A Manual for the Not-for-Profit sector
New Options for Funding in Covid-19

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1 Introduction

Voluntary organisations are hugely challenged with loss of income from their traditional sources as a result of Covid-19. The financial challenge is compounded by time-consuming Covid-19 responsibilities and in some cases reduced availability of volunteers. Many organisations are having to re-think how they work, where they can save on expenditure, become better at applying for the traditional sources of funds and more innovative in finding new resources. New Options for Funding is a manual aimed at practically helping not-for-profit groups to work together effectively in meeting these challenges and keeping their operations running.

2 Content

In this manual you will be able to work through options in adjusting how you operate, become more focused and prepared for application and fundraising, identify new online and off-line ways of fundraising during Covid-19 and become more up-to-date on grant and loan sources for the development of social, community, health, enterprise, educational, arts and other objectives.

Please note that the manual applies to all 26 counties. There will be some variations at county level in relation to grant availability and timings. Always check with your local Public Partnership Network (PPN)

The manual accompanies tailored live online sessions where participants receive a presentation, are guided through the best use of the manual and take part in live Q&As.

3 How to use this manual
3.1 A work-book format

The manual is laid out like a workbook drawing together the key steps to improve your organisation's overall resources and finances. It contains blank tables for you to complete. If there are not sufficient tables then add as many as you need.

References are also provided throughout the manual so that you can refer to more detailed information and application forms.

3.2 Layout

In Chapter 4 "Re-adjusting operations" we set out a process you can follow if you need to re-set your goals following Covid-19, suggest ways to re-adjust your operations and re-profile the roles of staff and volunteers. This can impact on the type and the amount of funding you are seeking.

"Knowing your place in the world of funding", Chapter 5, helps to identify which types of income generation broadly suit your organisation and plots the adjustments you might need to make. It prompts you to consider the relative weight you give to different options such as gifts, grants, contracts or open market activities and explains what these are.

In Chapter 6 "Advanced application preparation" we set out the key questions that most funders ask. This will help you be ever-ready to apply for the opportunities that can sometimes come with submission deadlines which are difficult to meet.

"New approaches to fundraising", Chapter 7, draws on experience around Ireland and globally and gives over 30 techniques and examples of how we can attract resources and raise funds differently during a pandemic and in the post pandemic world.

Chapter 8 "Crowdfunding" refers to some of the key online crowdfunding platforms used by the voluntary sector and shows you how to decide on the best ones for your needs.

"Sources of grants and loans", Chapter 9, provides information on approx 100 different sources for financing social, community, health, enterprise, educational, arts and other objectives. It provides the links to help you self-manage your own permanent online database of funding sources relevant to your cause.

In Chapter 10 "Your funding options plan" we suggest a template for how you can use the learning to garner your group's resolve to meet the challenges of attracting funds and operating viably during and after Covid-19.

4 Re-adjusting operations

4.1 Introduction

This section sets out three principle adjustments you may have to make in your organisation, all of which will impact upon either expenditure or income. This first step will help ensure you take account of potentially vital changes to the underlying finances of your organisation before you decide where to focus your fundraising.

We walk you through three considerations:

- What are the potential costs of the new risks that you face by operating in a pandemic?

- What are the Covid-19 compliance adjustments you have to make to operate safely?

- What will be the changes to work practices? Estimate the cash loss or gain of these changes.

4.2 Costing risk

4.2.1 Overall impact

The exercise below is designed to assist not-for-profit bodies to estimate the financial impact of the changes taking place as a result of Covid-19 by estimating, even in general terms at this stage the financial impact of:

1. Complying with Covid-19 protocols
2. Adjusting services to users because of Covid-19 or other changes
3. Assessing if there are any changes to the regular annual overheads of running the service
4. Deciding whether you need to undertake any new capital projects.

Either just answer yes or no in the table below or put in amounts if you have them. Don't let it stop you moving on.

1	2	3	4		5
Key areas	What are the changes for the 12 months ahead?	Financial cost or gain	Increases or decreases to hours for:		The financial costs/gains of all changes in columns 2 ,3 & 4
			Employees	Volunteers	
Covid-19 compliance	PPE and other physical measures Changes to staff working conditions and work practices				

	Using less or more physical space				
Operational changes	Adjustments to your operations required by users of your service, other than above				
All other normal overheads					
Other planned capital expenditure					
Total impact					

4.2.2 Annual impact

How are the costs above spread over the years? As above, don't feel you have to put detailed answers in place. However, try to come up with overall estimates. This will help you get a fix on how much additional support, if any, you will need in the year ahead.

Area	Description	Year 1	Year 2
Covid-19 compliance	PPE and other physical measures		
	Changes to staff working conditions and work practices		
	Using less or more physical space		
External	Adjustments required by users of your service, other than above		
Other overheads			
Other capital			
Total impact			

4.2.3 Knowing the facts about finance

If you have undertaken the above exercise you will now be able to answer the following:

Question	Your answer
How many additional volunteering hours do you need now and next year?	
By how much have your overheads increased or decreased now or next year?	
What additional or reduced capital costs will you have?	

5 Knowing you place in the world of funding
5.1 Introduction

With the large adjustments that are taking place, perhaps your position in the world of funding has changed. Are you for instance shifting from asking for money to earning money or vice versa?

Take a look at the chart below, decide where you are now and where you might need to take your organisation one year from now.

Trading	Contractors Consumers	• Contracts • Market place
Asking	Donors Funders	• Donations • Grants
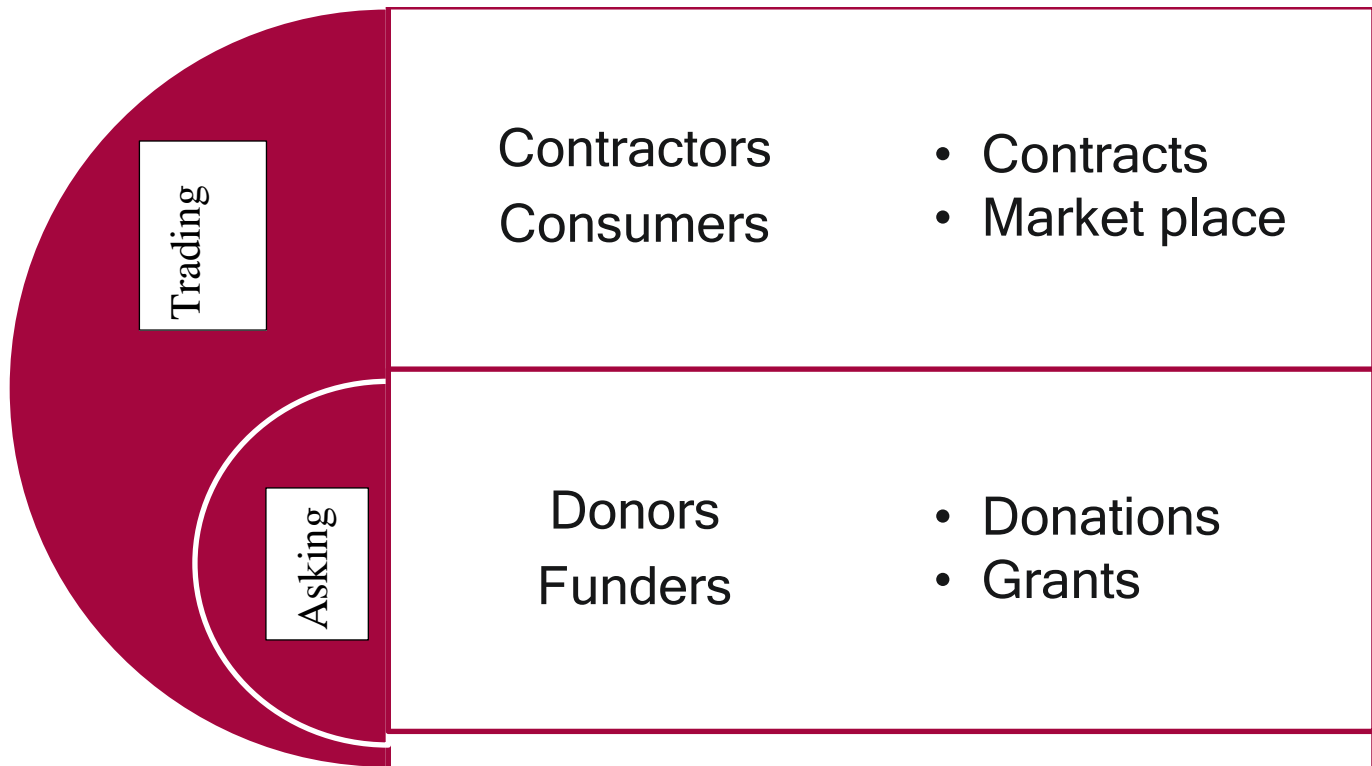
If you are an organisation that asks for money then are you asking donors to give you donations or funders to give you grants? If you are earning money then are you supplying contracts to contractors or providing services or goods to consumers in the general market place?

