety of community facilities across the EU JTF territory. This Scheme is administered by Pobal on behalf of Zero Emission Vehicle Ireland (ZEVI). The designated JTF Region in Ireland is defined as the counties of Laois, Longford, Offaly, Westmeath, Roscommon and the Municipal Districts of Ballinasloe (Co. Galway), Athy, Clane-Maynooth (Co. Kildare), Carrick-on-Suir and Thurles (Co Tipperary).

The following types of Community Facility are eligible to apply to the EU JTF Community Facilities EV Charging Scheme:

- Community centres Public libraries Primary health care centres Public recreational amenities Enterprise hubs or centres.

The application deadline is 5pm on 28 September 2023. [Learn more and find application details here](#).

## SEPTEMBER

### The St. Stephen's Green Trust

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In line with one of the strategic goals of St Stephen's Green Trust (SSGT) to contribute to strengthening democracy through civic engagement and participation, SSGT has launched a new funding programme and now inviting applications. It aims to contribute to a 'high energy democracy'.

It aims to contribute to a 'high energy democracy' by supporting civil society groups to:

- Engage in participative and deliberative democracy initiatives that harness the power of civil society to transform democratic decision-making processes
- Develop progressive platforms for collective power and influence which use values-based approaches to identify elements of transformative change
- Create spaces for participation and voice, particularly among those who are most marginalised.

This is a one-off grant programme to fund groups on the island of Ireland for up to £12,500/ €15,000. Detailed criteria and guidelines for applicants can be found [here](#).

If you have any queries about the programme or your group's eligibility to apply, please contact Sara, SSGT's Grants and Development Manager, at [sara@ssgt.ie](mailto:sara@ssgt.ie). The grant round opens on the 18th July 2023 and closes at 16:00 on 14 September 2023.

<https://www.ssgt.ie/grant-programmes-strengthening-democracy/>

**Deadline: 14 Sept**

# SEPTEMBER

## The Age & Opportunity Active National Grant

### What is the Age & Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme?

The Age & Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme offers financial supports – provided by Sport Ireland – to local clubs, groups and organisations, nationwide who promote increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people.

The Age & Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme 2023 is now open.

Funded by Sport Ireland, a total of €313,000 is being made available to all eligible local clubs, groups, care settings and organisations that promote increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people as a main element of their activities.

Terms & Conditions for information on grant criteria here: <http://ow.ly/KTrg50MFzca>

Applications can be made online here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/forms/view/5028058>

**The 2023 grant scheme opened on 30th January and closes at noon, Friday 24th February 2023**

**Full details on their website below.**

<https://ageandopportunity.ie/our-active-national-grant-scheme-2023-is-now-open/>

# SEPTEMBER

## Rural Action Awards

The Awards offer rural community-based organisations in Northern Ireland or the border region of Ireland the opportunity to apply for and secure £1000 or €1000 towards their volunteer led community action project.

**Deadline: 20 Sept**

Our Rural Action Awards scheme for this year will again support up to 12 volunteer led community action projects up to March 2024.

As before, the scheme is open to constituted rural community-based organisations including charities, not for profit community groups, sporting and cultural organisations, heritage groups, Parent Teacher Associations, youth groups/clubs and social enterprises.

The scheme seeks to support practical, tangible and timebound projects where the project must complete within 12 weeks.

- The scheme is **open for applications now** and will **close on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

For Terms & Conditions and how to apply visit [www.ruralaction.co](http://www.ruralaction.co)

Keep an eye on our social media ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)) for updates and details of successful awards

# SEPTEMBER

## Meet & Code' Community Grant

Meet and Code is back in Ireland for 2023, and charities can [apply for a grant](#) to host a virtual coding event for young people during September or October. The Wheel is proud to have been Meet and Code's partner in Ireland since 2018.

Meet & Code fund digital and coding events of all kinds — from IT workshops to robotics courses and events with trendsetting subjects like Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT). They are so excited to learn about your ideas for this year.

