

Approving Grants

Example of The Criteria used by a Funding Foundation

Grant applications are assessed by a committee of experts and recommendations are made to the Board for approval. If requested, informal feedback on submitted applications is provided.

The general criteria for assessing grant applications are set out below:

Criteria		Score %
1. Suitability of Organisation		10
2. Circumstances of Target Group		25
3. Purpose of Grant		30
4. Impact and effectiveness		25
5. Innovativeness		10
Total		100

Notes on Criteria

- Suitability of organisation refers to whether the applicant body works directly with children and young people or for their benefit and whether there is confidence in the work that they do. Those bodies working with marginalised and excluded children and young people are of particular interest.
- Circumstances of the target group refer to the actual children and young people that the grant will be used in favour of and their particular needs.
- Purpose of the grant is self-explanatory but attention should be given to whether it is realistic and appropriate.
- Impact and effectiveness refer to the benefits of the proposed activity and to what extent a Foundation grant will enable the purpose to be achieved for the benefit of the target group.
- Innovativeness is trying to capture proposals which are different or novel, and those coming from outside of Dublin are especially welcome.