5.2 Position in the funding spectrum

Now establish where your organisation has shifted to in the world of funding since before Covid-19. Establish in overall terms the % of income you had from the four categories below pre-Covid-19 and the projected % you will need from each category below now or in future.

Then work out what that means in terms of actual amounts targeted for these different categories.

Financial dependency - 4 categories	% of our income annually Pre Covid-19	% of income targeted for 2021 or 2022	€ amount in future year i.e. 2021 or 2022
Getting grants from funders			
Getting donations from donors			
Supplying specific contracts to contracting organisations			
Trading in the general market place			
Total turnover	100%	100&	

You will now have established how much you should be getting from one or more of the four main ways of getting money into your organisation.

6 Advanced application preparation

6.1 Introduction
You are now clear on the relative levels of focus you should give to preparing to bid for or earn resources from each of the four categories in section 5 above. There is vital background preparation you can now commence even without any obvious deadline for submission of applications.

6.2 Common questions to work on
These questions revolve around four key areas:
- Internal questions about your organisation
- Questions about your project
- Questions about people, networks and communications and
- Money questions

6.2.1 Internal questions about your organisation

6.2.1.1 LEGAL

Which of these structures describe you?	Tick here
Company limited by guarantee	
Designated Activity Company limited by guarantee	
Designated Activity Company limited by shares	
Industrial and Provident Societies	
Organisation established by Statute	
Partnership	
Private Company Limited by Shares	
Private Charitable Trust	
Private Unlimited Company	
School Board of Management	
Sole trader	
Unincorporated Association	

6.2.1.2 TYPE OF ORGANISATION

Type of organisation	Tick here
Community development project	
Community or voluntary organisation	
Statutory -Citizen Information Service	
Sport and recreation	
Education Pre-school	
Education Primary School	
Education Secondary School	
Education Further Education and Training	
Education Third Level	
Family Resource Centre	
Local Development Company/Partnership	
NGO Non-Governmental Organisation	
Private enterprise	
Revenue Commissioner	
Social enterprise	
Statutory – City/County Childcare Committee	
Statutory - Local Authority	
Statutory - ETB	
Statutory - Health	
Supplier	

6.2.1.3 YOUR GOVERNANCE

For Charities, adherence to the 6 principles of the governance code is mandatory. Many public sources of funds also want to see evidence of adherence to the Governance code.

Principle 1 Advancing of charitable purpose	A governing document or constitution that sets out what your charitable purpose is, your specific objectives and how you aim to achieve them.
Your response 1	
Principle 2 Ethics and in-tegrity	What are your ethics and standards and how do you uphold them?
Your response 2	
Principle 3 Leading peo-ple	Be clear on the roles of board members, management, staff or volunteers. Be clear on how you recruit, train and support, supervise, appraise and remunerate.
Your response 3	
Principle 4 Exercising control	Be clear on your legal structure, which specific regulations you must adhere to, how you control finances, annual and other accounts and how you manage risk.
Your response 4	
Principle 5 Working ef-fectively	Show that your board, staff or volunteers have the skills to carry out their roles, that your meetings are run effectively, that you report and evaluate progress and review your effec-tiveness.
Your response 5	
Principle 6 Behaving with integrity	Being prepared to explain regularly to all your stakeholders what you do, why you do it, how you do it and what you achieve. Do this typically through social media, briefings and through involving your stakeholders in planning what you do.
Your response 6	

6.2.2   Key questions about your project

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Who are you?	**Background information on your organisation** **Relevant background on your organisation which the funders have asked for**
Your response	
Where are?	Maps Diagrams Relationship/distance to other relevant landmarks
Your response	
Why this project?	Vision What you want to change? What is compelling about your project? What it will look like in 5 years? Graphics
Your response	
What are your concrete objectives?	Measurable outcomes that you plan to achieve Short, medium, long-term Described in a numerical, social or personal way
Your response	
How are you going to do the project?	The different elements that make up the doing of the project What the project would look like if you watched it from a distance? Physical design/proportions
Your response	
Which of our criteria do you meet?	Describe how your project meets the funding criteria
Your response	
When is it going to happen?	Timetable the different components over the life of the project Include monitoring and evaluation
Your response	
Who is going to manage the project and how are they going to manage it?	Who is going to manage the project? How will that person or team manage this project effectively? Who are the partner organisations, if any, who will run the project with you What previous relevant experience and skills have they of running projects like this? Who are the other organisations that will work with you to support you in delivering the project?
Your response	

6.2.3 Questions about people, networks and communications

Policies	What are the key policies at a local or national level that are being addressed by your project? Reference the documents and quote the specific sections in them that your project fulfils. Try to quantify in a measurable way how your project's outcomes will contribute to the outcomes intended in the policies mentioned above.
Your response	
Complementa-rity, relationships, co-ordination and non-duplication	What other organisations at a local level work towards similar or complementary policies above? What working relationships have you with these complementary bodies? Can they write a letter of support for your project? How does your project co-ordinate with the complementary bodies above towards the achievement of the policies and outcomes in row 1 of this table 6.2.3?
Your response	
Communica-tion	Who from your organisation will be chiefly responsible for communicating with the funder? How will you communicate your project's progress? Who will you be communicating with? Who will do the communicating?
Your response	

6.2.4 Questions about money

How much?	How much are you looking for? When and over what period of time do you want it?		
Your response	Financial dependency - 4 categories	% of income targeted for 2021 or 2022	€ amount in future year i.e. 2021 or 2022
	Getting grants from funders		
	Getting donations from donors		

	Supplying specific contracts to contracting organisations		
	Trading in the general market place		
	Total turnover	100%	

Eligible costs	List the eligible costs which will amount to the same as the grant request.
Your response	
Total costs	This will include all costs including eligible and ineligible costs Your proven need for the level of funding you are requesting
Your response	
Ability to fund any requirements	Ability to fund up-front costs before grant can be drawn down Ability to raise match funding requirements Ability to make in-kind contributions
Your response	
Your financial status	Evidence of up to date tax compliance Recent audited accounts or financial records Current bank balance(s) Cash reserves and your reserves policy
Your response	
Projected finances	Cash flow forecast Profit and loss projections Balance sheet
Your response	

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7 New approaches to fundraising

We describe in alphabetical order below over 30 techniques to raise money, define these methods, give examples and suggest how you can get started.