### **Who can enter?**

The Meet and Code fund is open to registered charities located in the Republic of Ireland.

The planned events must take place between 1 September and 31 October 2023, must be free to attend, and must reach at least 20 young people aged between 8 and 24.

### **How to enter?**

Entering is very easy — just visit [the website](#) and follow these five steps:

[Register your organisation on the Meet and Code website](#) and wait for verification. If you have registered before, please log in as your approval will still be valid this year.

Submit your event plan on the Meet and Code website.

Wait for your application to be reviewed.

Successful submissions receive a grant of up to €500.

Host your event!

**Submissions are now open via the [Meet and Code website](#) and will close on 13 September 2023.**

**Grant numbers are limited, and events are funded on a first-come-first-served basis, so apply early!**

If you have any questions, please email us at [ireland@meet-and-code.org](mailto:ireland@meet-and-code.org)



# SEPTEMBER

## **Funding Across Borders: Interreg Funding**

Are you looking to foster cross-border cooperation and knowledge exchange in your organisation on a transnational level? Would you like to work on social, ecological and economic challenges in your region together with public authorities?

**Then join us online on Friday, 30 June at 10am for [Funding across Borders: Interreg Funding for Civil Society Organisations](#).**

The EU funding programmes, Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic and Interreg Atlantic Area, provide a unique opportunity for civil society organisations to work across borders and sectors on pressing societal challenges, such as energy efficiency, circular economy, biodiversity, sustainable tourism, or better governance.

Participation in the Interreg programme provides the opportunity for your organisation to address common challenges, promote sustainable growth in your region, and to become a relevant force in cohesion policy.

Dr. Travis O Doherty, the Irish National Contact Point for Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic and Interreg Atlantic Area, joins us for a discussion on how community and voluntary organisations can benefit from the two funding programmes.

Topics covered will include:

- An overview of the Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic and Interreg Atlantic Area programme

- Opportunities for the community and voluntary sector within the two funding programmes

- Examples of successfully funded projects

- Supports available

- Q&A.

As usual, you'll have the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas during the Q&A session.

**[The event is free, so book now!](#)**

*We look forward to welcoming you online on 30 June.*

# SEPTEMBER

## Healthy Eating Projects Funding

safefood is inviting organisations who are not currently involved in the Community Food Initiatives (CFI) to apply for funding to deliver an online project, in their own local area, that meets the criteria of the CFI at Home Programme. The purpose of the CFI at Home Programme is to support families in their own homes to develop their cooking skills and healthy eating habits. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis up to and including Friday, 16 September 2023. As funding is limited, interested organisations are advised to apply as soon as possible.

Projects could include all or some of the following elements:

Learning how to prepare & cook a recipe

Attending an online cookery session

Online support groups for sharing ideas and tips

Online interactive talks delivered by a dietitian or registered nutritionist.

Examples of online projects that were delivered during 2020 and 2021 can be found at this link: [CFI Booklet 2019-21](#)

Interested organisations can apply for funding up to a maximum of **€2,000** or **£1,720** to deliver a project in their local area.

### **Applicant organisation criteria**

Organisations must:

Be community-led organisations with a legal status and appropriate governance structure

Be experienced in the management of public funds which support social inclusion initiatives

Currently employ and manage full time professionals with community development experience

Have experience of working with the target group identified

Be supporting other broader community initiatives through their work

Provide supports across communities irrespective of age, race or creed.

Please contact SECAD Partnership for details on how to apply for the funding at:

[sconroy@secad.ie](mailto:sconroy@secad.ie)

<https://www.secad.ie/>

# OCTOBER

## The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure. It also provides support for the necessary repair, maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in rural areas across Ireland.

**Deadline: 27 Oct**

<https://thewheel.cmail19.com/t/i-l-ajjjht-tkukhkhlg-z/>

or

<https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/181e2-outdoor-recreation-infrastructure-scheme/#:~:text=It%20helps%20to%20make%20use,Scheme%20has%20now%20been%20launched.>

# OCTOBER

## **Local Wind Farm Funding**

I am writing to invite you to an exciting upcoming webinar event happening in connection with the **ESB Wind Farm Community Funds**.

go to [windfarmcommunityfunds.ie](http://windfarmcommunityfunds.ie) / <https://www.communitybenefitfunds.ie/> or call us SECAD Partnership CLG on 021 4613432

# OCTOBER

## **Biodiversity Funding**

Deadline 13th October: This fund from Community Foundation Ireland aims to breathe new life into common and public areas which were often going to waste and becoming devoid of life.

Vibrant green areas, riverbanks, parklands and forests not only help many of our plants, insects and animals they also benefit people of all ages. As usual, this year's Biodiversity Fund has two strands:

1. Funding to work with an Ecologist to draw up a Community Biodiversity Action Plan (CBAP) for your targeted area.
2. Funding (up to €6,000) to implement recommendations contained in an existing CBAP. To qualify for the second strand, you must have already sent your CBAP to CFI and the National Biodiversity Data Centre. Groups can only apply to one strand.

For more information, visit this page and scroll down:

<https://www.communityfoundation.ie/apply-for-funding/>

## **OCTOBER**

### **Traveller Accomodation Small Grants Scheme**

St Stephen's Green Trust is strategically committed to supporting the provision of culturally appropriate, secure, quality accommodation for Travellers by strengthening organising and campaigning. As part of this work, SSGT is currently offering small grants of up to €6,000 with the aim of supporting groups who are leading on the issue of Traveller accommodation to accelerate and strengthen their campaign work.

**Deadline: 22 Oct**

**More details at:**

<https://www.tfaforms.com/5084716>

# **NOVEMBER**

## **HSE Children's Disability Service Grant Fund**

Service providers and community groups that offer services or supports to children with disability can apply for funding under the new HSE children's disability service grant fund. The aim of this fund is to strengthen services for children with a disability currently waiting for Children's Disability Network Team services (CDNTs).

**Deadline: 13 Nov**

[Find out more](#)

# NOVEMBER

## Clean Energy Transition

### **Funding for your project ideas for the Clean Energy Transition**

The [LIFE Call for Proposals 2023](#) is inviting stakeholders actively working on accelerating the clean energy transition and decarbonising Europe to submit their project ideas. The LIFE Clean Energy Transition Call 2023 has [13 open calls](#) covering important aspects of driving forward the clean energy transition in Europe such as: involving and empowering citizens in the clean energy transition, supporting the decarbonisation of buildings, and many more.

Deadline November



# **NOVEMBER**

## **Arts Council Festival Fund**

The Arts Council announces round one of the Festivals Investment Scheme (FIS) for festivals that commence between 1st of January 2024 and 30th of June 2024.

The Arts Council's role is to advocate for and support the development of a diverse and varied arts-festival ecology, and to provide a suite of supports that encourage best-practice festival models that increase opportunities for public engagement and participation in the arts or develop the work of an artist/artform.

In this regard the Arts Council offers financial support to small-to-mid-scale festivals to deliver high-quality arts experiences for audiences, and prioritises programmes engaged with, and relevant to, local communities or communities of interest.

The Arts Council acknowledges the diversity of festival operating models and the rich variety of artform-practice areas presented by festivals and their critical role in broadening public access to the arts. The Council also acknowledges the valuable contribution made by voluntary committees in developing these festivals.

See more info at <https://www.artscouncil.ie/Funds/Festivals-Investment-Scheme/>

## **NOVEMBER**

### **Local Bereavement Development Grants**

The Irish Hospice Foundation's has issued a call for Local Bereavement Development Grants 2023 - applications are now open! The grant aims to encourage and support collaborative bereavement developments at a local level. Already existing groups and newly formed groups are eligible to apply.