Idea	Description	Example	Getting started
Auction	Sell goods donated to you to highest bidders	Jack and Jill Children's Foundation online auction of celebrity items https://www.jackandjill.ie/events/auction-thrill-for-jack-jill/	Create a retail sales page
Barter	Barter transactions are where no money changes hands but goods or services are swapped.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4C7qN_tJiwA&feature=youtu.be Clonakilty Favour Exchange https://www.facebook.com/Clonakilty-FavourExchange/	Consider how you can trade a service you provide for resources your NFP needs.
Celebrity	Get a celebrity to attract the public to join in their activity	Dublin Rape Crisis Centre: Cook up a storm with Celebrity chef Derek Clark https://foodandwine.ie/news/cook-up-a-storm-dublin-rape-crisis-centre	Get a celebrity to share their skills online Invite public to take part and pay fee.
Crowd funding	Raising money from a large number of people, typically via the Internet.	Age Action using the idonate platform https://www.idonate.ie/fund-raiser/11390691_biotd-ad-csr-quiz-2020.html See Crowdfunding chapter in this manual	Choose your target amount, chose your internet platform and get your team to share.
Donate buttons	Insert donate buttons on your website or FB/social media pages	Enable Ireland https://www.enableireland.ie/donate	Install a donate button page on your website
Event sponsorship	Invite sponsorship of particular events/projects rather than for the whole organisation	Bewley's Coffee Galway Hospice Coffee morning https://galwayhospice.ie/events/coffee/	Headhunt local sponsors

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Facility hire	Facility hire e.g. for charity events Advertise your venue and facilities	Carmichael Ireland hiring meeting rooms https://www.carmichaelireland.ie/what-we-do/services/meeting-rooms/	Identify facilities you can hire out
Gala livestreaming	Host an online gala event, using livestreaming, with speakers, music, participation, donation	Sligo Online Festival Community's online fundraiser for charity https://www.face-book.com/groups/232124461170566/events	Organise your local virtual concert using online apps and social media
Honouring	Honouring a special person from your organisation	Three sisters raise money for Foyle Hospice by making a tribute video for their grandmother. https://www.irishpost.com/news/irish-sisters-charity-song-grandma-191341	Create events that honour people whose stories are respected by your community.
Income deductions	A regular weekly deduction from donor's income towards your organisation	Payroll deduction scheme supporting Galway Hospice https://galwayhospice.ie/get-involved/raffles-draws/weekly-draw/	Set up a payroll giving direct debit system on your website
Jobbing	Mobilise people to work together or individually to complete a task they believe in	Self Help Africa 1,000,000 new trees in Sub-Saharan Africa and 100,000 native trees in Ireland - for every €5 donation, 1 is planted in Ireland and 10 in Africa https://selfhelpafrica.org/onemilliontrees/	Supply the raw material, supervision or skill and invite people to take part.
Kit	Assemble a fundraising kit so that fundraising supporters can avail of the resource to help them raise money effectively	Mental Health Ireland send fundraising kits to their volunteers https://www.mentalhealthireland.ie/help-fundraising/	Prepare your own guidelines, marketing materials, forms and anything else that makes it easy for anyone to raise money for you.
Lottery	Create a lottery where people donate regularly and enter a weekly draw	NCBI Eye Can Lottery https://www.ncbi.ie/ncbi-new-eye-can-lottery-launches/	Set up direct debit regular contribution and make sure you have a permit

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Membership	Invite people to become fee paying members, in return for information, events and special treatment	Clubs Co-operatives	Identify who to invite
Merchandise	Christmas cards, post cards	Purple house, Wicklow Community based cancer support https://www.purplehouse.ie/product/christmas-cards/	Come up with a design concept and merchandising plan
Newsworthy	Focus on an event that is newsworthy	RNLI spotlight rescue of 2 paddleboarders in Galway and ask for donations https://www.facebook.com/rnli/posts/10158023731403999	Look for relevant news items to link with your story
Operate differently	Move some services to online support	Focus Ireland providing tenancy support online https://www.focusireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Telephone-tenancy-support-during-Covid-19.pdf	See how you can help online
On line	Restructure to virtual volunteering	Volunteer Ireland guidance https://www.volunteer.ie/about-us/covid-19/covid-19-resources/moving-to-virtual-volunteering/	Create new online helping opportunities for people whom it suits to volunteer online.
Philanthropy	Individual and corporate giving	Debra Ireland is supported by the Applegreen Charitable Fund http://philanthropy.ie/in-action/	Identify wealthy people or organisations who share your vision.
Public appeal	Launch a public appeal	Appeal for funds for Kilkee Playground https://clarechampion.ie/funding-appeal-to-reopen-kilkee-playground/	Assemble a range of media outlets that will help convey your message through your powerful stories and messages
Quiz online	Run an online quiz with fees to enter	Cope Foundation raising funds through FB online quiz https://www.facebook.com/CopeFoundation/posts/3796507317089328	Start setting the questions and build your own platform on social media or uses apps that generate quiz events
Remote product	People from around the world sponsor a part of your building or event project	Annaduff GAA (Leitrim) Buy a Brick to build Centre of Excellence https://www.leitrimgaa.ie/bricks/	Break down your project into easy to understand or iconic parts and credit each sponsor

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Secondment	Invite employers to second people to work in your charity in return for training, experience, public relations	https://www.theguardian.com/voluntary-sector-network/2016/mar/31/charities-gain-employees-from-top-business	Write the job description, demonstrate the learning or fulfilment opportunities in it and invite companies to second people to fill the post.
Sport	Sporting activities run for charity	Kerry ladies Gaelic football club MKL Gaels and friends kicked one million so-los for Childline http://www.kerryladiesfootball.com/mkl-gaels-ispcc-fundraiser/	Build links between sporting activities with community fundraising needs.
Tap and Donate	A Charity can rent different types of ter-minals including GPRS, Wireless and countertop allowing them to offer Tap to Donate to do-nors	Trocaire teamed with Supermacs to lo-cate tap and donate terminals https://fundrais-ing.co.uk/2019/03/12/irish-charity-intro-duces-digital-collection-boxes-for-lent/	Investigate the various companies offering Tap and Donate services to compare costs and oppor-tunities for your organisa-tion
Tax Refund Scheme	This is a Charitable Donation Scheme that allows tax relief on qualifying dona-tions made to ap-proved bodies.	Joan makes a cash donation of €1,000 and normally would have paid tax of €449.27. The approved charity can claim the 449.27.	https://www.reve-nue.ie/en/companies-and-charities/charities-and-sports-bodies/charitable-donation-scheme/in-dex.aspx
Unite	Unite with other or-ganisations and fundraise together	Advent of Change Calendar supports multiple charities with each purchase of the calendar https://adventofchange.com/	Identify other charities to work with

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Virtual events	Head shaves, sponsored walks, virtual marathons, virtual exotic journeys (Camino de Quarantine – Focus Ireland), jersey auctions, walking, running, cycling/spinning, yoga, and boot camp.	VHI Virtual Women's Mini-Marathon 10k 10 Days – Complete it between 1 October to 10 October (10 days) Help raise €10 million euro for Irish charities https://www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie/virtual-race-packs-2020	Use wearable fitness tracking devices (British Heart Foundation My-Marathon). -distance, steps, calories) Piggyback on national corporate fundraising event aimed at any charity of your choice. Go to their special website or landing page registration
Wills	Invite people to leave you money in their will	https://www.freewills.co.uk	Get a legal firm to offer to do a free will for people if they will leave a part of their estate to your cause
X Factor event	Online X Factor events	St. Ailbe's School, Tipperary Town https://gopro.com/v/MJgb8ZODPDnQD	Drawn upon the popularity of TV events and replicate them in your neighbourhood or online
Yearly special days	Annual days that provide opportunities to fundraise or raise awareness	Daffodil Day for the Irish Cancer Society https://www.cancer.ie/ways-to-help/fundraise/daffodil-day/about-daffodil-day	Chose a day in the year that is memorable for your community and centre your annual fundraiser on that day.
Z Generation	Get your local Generation Z to come up with ideas for online fundraising.	The Rose Development Corporation adapting to Generation Z https://rosecdc.org/community/lents-youth-initiative/	Adapt your requests and messaging to attract people born between 1996 and 2010,

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8 Crowdfunding

8.1 What is crowdfunding

The practice of funding a project or venture by raising many small amounts of money from a large number of people, typically via the Internet.

Some key aspects:

It is quick and easy to get set-up – there are good step by step guides on the websites

People can donate from their own home and you can organise from yours!

There are charges to consider – usually based on each donation made and sometimes a "platform fee" too

How the money is withdrawn from or deposited into an account needs to be well controlled. You need to have this aspect well planned.

8.2 Choosing a crowdfunding platform

8.2.1 Introduction

There are many crowdfunding platforms to choose from. Here are some popular sites currently being used by Irish voluntary organisations for fundraising:

- ifundraise.ie
- idonate.ie
- fundit.ie
- gofundme.com
- gogetfunding.com

There are many others and this is a rapidly developing field. We have compared these five platforms below to assist you in deciding which of these or other platforms might best suit your needs and the key things to watch out for.