Completed applications can be submitted via email to [bereavementdevelopment@hospicefoundation.ie](mailto:bereavementdevelopment@hospicefoundation.ie) by 5pm on Friday, 17 November 2023.

### **Irish Aid - Global Citizenship Education Grants**

This grant scheme provides funding to groups involved in the delivery of development education projects that seek to increase awareness of developmental issues and concerns amongst the public.

**Deadline: 10 Nov**

<https://www.irishaid.ie/what-we-do/who-we-work-with/civil-society/global-citizenship-education-funding/>

# DECEMBER

## The Water Development Fund

Your local community or voluntary group can now apply for a Community Water Development Fund (CWDF) grant to deliver a project in 2024. This Fund helps local communities deliver projects and initiatives that enhance your local water environment, delivering multiple benefits for water quality, biodiversity and climate action. The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) administers the Fund on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. There will be €520,000 available in grants under the 2024 Call.

The fund was recently launched by Minister Malcom Noonan, TD, the Minister of State for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Interested community and voluntary groups can download the Guidelines and complete the grant application form online at [LAWaters.ie](http://lawaters.ie). An information video is available which explains all about the Fund and use of the online portal – see here [Local Authority Waters Programme \(vimeo.com\)](https://www.vimeo.com)

The Fund is open to all community and voluntary groups to help in the protection and management of water quality, both locally and in the wider catchment. Grants awarded will range from €1,000 to €25,000.

For support with your application contact Jimmy McVeigh Regional Coordinator [jmcveigh@lawaters.ie](mailto:jmcveigh@lawaters.ie).

The closing date for receipt of applications is 12 noon on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023.

If you experience any technical difficulties on the website, please email [funding@lawaters.ie](mailto:funding@lawaters.ie)

Examples of projects funded in 2023 across the country include:

Catchment Water Quality & Wildlife Awareness Initiative (Friends of Castle Lake Catchment, Cavan).

Water Quality Talks and Workshops.

Rainwater Awareness camps for kids.

River litter picks, invasive species training and removal.

Provision of water butts, rainwater planters and citizen science training.

Construction of a bog garden and delivery of training workshop.

Group Water Scheme Source Protection Project.

Sustainable Urban Drainages and Nature Based Solutions for Stormwater Runoff.

For a full list of projects funded throughout Ireland, please see [Grants Awarded Community Water Dev Fund 2023.pdf](#)

Below: Just two of many project ideas supported by the Community Water Development Fund: a rainwater planter (left) that helps to “slow the flow” of rainwater runoff into storm drains, and a newly created park wetland (right) to collect and purify rainwater runoff from carparks, roadways before it returns to natural waterways. Photo credits: LAWPRO.

## DECEMBER

### Arts Council Creative Europe Cooperation Award

#### The Arts Council - Co-funding Award for Creative Europe Cooperation Projects

The primary purpose of the award is to enable Irish organisations who have secured funding for artistic activities under the Co-operation Projects strand of the Creative Europe Culture Sub-Programme 2014-2020 to apply for co-funding.

**Deadline: 7 Dec**

[Find out more](#)

The primary purpose of the award is to enable Irish organisations that have secured funding for artistic activities under the Cooperation Projects strands of the Creative Europe Programme 2021-2027 to apply for co-funding.

Funding will be considered to support those elements of Irish arts activities that align with the objectives and priorities of this award.

The award is only open to arts organisations based in Ireland that have received an offer of funding, either as Lead Co-ordinator or Partner, from Creative Europe's Cooperation Projects in 2023.

The objectives and priorities of this award align with the Arts Council's strategy, [Making Great Art Work 2016-2025](#) and are:

- Projects that recognise the value of international practice and relationships for both the applicant organisation and for individual artists
- Projects that demonstrate the promotion and development of good practice in the area of audience development along with deepening and growing public engagement;
- Projects that contribute to ensuring the arts sector is skilled, resourceful and committed to its own renewal.

Applications from non-arts organisations will be eligible only where an Irish arts organisation has been identified as a participant in the project and where Arts Council support will be used for the benefit of the arts organisation's Irish art activities. Applications for a Co-funding Award for Cooperation Projects must be made in the same calendar year in which an offer of funding is received from the EACEA.

# DECEMBER

## Movement For Good Fund

Ecclesiastical Insurance in Ireland is inviting people to nominate a good cause to receive €1,000 as part of Benefact Group's 2023 Movement for Good Awards.

Now in its fifth year, the Movement for Good Awards will once again see more than €1 million gifted to charities across Ireland and the UK.

Since the awards began, people have submitted an incredible 1.75 million nominations and more than 2,000 charities have benefited from valuable donations. The Movement for Good Awards has gifted over €4 million since the initiative started.

While the pandemic and the current economic climate has had an adverse effect on cash donations, the amount of people choosing to volunteer their time for a good cause is rising<sup>1</sup>. Ecclesiastical Insurance in Ireland is inviting people to give a minute of their time to nominate a charity online at [www.movementforgood.com](http://www.movementforgood.com).

Winners will be drawn at random and the more times a charity is nominated the more chance it has of being selected. 150 winning charities will be announced from 1 June, with a further 150 revealed in September. Further gifts will be awarded throughout the year.

## **DECEMBER**

### **The Fit for Life Awards**

Every year, the Fit for Life Foundation awards grants of EUR 100,000 each to 3 non-profit organizations or social enterprises that are pioneering projects to promote life-long fitness, mobility, and health in aging societies around the world.

The Fit for Life Awards provide multi-year support and international visibility to innovative, impactful projects promoting life-long fitness and health in rapidly aging societies worldwide.

Grants are disbursed over 3 years to facilitate tracking and monitoring of the project's performance and impact.

This multi-year support enables Laureates to steadily scale up their programs, while building public awareness of the importance of healthy aging for communities.

The Fit for Life Laureates are announced at an annual awards event in Geneva, Switzerland, in the presence of the Fit for Life ambassadors, donors and partner organizations.

The projects we support are publicized through our website, social media channels and podcast.

<https://www.fitforlife.foundation/awards>

# DECEMBER

## **Asylum, Migration & Integration Fund**

The Minister of State for Community Development, Integration and Charities, Joe O'Brien, has launched a Call for Proposals from organisations planning projects to support the reception and integration of Third Country Nationals in Ireland.

This follows funding provided to 20 organisations in 2016 and 19 organisations in 2019 following a similar Call for Proposals, both of which were supported by the 2014-2020 AMIF Programme. As a result of these initiatives, the path towards integration of migrants, many of whom have fled very challenging circumstances in other countries, has been made significantly easier.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 12 pm on Friday, 1 December 2023.

More details at:

<https://www.wheel.ie/news/2023/10/2023-asylum-migration-and-integration-fund-inviting-applications>

And

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/ae8eb-minister-joe-obrien-invites-applications-to-the-2023-asylum-migration-and-integration-fund-call-for-proposals/>


## DECEMBER

### **CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ALLIANCE Food POVERTY Fund**


Christmas Food Poverty Initiative 2023

New Member Funding Opportunity

Children's Rights Alliance are delighted to announce a new food Poverty Initiative to address holiday hunger over the Christmas period.

 Funding available: €5,000 - €12,000

 Apply >>>> <https://bit.ly/3R2CV0k>

 Deadline: 5pm, 21 November

<https://childrensrights.ie/>

### **2023 Parent Peer Support Fund**

The Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O’Gorman, has launched the 2024 Parent Peer Support fund. The fund is open to organisations working with parents and/or children and young people to facilitate the development and support of parent peer support groups.