8.2.2 Background

	idonate.ie	ifund-raise.ie	fundit.ie	gofundme.com	gogetfund-ing.com
Background	Established 2011 to assist charities & non-profits in fundraising. Largest platform in Ireland used by 2000+ not for profits Part of a network (including ifundraise.ie) based in Galway.	Established 2013 as specialist in club and school fundraising. Based in Galway. Has over 1,000 groups registered	All-island Irish website for Ireland's creative projects, run by *Business to Arts*, a not-for-profit organisation working to support resilience and transformation in the cultural sector	Largest crowd funding platform world -wide. Used by many Irish fundraisers; based in the USA	Established 2011 based in USA

8.2.3 Set-up and fees

	idonate.ie	ifundraise.ie	fundit.ie	go-fundme.com	gogetfund-ing.com
Set up and fees	Quick to set up; no set up costs or annual costs 4% platform fee on each donation + variable transaction fee depending on payment method (for example 1% extra if credit/debit card)- donors are asked if they wish to cover this and "most do	Quick to set up; no set up costs or annual costs 4% platform fee on each donation + variable transaction fee depending on payment method (for example 1% extra if credit/debit card)- donors are asked if they wish to cover this and "most do"	Basic fee of 5% and 3% to cover the transaction and other costs for processing your pledges. No charges are made unless a project reaches its funding targets within the allotted campaign time.	Easy to set up. No set up fee or platform fee; transaction fee of 2.9%* + €0.25 per donation *VAT Included	Easy to set up. It's free to start a campaign and charge is 4% on the amount raised. processing fees are an average of 2.9%

8.2.4 How it works

	idonate.ie	ifundraise.ie	fundit.ie	gofundme.com	gogetfund-ing.com
How it works	Create a fund- raising page – either 1)"Once Off Fundraising Page" showing total amount raised along with individual donor's name & amount donated, typically this is used by people raising funds for a personal cause or local causes. 2) Ongoing Fundraising account – ideal for schools, sports clubs, groups, or where the cause has the support of fundraising pages. The cause profile page will **not** show a running total of donations or individual donations. Users can donate privately to the cause. Also, individuals can create personal fundraising pages in aid of the cause.	The system allows the owner / administrator create a profile for the Cause, to which donations can then be made directly (private donations). A supporter (fundraiser) may also setup a Fundraising Page where he/she does an Event in support of a Cause.	"All or nothing funding"; this means that *Fundit* obtains card authorization from Funders to debit their account if the given Project reaches its goal. If a Project does not meet its funding goal *Fundit* will not debit the card, meaning that your Project will receive nothing.	Offers a Go-FundMe Donate Button that you can embed on your website or blog to easily promote your fundraiser and encourage others to donate. The Donate Button showcases your main fundraiser image, your fundraiser title, the amount you've raised—and most importantly? It contains an active link to your fundraiser that takes people directly to your donation page.	Set up a fundraising page and email contacts to invite them to donate. Tends to be used more for individual events rather than causes.

9 Sourcing grants and loans

9.1 Introduction

We list below sources of grants from within Ireland divided into colour coded categories of mixed, Arts/Culture Including Tourism, children and young people and including education, enterprise, environment/outdoors/local infrastructure, supported employment and wellbeing.

Title	Mixed	Arts/culture in-cluding tourism	Children, young people and community edu-cation	Enterprise (mainly social)	Environ-ment/out-doors/local in-frastructure	Supported em-ployment	Wellbeing and sport
Colour code							

Where available we indicate the grant's name, purpose and eligibility, typical allocation (where information is available), deadline and who admin-isters it.

We have included some grants whose deadline may have passed or closed. This is because the situation can change suddenly and we thought it best that you could develop your own database where you can check periodically for those grants of particular interest to you.

9.2 Table of approx 100 relevant grant sources

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MIX OF CATEGORIES

Name	Purpose and eligibility	Typical allocation	Deadline	Administered by/ refer to/apply to
Business and Commercial Funds	**Many businesses have funds that distribute small amounts of money to local causes. Each has different criteria and deadlines can be checked on website link below:** Airbnb (Áitiúil) (postponed for 2020) https://ga.airbnb.ie/d/aitiuil Aldi (Community Support Fund) https://www.aldi.ie/love-ireland/community Applegreen (Blossom Fund) https://www.applegreenstores.com/charity/ Bank of Ireland (Begin Together Fund) https://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/types-of-grants/bank-of-ireland-begin-together-fund-2020 Coca Cola (Thank You Fund) https://www.coca-cola.ie/community/thank-you-fund/the-coca-cola-thank-you-fund-2019-applications-now-open Ecclesiastical Insurance – (Movement for Good Fund) https://www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good/ Energia (Get Ireland Growing) https://www.energia.ie/energia-get-ireland-growing	Various	Various	See websites

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	Patagonia International environmental grants https://www.patagonia.com/how-we-fund/international-grant/ Permanent TSB (Community Fund) https://www.permanenttsb.ie/responsible-business/community-fund/ Tesco Community Fund https://food-and-community.tesco.ie/home/supporting-local-communities/community-fund-stories/what-is-community-fund/			
CLÁR	Current funding available for measure 3: Funding for (3A) Community Groups providing Meals on Wheels and other linked community services and The adaption of existing vehicles and the purchase of associated kitchen and delivery equipment.	(3a) 2,000 to 20,000 for local groups and up to 100,000 for regional groups	Most recent closing date was 11th Sept 2020 Check site for next rounds	https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/91ba52-clar/ Applications should be submitted directly to the Department at clar@drcd.gov.ie
Community based CCTV	The scheme is intended to support local **communities** wishing to install and maintain **CCTV** security systems in their area, with the aim of increasing public safety and deterring illegal or anti-social behaviour. http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Community_based_CCTV_grant_aid_scheme_Information_and_Documentation	Up to a maximum of €40,000 or 60% of the total cost of the system.	Ongoing	Contact your local Joint Policing Committee Joint Policing Committee
Community Enhancement Programme	Small scale capital projects that will enhance community facilities i.e. community centres & halls. Capital expenditure on adaptations or equipment needed as a result of COVID-19 may be eligible, depending on the work being completed		Varies between Counties	Check with your Local Authority and PPN

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Community Foundation for Ireland	RTE does Comic Relief – open call for projects	Priority will be given to projects which target support towards groups that have been deeply affected by Covid-19	30th Sept 2020 at 4.30pm.	https://www.com-munityfounda-tion.ie/grants/types-of-grants/rte-does-comic-relief
Community Foundation for Ireland	Covid-19 Response fund, Grants for Mergers, Bank of Ireland Begin Together Fund, Older Persons Fund, Early Childhood Ireland, Environment and Nature Fund, The Women's Fund,	See website for each category	Check website	https://www.com-munityfounda-tion.ie/grants/types-of-grants
COVID-19 Stability Fund for Community and Voluntary, Charity and Social Enterprises	To assist community and voluntary, charity and social enterprises who are experiencing financial difficulties due to a reduction in their fundraising income and / or traded income as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.		Check website	https://www.gov.ie/en/publica-tion/b1a7b9-covid-19-community-vol-untary-charity-and-social-enterprise/
Department of Agriculture Food and Marine – Animal Welfare	Ex-Gratia payments are made to animal welfare organisations that fulfil appropriate conditions (see website) and operate not only as a sanctuary but actively seek to find suitable homes for the animals in their care		July each year but check website for any changes	https://www.agri-culture.gov.ie/ani-malhealthwel-fare/animalwel-fare/fundingtoan-imalwelfareorgani-sations/
Dept. of Foreign Affairs & Trade - Reconciliation Fund	Awards grants to organisations working to build better relations within and between traditions in Northern Ireland, between North and South, and between Ireland and Britain. In the next funding round, innovative approaches that allow for delivery of projects in a manner that is effective but also protects the health and safety of all involved in line with any public health restrictions/guidance that apply in the relevant jurisdiction at that time are welcomed. It is important when applying for a new grant that organisations clearly and explicitly incorporate the impact of Covid-19 restrictions into their applications	Variety of grants available- see examples for last tranche examples https://www.dfa.ie/about-us/funding/rec-onciliation-fund/	Autumn round -online application closes on Tuesday 29th September.	https://www.dfa.ie/about-us/fund-ing/reconciliation-fund/