**Deadline: 15 Dec 2023**

[Find out more](#)



# OPEN

## **The PEACEPLUS Programme**

**The PEACEPLUS Programme** Cavan County Council has been allocated €4.3 million under Theme 1 “Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities” to deliver a co-designed local community PEACEPLUS Action Plan. This consultation will form stage one of the consultation process alongside an online survey. **The survey, and further information, including the Socio-Economic Statement, which contains high-level goals for the PEACEPLUS Action Plan, can be accessed at [www.cavancoco.ie/peaceplusconsultation](http://www.cavancoco.ie/peaceplusconsultation)** This project will be funded by the European Union’s PEACEPLUS Programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body.

### **What is PEACE Plus theme 1.1 about?**

Theme 1.1 will have local councils the border counties and in NI as Lead Delivery Partners. It requires councils to create a co-designed Local Community PEACE Action Plan. ‘Co-designed’ means the design of the content in the plan, and the management of that plan in delivering projects, will be a partnership process with input from a range of statutory and community and voluntary sector organisations all done in the public interest. The PEACE Action Plan will enable diverse partnerships to establish priority actions for their local areas and collectively address these in a manner which will make a significant and lasting contribution to peace and reconciliation.

**The plan will be centred around three core themes:**

- 1. Local community regeneration and transformation.**
- 2. Thriving and peaceful communities; and**
- 3. Building respect for all cultural identities.**

The plan will enable and empower the local community partnership to self-determine and deliver priority projects on a cross community basis, which will result in improved, shared, and inclusive local services, facilities and spaces and make a significant and lasting contribution to peace and reconciliation.

**If you require further information contact Jane Crudden, PEACE Programme Manager, Community, Enterprise and Tourism, Cavan County Council**

**[jcrudden@cavancoco.ie](mailto:jcrudden@cavancoco.ie)**

**0871229614**

# OPEN

## The International Fund for Ireland

The International Fund for Ireland was established as an independent organisation by the British and Irish Governments in 1986 with financial contributions from the United States of America, the European Union, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The total resources committed to the Fund to date amount to £728m / €914m, supporting over 6,000 projects across the island of Ireland. The Fund aims to promote economic and social advance as well as encourage contact and dialogue between nationalists and unionists throughout Ireland.

<https://www.internationalfundforireland.com/>

The Strategic Framework's objectives are:

- To promote reconciliation and integration in interface areas
  - To continue to engage communities and individuals, particularly young people, who have only recently or have not yet participated in peace building and community reconciliation activities
  - To maintain the longstanding approach of the Fund in promoting economic and social advance in communities suffering from very high levels of economic and social deprivation
  - To continue to build strategic alliances with other funders and government to ensure interventions are complementary, sustainable and can shape policies that promote peace and reconciliation
  - To extend the Fund's engagement with other peace builders on the island of Ireland and in other regions emerging from conflict as part of a wider effort to promote conflict resolution
- To review by early 2019 the progress made by the Fund and determine if further work is required to secure the peace.

# OPEN

## CAVAN LEADER

LEADER promotes sustainable development in Europe's rural areas addressing economic, social and environmental concerns. LEADER was designed to aid the development of sustainable rural communities following the reforms of the Common Agricultural Policy and is funded under Priority 6 of the Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020 by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development. The Department of Rural and Community Development is the programme manager for LEADER and Pobal supports the Department.

The LEADER Programme is a community led local development approach that involves the participation of rural communities in developing local responses to key economic, environmental and social challenges identified in their area. Cavan Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) has responsibility for the delivery of LEADER 2014-2020 throughout the county. The key implementation partner is Breffni Integrated CLG. During the period of the programme, LEADER funding will be invested in qualifying innovative community and private enterprise projects in County Cavan. The financial partner for the delivery of LEADER 2014-2020 is Cavan County Council.