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EU	Funding projects for the community, voluntary, charitable and social enterprise sector in Ireland that foster a sense of European identity through partnerships with organisations throughout Europe. The projects are varied; many involved research or education.		Check website	https://www.eu-ropeforcitizens.ie/
Fisheries Local Area Grants (FLAG)	• Adding value to fishery and aquaculture products • Creating/maintaining jobs in coastal areas • Promoting innovation in fisheries and aquaculture • Supporting diversification within coastal communities • Lifelong learning, attracting young people into fisheries, aquaculture, and marine related careers and activities • Promoting social well-being and cultural heritage in fisheries and aquaculture areas • Promoting best environmental practices • Strengthening the role and governance of fisheries communities in local development		Check website and with regional office	http://www.bim.ie/schemes/fisheries,lo-cal,area,group,development,flag,2016,-,2023/ Contact regional F.L.A.G. office
Integration funds	Facilitates the effective integration of migrants into communities all over Ireland.	Grants may be provided from a minimum of €10,000 up to €250,000+ depending on the size and nature of the project	12pm, Tuesday 22 September 2020	https://www.gov.ie/en/press-re-lease/37d40-minis-ter-mcentee-launches-national-integration-fund-2020-to-promote-integration-of-mi-grants-into-irish-so-ciety/
JP McManus Benevolent Fund	Supports local community initiatives and non-profit organisations throughout the Mid-West of Ireland in the areas of Education Healthcare Community and Local Infrastructure		On going	https://jpmc-manusfund.ie/
Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme	Projects should look at ways in which cooperation can effectively help address the multiple challenges posed by this COVID-19 crisis under 6 themes	Up to €45,000	30 September 2020	http://www.inter-reg-npa.eu/for-ap-plicants/covid-19-call/

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Ireland Funds COVID-19 Response Fund	Grants for merging of voluntary groups, to pay for facilitation of early-stage discussions and negotiations,	Up to €8,000	Open (as of July 2020)	https://www.com-munityfounda-tion.ie/grants/types-of-grants/grants-for-mergers
Irish Research Council	The "Engaging Civic Society" strand will support small, discrete collaborative projects between academic researchers (the applicants to the Call) and an NGO or community/voluntary organisation. CVOs or NGOs interested in seeking an Academic Partner can send their organisation name, contact details and strategic themes/relevant topic details to newfoundations@research.ie.	Up to €12,000	13 October 2020 4 pm	http://re-search.ie/fund-ing/new-founda-tions/
LEADER	Rural Tourism, Economic Development/Broadband, Rural Towns & Villages, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment. Types of projects which may be eligible for funding include but are not limited to: Community infrastructure, services or facilities for hard to reach communities, Access facilities to local amenities, Local enhancement schemes, Renovation of derelict buildings for community purposes, Farmers' Markets, Town/village centre improvements, Environmental initiatives		Rolling programme	https://www.pobal.ie/pro-grammes/leader-programme-2014-2020/ for list of implementing partners and further information
Loans – Community Finance Ireland	Community projects, including charities and faith-based initiatives. Social enterprises – e.g., training or employment initiatives, rural development projects, co-operatives. Sports clubs – e.g., facilities, amenities, equipment, resources, etc.	Loans of between €/£10k–600k	Ongoing	https://communi-tyfinanceire-land.com
Loans – Clann Credo	Loan Finance to Community & Voluntary Groups, Charities, Sports Clubs and Social Enterprises Nationwide Has regional offices throughout the country.	Bridging finance Matching finance	Ongoing	https://www.clanncredo.ie
National Lottery	National Lottery's primary aim is to raise funding for good causes, helping make a difference to communities, projects and individuals in the areas of Youth, Sports, Recreation, Amenities, Health, Welfare, Arts, Culture, National Heritage and the Irish Language. Funding is filtered through a variety of Government agencies.		Rolling programme	https://www.lot-tery.ie/useful-info/apply-for-good-causes-fund-ing

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Peace Programme 2014-2020	European Union initiative designed to support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. The Programme will invest €270 million in the eligible region over the six-year period from 2014 to 2020; some from the EU budget and some from the UK and Irish Governments "**Building Community Cohesion through Social Innovation**" funding call is currently open and will support a single regional-wide project that can create new approaches to tackle the challenges which keep communities divided. Projects must engage in meaningful peace and reconciliation activity and include a pathway/outreach programme that creates sustained contact between people from different backgrounds and communities. The project must also have a specific focus on the needs of minority groups as well as groups who traditionally have been marginalised by society. It will create opportunities for these groups to have a greater degree of participation and integration within larger community life.		Monday 16 November 2020 at 3pm	https://www.seupb.eu/social-innovation
Pride of Place	An all-island competition that acknowledges and celebrates the work that communities are doing all over the island of Ireland.		Usually June	https://prideofplace.ie/ + Contact your Local Authority
Restart Grant	Direct grant aid to micro and small businesses with the costs associated with reopening and reemploying workers following COVID-19 closures. 1. have an annual turnover of less than €5m and employ between 1 to 50 people; 2. have suffered a projected 25%+ loss in turnover to end June 2020; 3. commit to remain open or to reopen if it was closed;	Equivalent to the rates bill for 2019, or a minimum payment of €2,000, whichever is the higher Max €10,000.	Check on website to the right	https://dbei.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/Supports-for-SMEs/COVID-19-supports/COVID-19-Restart-Grant-Local-Authority-Web-sites.html Your Local Authority

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	4. declare the intention to retain employees that are on The Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme and re-employ staff on the Pandemic Unemployment Payment as business recovers.			
Rethink Ireland Equality Fund	Funding for projects that support marginalised women, migrant people (including people in need of international protection), people from minority ethnic communities, the Traveller and Roma communities, people with disabilities and LGBTI+ people. These organisations will also work to strengthen equality in Ireland. **The Fund will especially focus on projects that:** • Address poverty inequality • Work with communities experiencing many discriminations and stigma • Work with marginalised communities affected by COVID-19 • Are based on communities speaking and acting for themselves **To enable this work the Fund further welcomes projects which emphasise:** • Freedom of civil society, solidarity between groups and collaborations • Changing hearts and minds • Systemic change • Leadership support Strand 1 (Empowering Women) – Strand 2 (Strengthening Communities) Strand 3 (Building Equality Together)	Cash grants of between €55,000 and €75,000 each year for three years* Strand 1 -Up to €65,000 per year each year for 3 years Strand 2 – Up to €55,000 per year each year for 3 years Strand 3 – Up to €75,000 per year each year for 3 years	Stage 1; Open call for applications (13 July – 14 September 2020; Stage 2: Selection process (September to October 2020) Stage 3: Interviews (October 2020) Stage 4: Final checks on short-listed applicants (October to November 2020) Stage 5: Final decision by Rethink Ireland's Board (November or December 2020)	https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/equality-fund-2020-2023/
Rural Regeneration and Development Fund	The purpose of the fund is to support job creation in rural areas, address de-population of rural communities and support improvements in our towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000, and outlying areas.	Average allocation to-date is €1.3m	12 noon, on Tuesday 1st December 2020.	Local Authority https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-infor-

				mation/c77144-ru-ral-regeneration-and-development-fund/
Text Alert Scheme	"Text Alert" is designed to facilitate immediate and cost effective communication from An Garda Síochána to the public. This will be achieved in a structured and consistent way in conjunction with existing Community Crime Prevention Programmes (Community Alert, Neighbourhood Watch Group) or I.F.A. Branch etc.	See website	Check website	https://www.garda.ie/en/Crime-Prevention/Text-Alert-Guidelines-.pdf
Windfarm Community funds	Supports once-off expenditure such as the purchase of equipment, building or refurbishment work. Support for larger projects over a multi annual basis may also be considered.	See specific windfarm sites on the weblink	Check website for upcoming re-opening and sites	https://windfarm-communityfunds.ie

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ARTS/CULTURE INCLUDING TOURISM

Name	Purpose and eligibility	Typical allocation	Deadline	Administered by/ refer to/apply to
Arts Council	Currently several funding options open with full details on the website	Example: up to €20,000 for an individual bursary award for artists of all art forms	Rolling dates check website link in next column for checking which funds are open	http://www.artscouncil.ie/available-funding/
Arts Offices in Local authorities	Various small grants to arts activities and festivals	€500 to €10,000	Check LA Arts Offices websites	Local Authority Arts Offices
Agricultural shows	All funds allocated for 2020 can be used in 2021			https://www.irishshows.org/ on behalf of Dept Department of Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands,
Artist in the Community Bursary -collaborative Arts and Human Rights Create and Irish Council for Human Rights	Aimed at an artist with a track record of working collaboratively with communities of place or interest in the context of human rights.	€10,000	9 November 2020	https://www.create-ireland.ie/projectsubpage/aic-bursary/2020-bursary-collaborative-arts-and-human-rights/
Creative Ireland	30 initiatives and projects from the National Creativity Fund through a series of strategic partnerships with cultural organisations, education and academic institutions and healthcare specialists		Some funds are open for applications – see the arts council link in the next column	https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/news/30-new-national-creativity-fund-initiatives-announced/

				http://www.artscouncil.ie/available-funding/
Cultural venues- capital adaptations	Cultural Capital Scheme 2019-2022 stream D to assist in the re-opening of theatres, arts centres and culture venues; capital adaptations to buildings so that they comply with the HSE COVID-19 related public health protection measures. Funding will be available to not-for-profit organisations with a clearly defined arts and cultural remit; Eligible facilities include galleries, professionally-managed arts centres, museums, heritage centres, studios, archives, performance and creative spaces; All grants will be paid out on the basis of paid invoices; Applications will be assessed and decisions made as they are received by the Arts, Film and Investment Unit of the Dept. The target turnaround time to re-purpose grants will be 3 days and a target of 14 days for new grants; Applications will not be accepted from commercial organisations, local authorities, schools, colleges or ETBs;	Organisations that already hold funds under stream D capital funding, can apply to re-purpose up to €10,000 of their grant which can be used to fund eligible costs at a 90% funding rate or up to €5,000 which will not require match funding. Repurposed funding required for the original purpose of the grant will be restored when required at a later date. New funding applications: Organisations can apply for a grant of €10,000 which can be used to fund eligible costs at a 90% funding rate; In exceptional circumstances, the upper limit of €10,000 may be exceeded where a compelling case can be made for a higher grant and these will be dealt with on a case by case basis; Alternatively organisations can apply for a grant of €5,000	The scheme will apply for the period of the coronavirus crisis, commencing 12 March 2020 and applications can be made by organisations at any point throughout the crisis i.e. there will be no closing date;	https://www.chg.gov.ie/arts/creative-arts/grants-and-funding/ Organisations that already hold existing capital grants may immediately request by email to artscapitalunit@chg.gov.ie the re-purposing of all or part of the grant towards necessary works and equipment to allow reopening. Organisations that do not hold a capital grant, will be able to apply for funding from Tuesday 14 July

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			which will not require match funding;	
Fáilte Ireland	Currently no grants available		Any new dates for re-introduction of grants will be on the website link in the column to the right	https://www.failteireland.ie/Supports/Identify-Available-Funding.aspx
Foras na Gaeilge	Various grants that support arts sector to promote the Irish language, the tradi-tional arts, Irish language culture and learning on an all-island basis and an in-ternational basis. Projects in this area include the Festivals Scheme and the Drama Companies Scheme.		Several on- go-ing application opportunities – see website link to the right	https://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/funding-schemes/?lang=en
Music Capi-tal Scheme	Funding for the purchase of musical in-struments to individual professional mu-sicians and non-professional performing groups.		13 October 2020, 2pm.	https://www.musicnetwork.ie/op-portunities/education/music-capital-scheme
RTE support-ing the Arts	RTÉ offers promotional air-time on Ra-dio and Television and supports many local and national arts events Ireland through media partnerships and wide-spread cultural content		On going	https://about.rte.ie/supporting-the-arts/about-rte-supporting-the-arts/
Seachtain Na Gaelilge – support fund	An international Irish language festival running in March every year- the sup-port fund invites applications from com-munity groups to support events		Applications usually are sought by De-cember but cur-rently no news on website on whether the	https://snag.ie

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			festival is planned for 2021- check for updates	
Sound & Vi-sion 4	Funding scheme for television and radio programmes, to develop high quality programmes based on Irish culture, her-itage and experience in the Irish lan-guage. Current round is to support local and community radio		Round 36 Community Ra-dio Fund – 30th September 2020 Round 37 Open Round – 12 noon, 7th October 2020	https://www.bai.ie/en/broadcast-ing/funding-development-3/sound-vision-4/

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CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Name	Purpose and eligibility	Typical allocation	Deadline	Administered by/ refer to/apply to
Child and young people supports through Pobal:

12 programmes administered by Pobal ranging from individual supports to equipment and staffing at childcare facilities; (only those currently open for applications are listed) | Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) provides a suite of universal and targeted supports across 7 levels. | | AIM application system is open, in light of public health guidance, the delivery of AIM supports is dependent on the timing and nature of the re-opening of the ECCE programme for 2020/2021. | https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/access-and-inclusion-model

AIM support awarded for the 2020/2021 pre-school year will be subject to the childcare service re-opening and the participation of the child or children in pre-school. |
	Better Start – facilities can receive specialist help for example from on-site mentors		Contact Pobal	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/better-start/
	Comhairle na nÓg Development Fund provides children and young people with a voice on topics that affect their lives at both a local and national level.		Contact Pobal	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/comhairle-na-nog-development-fund
	Community childcare subvention - targeted to support parents on a low income to avail of reduced childcare costs at participating community childcare services.		Contact Pobal	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/community-childcare-subvention/
	County Childcare Committee funding -CCCs are often the first point of contact for service providers and parents in relation to early childhood care and education initiatives		Contact Pobal	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/county-city-childcare-committees-ccc/
	ECCE - all children within the relevant age bracket will be entitled to 76 weeks of the scheme		Contact Pobal	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/early-childhood-care-and-education-ecce/

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	Early learning and care and School Age Capital Programmes **COVID-19 Capital Grant -**once-off capital grant to assist with the costs of supporting services to reopen and adhere to public health requirements and COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for childcare and school age services.	The amount of grant available to each Early Learning and Care and School Age Childcare Service is based on the number of individual children registered in a service on one or more DCYA programmes on the 12th March 2020	Contact Pobal	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/early-years-capital-and-school-aged-childcare-funding-programmes/ https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/cd1cf-government-announces-substantial-supports-for-the-re-opening-of-childcare-minister-zap-pone-announces-funding-package-of-75m-for-reopening-early-learning-and-childcare-services/
	Learner fund – supports existing staff to attain qualifications		Contact Pobal	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/learner-fund/
	National childcare scheme- a system of financial supports for parents		Contact Pobal	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/national-childcare-scheme-ncs/ **The National Childcare Scheme – Parent Support Centre; Parents can contact the centre by calling (01) 906 8530**
	Area Based Childhood Programme (ABC**)** **Only applies to specific areas of disadvantage see website for details**		Contact Pobal	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/the-area-based-childhood-abc-programme/
	Training and employment childcare programme (TEC) - supports parents on eligible training courses as well as certain categories of parents returning to work, by providing subsidised childcare places.		Contact Pobal	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/training-employment-childcare-programmes-tec/
	Voluntary Childcare Organisations funding		Contact Pobal	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/voluntary-childcare-organisations-vcos/