Decisions on LEADER funding are made at a local level by a Local Action Group (LAG), through the framework of a Local Development Strategy (LDS) which is a plan developed by rural communities to support sustainable development of their area. A LAG is made up of people from the local community as well as from the local public and private sector.

Find our more at:

<https://www.cld.ie/cavan-leader-programme>

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## **The Community Climate Action**

The Community Climate Action Programme is a new programme to support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action at a local level. It aims to shape and build low carbon, sustainable communities in a coherent way to contribute to national climate and energy targets.

The types of projects/initiatives, within communities, which are eligible for funding under the Programme, should seek to demonstrate the delivery of national climate action at local level by:

1. Reducing or supporting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
2. Increasing the production, or use, of renewable energy
3. Improving energy efficiency
4. Increasing climate resilience
5. Identifying nature-based projects that enhance biodiversity and seek to reduce, or increase the removal of, greenhouse gas emissions or support climate resilience in the State
6. Assisting regions in the State (including communities in those regions) and within sectors of the economy impacted by the transition to a low carbon economy

Involving potentially innovative solutions to address the above asks

Find our more at:

<https://www.cavancoco.ie/services/environment-climate-change/climate-action/community-climate-action-programme/#:~:text=Cavan%20County%20Council%20welcomes%20the,up%20of%20community%20climate%20action.>

## **Cavan County Local Development (& SICAP) Funds**

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (**SICAP**) 2018 – 2022 provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.

### **Local Community Group/Social Enterprise Grants**

Target groups and thematic areas: In line with the ethos of the **SICAP** Programme, applications for funding for projects that target the relevant groups or issues in disadvantaged areas which comply with the strategic thematic areas outlined in the SICAP Programme 2018 – 2022 under Goal 1 can only be considered. Please click [Guidance Document](#) for further details.

#### **Terms and Conditions**

The project must benefit the residents in a disadvantaged area or a target group under the **SICAP** Programme.

The information supplied by the applicant group /organisation must be accurate and complete.

Misinformation may lead to disqualification and/or the repayment of any grant made.

All information provided in respect of the application for a grant will be held electronically. **CCLD** reserves the right to publish a list of all grants awarded on its website.

The Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by the Department, Cavan Local Authority, Cavan LCDC and **CCLD**.

The application must be signed by the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the organisation making the submission.

It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that it has proper procedures and policies in place including appropriate insurance where relevant.

Applications must be on the relevant form.

Evidence of expenditure, receipts /invoices must be retained and provided to **CCLD** or their representative if requested.

A project evaluation report must be submitted to **CCLD** on completion of the project or spend.

**CCLD**, Cavan LCDC and the Department's contribution must be publicly acknowledged in all materials associated with the purpose of the grant.

The minimum grant available is €150 up to a maximum of €1,500.

Generally, no third party or intermediary applications will be considered.

Breaches of the terms and conditions of the grants programme may result in sanctions including disbarment from future grant applications.

### **The Brendan Reilly Lifelong Learning, Training & Education Grant**

#### **Grants for Individuals**

Grants can be given for individual beneficiaries under Goal 2 of the **SICAP** Programme for lifelong learning courses. The following rules apply:

The maximum grant for an individual is €500 per annum;

SEE MORE ABOUT THESE AT:

<https://www.cclld.ie/apply-for-sicap-funding>

Or

<https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/6609f4-social-inclusion-and-community-activation-programme-sicap/>

# **Funding Application Workbook.**

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Please use this handy template as a guide to get your project running, your key players and contacts, your main goals and whose responsible for what. In this way, you can have a summary of your project at a one page glance.

## **Funding Application Workbook**

### **Example of a Project Proposal (expression of interest)**

**Proposed:** Development of a new green area for the local village.

**Timeline:** 6 weeks from receipt of fund

**Group details:** We are a community development group from Breifne Village who have 9 members, 6 men, 3 women. Three of which are members of the youth (under 18) and 5 of which are new communities members.