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Community Education Grants	To promote and support community education initiatives in local community settings. It aims to create opportunities for people to identify their learning needs, learn in their own communities and progress further in their learning.	Funding for tutors mainly	check website	Mayo Sligo Leitrim Education Training Board https://msletb.ie/further-education-and-training-fet/information-on-our-courses/community-education/
DM Thomas Foundation for Children and Young People	We provide funding for organisations which work to improve the lives of children and young people across Europe. Our grants focus on providing equipment, training, and support to young people, and are administered through several different models	Up to 30,000	6th October 2020 is an extended deadline for some applications	https://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/
Irish Youth Foundation	voluntary or community groups working with vulnerable and marginalized children and young people.		Ongoing	https://iyf.ie/grants/
Leargas	Manages international and national exchange programmes in education, youth and community work, and vocational education and training. Currently only promoting digital and virtual opportunities		Contact Leargas	https://www.leargas.ie/covid-19/
Local Youth Club Grant Scheme	Supports volunteer-led youth club/group activities at a local level.	The maximum grant that can be awarded to any club/group is €3,000, or in line with local ETB limits.	Check your local Education Training Board	Funding for the Scheme is provided by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) and is administered locally by Education and Training Boards (ETBs) on behalf of DCYA. The ETB is considered to be a co-grantor for this Scheme.
Meet and Code	Funding for on-line events which must take place between 1 September and 31 October 2020. Events must be free of charge with at least 20 children and/or young people aged between 8 and 24 in attendance.	Charities can receive grant of €500	Applications open	https://meet-and-code.org/ie/ie/registration-info
Training Links Programme 2020-2022	Supporting and promoting training and upskilling of employees, volunteers, board members, and recruits throughout charity, community and voluntary sector organisations and social enterprises		30 September 2020 5 pm	https://www.wheel.ie/traininglinks

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

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Name	Purpose and eligibility	Typical allocation	Deadline	Administered by/ refer to/apply to
Community Employment Scheme (CE)	Designed to help people who are long-term unemployed and other disadvantaged people to get back to work by offering part-time and temporary placements in jobs based within local communities. Participants can take up other part-time work during their placement. Local voluntary and public bodies groups can apply to be a "sponsor" for a CE scheme which will have community or public benefit	Allowances and funding to set up and run the CE scheme – see link on right	rolling	Details of the scheme: https://www.gov.ie/en/service/412714-community-employment-programme/ To enquire about sponsoring a CE scheme apply to the local DSP Office
Dormant Accounts Fund Measures to Support and Improve Employment Opportunities for Carers and Persons with a Disability	Assist Family Carers and Young Carers to build and retain contact with the labour market (incl. self-employment opportunities) and training/educational opportunities. Assist young working age persons with a disability(s) to engage with the labour market (incl. self-employment opportunities) and training/educational opportunities.	€75,000 up to €200,000 for a national organisation €20,000 up to €50,000 for a local organisation	30 September 2020	Details on : https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/55a44-minister-humphreys-announces-5-million-in-dormant-accounts-funding-for-carers-and-people-with-disabilities/ Apply through: https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/dormant-accounts-fund-daf/how-to-apply-to-daf/

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Rural Social Scheme	Services to rural communities that uses the skills and talents available among low income farming and fishing communities. Participants need to be receiving specified social welfare payments		rolling	Administered by local voluntary organisations; they will need to have response plan in place before the scheme can begin to run again complying with Covid restrictions. https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/rural-social-scheme/
Tús	An activation initiative for those who are unemployed and on the live register.		rolling	Each LDC runs the scheme in their area and requires a response plan before the scheme can begin to run again complying with Covid restrictions. For details see https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/tus-programme/

ENTERPRISE (Mainly social enterprise)

Name	Purpose and eligibility	Typical allocation	Deadline	Administered by/ refer to/apply to
Community Services Programme	Supports community companies and co-ops to deliver local social economic and environmental services through contribution of costs of employing a manager and FTE positions		See Pobal website	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/community-services-programme-csp/
Gateway Programme	Initiative of the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, and managed through City and County Councils. Provides short-term work placements for people who are unemployed, while at the same time carrying out beneficial work within communities.		See Pobal website	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/gateway-programme/
Social Enterprise Development Fund	Backing social enterprises to: Increase their social impact Increase their traded income Create more jobs Develop long-term, effective and sustainable solutions	€10,000 and €50,000	Usually early March	https://www.localenterprise.ie/News-and-Events/Social-Enterprise-Development-Fund-2020-open-for-applications-.html For more information and to apply to the fund visit: http://www.socialinnovation.ie/sedfund2020/
Social Entrepreneurs Ireland	Provides funding to social entrepreneurs and communities wanting to link to social entrepreneurs	Check website	Check website for upcoming calls	https://socialentrepreneurs.ie

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Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018 – 2022	Addresses high and persistent levels of deprivation through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies. It supports disadvantaged communities and individuals including unemployed people, people living in deprived areas, people with disabilities, single parent families, people on a low income, members of the Traveller and Roma community and other disadvantaged groups. For example, helping people to find work or to up-skill, providing CV training or personal development course, helping them onto a work placement programme such as CE or TUS.		Rolling programme	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/social-inclusion-and-community-activation-programme-sicap-2018-2022/ also contact Local Development Companies in each area

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Angling Development fund	The funding will be awarded to fisheries conservation projects and development projects		Check website	Inland Fisheries Ireland https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/Angling-Information/funding-for-fisheries-projects.html
Clean Coasts	Operates several initiatives, campaigns and information collection by volunteers		Big Beach clean usually September but check website	ttps://cleancoasts.org
Climate Action Fund – Dept of Communications climate action and the environment	Supports initiatives that contribute to the achievement of Ireland's climate and energy targets in a cost effective manner. Supporting innovation and capacity building towards the development of climate change solutions capable of being scaled and delivering benefits beyond a once-off impact; Generating wider socio-economic benefits such as job creation, air quality improvements, reduction		The Department is working towards opening the next call for applications later in 2020.	https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/climate-action/topics/climate-action-fund/Pages/default.aspx

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	in fuel poverty, bio-diversity and community resilience and development			
Community Enhancement Programme	Capital grants to help improve community centres, and other community buildings and facilities. The new fund seeks to stimulate local economies by providing capital grants towards the maintenance, improvement and upkeep of community centres, and community buildings. Similar expenditure on other community facilities will also be allowed.	Administered from funds allocated to the LCDC	Check each Local Authority	https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/e669d7-community-enhancement-programme/?referrer=/community/community-enhancement-programme/
Community Environment Action Fund - Local Agenda 21	Involves partnership arrangements between local authorities and various local groups including community groups, schools and environmental NGOs. The Fund encourages involvement of local communities in local action and decision-making and assists them in working towards the goal of sustainable development.		It is expected that applications for the next Community Environment Action Fund will be delayed until Q1 of 2021.	https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/topics/environmental-protection-and-awareness/local-agenda-21-partnership-fund/Pages/default.aspx Local Authorities
Community Heritage Grant scheme	Capital projects that improve access and inclusion to heritage sites; that apply good heritage practice to the management of places, collections or objects (including buildings). The scheme also supports the purchase of essential equipment.		15 September 5pm online	https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding
Community Water Development Fund 2020	Capital projects, public awareness and general amenity (with a water focus)	Ranges include: €5,000 €10,000 €25,000	Closing dates usually early February Check website	www.lawaters.ie
EPA Event Support	Financial support of small workshops, seminars, and other events which showcase current Irish research by the organisers and EPA	Max £3000	Rolling call with four submission deadlines (31st December; 31st	https://www.epa.ie/researchandeducation/research/epafunding/eventsupport/

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	funded-groups; funding is only provided for events with a clear relevance to Irish environmental research priorities and on the condition that the events are run on a not-for-profit basis.		March; 30th June; 30th September).	
Heritage Council	The Heritage Council normally supports a wide range of heritage projects throughout the country through our annual grants programme		Check website	https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2020	Applications are accepted from local authorities and/or state agencies under the following measures: See area eligibility restrictions **Measure 1** small-scale maintenance/promotional and marketing projects to include grant aid amounts of up to €20,000 **Measure 2** medium-scale repair/upgrade and new trail/amenity development grant amounts of up to €200,000 **Measure 3** large-scale repair/upgrade and new strategic trail development grant amounts of over €200,000 and up to €500,000	Applications are accepted from local authorities and/or state agencies under the following measures: **Measure 1** €20,000 **Measure 2** €200,000 **Measure 3** Over €200,000 and up to €500,000	30 Sept for measure 1 30 November for measures 2 and 3	https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/fd0c9f-outdoor-recreation-infrastructure-scheme/?fbclid=IwAR0YMYsLArJZ7GuQo2zGsC6Nqg6LTYu7gPDJzGqn-LyCm0r2_u3De5kYED14
National Spring Clean	An Taisce's National Spring Clean, Ireland's nationwide anti-litter campaign	Small clean-up kit available	Annual event during April	https://national-springclean.org/
Neighbourwood Scheme	The NeighbourWood Scheme provides financial assistance to create woodland amenities for local people. Funding is available to	85% of eligible costs	Ongoing	https://www.gov.ie/en/service/2c9879-neighbourwood-scheme/