**Governance:** we have a constitution outlining our groups roles and responsibilities as well as a finance policy to govern the use of monies in regard to projects and programs run by us. The group has an officer board, hosts regular meetings and can provide out policies and AGM minutes upon request. We have previously managed 5 projects from 2000 to 18,200 euros totaling 150,000 euros over the past 3 years.

**Project Proposal:** Breifne Village has 205 people living within a 2 kilometer radius of its centre. This project proposes to develop a green on a disused piece of land at the centre of the village. This land is owned by Cavan County Council and we attach a letter from them showing support for the development of a green on this area.

The project proposes the following:

- (i) Local survey of people's views on the green & advertisement for developer (March-April)
- (ii) Development of plans with contracted developer (May)
- (iii) Local consultation of Plans (June)
- (iv) Commencement of work on Plan (July-August)
- (v) Completion of work with public launch (sept)
- (vi) submission of follow on reports of legacy impact on local area (Dec)

**Reporting:** We are eager to work alongside our funding partner at every step of the way and will provide whatever level of reporting you require throughout the project, as well as post-project to demonstrate the positive impact of your investment in our community. This will include finance, photographic and public consultation reporting. Please let us know what reporting you would like to see here.

**Policies/expertise in-house:** Data Protection, Financial Controls, Constitution, Insurance (public liability), Child Protection, accounting, consultation skills, IT and social media skills, desktop publishing, creative/artistic development, business/executive skills.

### **List of Officers of our group with contact details:**

Chair:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

## **Acknowledgement & Thanks**

Cavan Public Participation Network would like to offer the following acknowledgement and thanks in regard to this document and the general PPN project;

**Cavan County Local Development:** The host company of CavanPPN has been a positive and pro-active partner for community in Cavan, even before becoming a host to the PPN. The CCLD mission, particularly its SICAP program is helping hundreds if not thousands of people in County Cavan directly and indirectly in their lives.

**John Toland and Jane Crudden:** John Toland of LEADER and Jane Crudden of Peace have both been incredibly open, supportive and informative partners throughout the years in regard to the best way to make groups funding friendly in their projects. Their example has shown that funders are not guard dogs of money, but supportive custodians to ensure its wiser spending in the community.

**The Department of Rural and Community Development:** the governmental funder of PPNs nationwide have been weekly supportive and informative for our PPN in receiving funding information to pass on to our member groups. Their information has been instrumental in helping groups make applications.

**Cavan County Council:** The local funder of PPNs nationwide, Councils are asked to support their PPNs in information, consultation and development. Of particular note are the team in Community & Enterprise who work toward community development and social inclusion countywide.

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**YOU:** Cavan Public Participation Network is made up of, presently, 353 groups and it's the community groups that are the heart of everything we are and do. Without you, we have no communities, only houses. Without you, we have only localities, not societies. Without you we are only people, not a culture. Community groups are often overlooked in the importance of what you bring to the world. A world without community is a world of lonely individuals and a very dry existence. Your work needs to be highlighted as one of the most enriching things in our society. Thanks you, you are all appreciated.

- D. Downey, CavanPPN Coordinator.



## **A Funding Guide For Cavan Communities**

Cavan Public Participation Network is proud to bring you this document to support your community groups and projects. Within it you will find guidance in how to make applications, sample expressions of interest and templates in running your project.

We have also compiled a description of 76 funds which we had advertised throughout the year. We have included a short description of each with a link and a calendar of when these funds were open in 2023 so you can plan ahead to potentially contact them in 2024 with your ideas.

We hope that this document can form the basis if your better planning for your projects ahead and that it assists you to support the fantastic community work you do to make County Cavan a brilliant place to call home.

If you need any more information or are interested to attend any of our training in making applications or running projects then please don't hesitate to check out our website and get in contact with us at:

**[www.cavanppn.ie](http://www.cavanppn.ie)**

**Below: The Erne River, Crossdoney, County Cavan**