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	help establish woodland on greenfield sites and to support the development of existing sites Neighbourwood Establishment plus an additional fencing allowance, as under the Afforestation Scheme) Neighbourwood Enhancement and Neighbourwood Facilities:	From €3,800 to€5,000 per hectare		
Peatlands Community Engagement Fund	Encourages local peatland communities, local groups, local schools and individuals to engage with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in relation to the conservation and revitalisation of raised and blanket bog Special Areas of Conservation, Natural Heritage Areas and other peatland areas and to promote public engagement with and awareness of our natural heritage.	A maximum of 75% of the project eligible costs with a maximum grant of €25,000	2021 Call Close Date: until 20 November 2020	https://www.npws.ie/peatlands-and-turf-cutting/peatlands-community-engagement-scheme-funding-2020-2021
SEAI community Energy Grant Scheme	Supports partnerships between communities, businesses and the public sector to deliver energy improvements in buildings across the country.		Check on website	https://www.seai.ie/grants/community-grants/
Tidy Towns	The competition involves participating areas being rated on all aspects of their local environment and prizes awarded to the best under many different categories. The overall winner is "Ireland's Tidiest Town". which is announced at a national ceremony in September each year.	Prizes have ranged from Prizes range from €400 to €10,000	Cancelled for 2020 but check website for 2021	https://www.tidytowns.ie
Town and Village Renewal	Category 1: Towns/villages with a population of less than 5,000 people. Category 2: Towns with a population of 5,000-10,000 people. Initiatives to encourage town centre living. Increased footfall to the town/village, including those associated with tourism activities. Repurposing of existing buildings in town or village centres to facilitate remote working and/or other community use. Branding and promotion of the town/village to attract new customers and/or business investment.	90% of the total cost of the project. €20,000 - €100,000 €200,000 in exceptional cases	Check on website to the right	County Council https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/01125e-town-and-village-renewal-scheme/

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	Town safety and accessibility enhancements. Car parking improvements expressly designed to encourage increased footfall in town centres. Improvements of Broadband Connection Points (BCPs), and enterprise and remote working hub facilities, to address factors contributing to low occupancy rates. Provision/enhancement of local recreational facilities (e.g. Town Parks, walking trails linked to the town/village). Enhancement of streetscape and town environment. Shop/House front enhancement (especially if done in parallel with other Local Authority Conducting/commissioning of Town/Village health checks Targeted actions to tackle minor deficiencies in access, services, site development works and other small infrastructural works that may be needed to support town centre enhancement, including housing and/or commercial development and which form part of an overall plan to enhance the town centre. Enhancement of heritage and/or other community assets including through energy efficiency measures. Development of quality marks, such as Purple Flag, Heritage Town, etc.			
Walks Scheme	National scheme involving landholders on National Waymarked Ways, Looped Walking Routes and Heritage Routes, and other trails approved by the National Trails Office		Check website	https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/942b4b-the-walks-scheme-and-rural-recreation-officers/

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WELLBEING AND SPORT

Name	Purpose and eligibility	Typical allocation	Deadline	Administered by/ refer to/apply to
Age and Opportunity National Grant Scheme	For local clubs, groups and organisations, nationwide who promote increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people	Typically €400	12 noon Friday 2nd October 2020.	https://ageandopportunity.ie/active/age-and-opportunity-active-national-grant-scheme/ or contact your county based local Sports and Recreation Partnership
EIL (Intercultural learning) Seed Fund	Assist returning volunteers and change makers to implement their own awareness raising projects	€100 for individual €200 for group	15 August 2020	https://www.eilireland.org/global-citizenship/seedfund tessa@eilireland.org
Esther Ireland Covid-19 Response Grant	Those working in North South partnerships particularly in health, social care, showing solidarity in a time of crises despite disruptions to travel; hospitals, service delivery institutions, training and research bodies	Up to €6000	Check on website to the right	https://www.esther.ie/how-to-get-involved/esther-ireland-grants grants@esther.ie
Gambling Awareness Trust (GAT)	Services providing supports for those affected by problem gambling and gambling addiction can apply for grants		Current round closed July – check website for new rounds	https://gamblingawarenesstrust.ie/problem_gambling_funding/apply-for-funding/
Hospital Saturday Fund	Provides assistance for registered health charities, hospices and medical organisations for medical projects, care, research or support of medical training . Individuals with a medical condition or disability who would benefit from assistance with the purchase of specialised equipment or from practical forms of treatment.		Next round for grants of £2000 to £3000 closes 5 October 1 Dec is next close date for larger grants £1000-£13500 Check on website for dates of next rounds	https://hospitalsaturdayfund.org/apply-for-a-grant/
Human Rights and Equality Scheme	Capacity building training Research, legal, policy & needs analysis Education and training tools		Check website for upcoming calls	The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

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	Conferences, seminars & roundtables Print and digital tools to promote awareness			https://www.ihrec.ie/our-work/human-rights-and-equality-grants-scheme-2020/
Queens Institute of District Nursing	Funds to help where there is either undue delay in obtaining the required assistance, or where funds are not available from statutory authorities for palliative care education, equipment respite		On-going	http://www.qidn.ie/apply.htm
Respite Care Grant - HSE	Groups and organisations who provide Health and Personal Social Services can apply for funding.	between €500 and €10,000	Check website for next funding round.	https://www2.hse.ie/services/national-lottery-grants/national-lottery-grants.html
St Stephen's Green Trust	Charitable foundation which respects human dignity and is committed to helping create a society where the dignity of all can be realised through social justice and inclusive, nurturing communities.		Current application round closing 25 September-Check website for new application dates	https://www.ssgt.ie/what-we-fund/
Safe Food Community Food Initiatives	Funding for remote healthy eating projects available to support families in their own homes to develop their cooking skills and healthy eating habits.	Up to €1,500	Check website	https://www.safefood.net/community-food-initiatives SECAD Partnership CLG T: 00 353 (0)87 354 3606 E: sconroy@secad.ie
Seniors Alert Scheme	Funding for a personal monitored alarm, connected to a contact centre to enable older persons of 65 or older and of limited means, to continue to live securely in their homes with confidence, independence and peace of mind.		Check website	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/seniors-alert-scheme-sas/
Sláintecare Integration Fund	Projects for the prevention, community care and integration of care across all health and social care settings- projects are multi agency and examples include community groups being involved.		Check website	https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/slaintecare-integration-fund/
Sports and Recreation Partnerships	Encouragement of physical and healthy recreation activities at community level		Check with your Local Authority	LA based Sports and Recreation Partnerships

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Sports Capital Programme	Grants to assist in the development of sports facilities and the provision of sports equipment throughout the country.		Check website	https://www.sportscapitalpro-gramme.ie

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10 Your funding plan

10.1 Your fundraising goal

Question	Your answer
How many additional volunteering hours do you need now and next year?	
By how much have your overheads increased or decreased now or looking ahead to next year?	
What additional or reduced capital costs will you have?	

10.2 Where you are going to raise your funds from?

Targets across 4 categories	% of income targeted for 2021 or 2022	€ amount in future year i.e. 2021 or 2022
Getting grants from funders		
Getting donations from donors		
Supplying specific contracts to contracting organisations		
Trading in the general market place		
Total turnover	100%	

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10.3 Have you answered the standard application questions?

Question	Your answer
Your legal structure	
Type of organisation	
How up-to-date are you with the Governance Code	
Your project and application described in e.g. terms: who, which, what, where, how and when	
How to you complement and communicate with other relevant organisations to relevant to your application?	
What money have you? How well do you manage it? How much are you looking for?	

10.4 Name three new ways in which you are going to raise some or all of the money you need:

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10.5 Which of the standard sources of grant funding are you aiming for in the coming 12 months?

Name of fund	Amount you are seeking from it

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