

County Cavan
Vocational Education Committee
Coiste Gairmoideachais Co. An Chabháin



Providing Education For Life

**Funding Directory for County Cavan's
Voluntary Youth & Community Groups**

Forward

As Youth Officer for County Cavan VEC, I welcome you to this Funding Directory for County Cavan's Voluntary Youth and Community Groups. Cavan VEC has a statutory responsibility for the implementation of the Youth Work Act 2001 throughout the County and I, as Youth Officer, intend to work in partnership with local youth providers to ensure the highest and most comprehensive quality of service is delivered to all our young people in Cavan.

Locally, Youth Work has thrived on the goodwill and voluntary effort of community-spirited individuals, and it is my intention that this will continue to be the case. As Youth Officer, I felt a Funding Directory would be of great assistance to local groups who are trying to identify various types of funding available to them.

The purpose of this directory is to provide all youth and community groups with contact information of all potential funding opportunities. This directory is intended to be a guide and reference tool, enabling groups to make their first steps in planning how they can obtain funding.

Finally, as Youth Officer, I hope this Funding Directory will be of great benefit to those who read it and I look forward to working with the volunteers and community workers of County Cavan in enhancing the lives of our young people through our youth service programmes.

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Funding Guidelines

- Before you apply for funding, it is worth considering whether the funding body you are applying to is the right one for your group.
- Do not apply to an agency for funding before your group are ready. Be clear about what you need the funding for. Prepare a plan and decide on the following;
 - How much funding is needed and Why
 - Make sure your clear about what you want to achieve with the funding
 - Determine the time that's needed for your group to achieve your aim
 - Set a list of objectives to show how your group will implement your proposal
 - Be clear about how you will spend your funding once its allocated to you
- Read the guidelines provided by the funding agency and make sure you are realistic about what will be required of you.
 - Your ability to meet personal, group or funders requirements
 - How meeting certain requirements may affect your group, your project and your target group.
- Don't be afraid of 'Funding Language'. If a question is not easy to understand, ask someone else what the word or phrase means.
- Some funds are small in monetary terms, but you will notice that the amount of work involved in making an application may be quite substantial. Ask yourself, 'Is it worth it?'
- Be careful not to change or reshape your group's plans or activities in order to 'fit in' with certain criteria funders outline in their application process.
- Be sure to provide all information asked of you honestly and accurately.
- Take note of whether the funding is available just for one or more years.
- Funders often look for supporting information, annual reports, accounts or examples of work and activities. Ask yourself if you have the documentation and information necessary to support the application.
- Always keep a copy of your completed application form for cross reference and record purposes.
- Most funders will request a short report a year after giving out funding. This report should outline how your funds were spent and confirm to the funders that they were spent on the purpose for which they were intended. Make sure this is something you or your group can deliver upon

AIB Better Ireland Awards

Organisation/Agency: AIB

Address: Baileborough Branch, Cavan Town Branch, Cootehill Branch

Phone: (042) 9665051 (049) 4331766 (049) 5552121

Web Page: www.aib.ie/betterireland

Programme Name: Better Ireland Programme

Application Time-Frame: Open all year round

Method of Application: On-line, Brochure, Apply through your local branch

Programme Description: The AIB Better Ireland Programme supports non-profit organisations committed to addressing social exclusion within their community under three specific causes:

- Drug & Alcohol Abuse
- Lack of Children's Education through Poverty
- Homelessness

The aim of the Programme is to add value to existing projects, rather than fund operating costs or salaries. The ideal project for funding will provide tangible, direct benefit to children affected by one or more of the above causes. Contact your local AIB branch for further information.

Who Can Apply? All voluntary youth and community groups.

ARTS COUNCIL

Organisation/Agency: Arts Council

Address: 70 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

Phone: (01) 6180200 Fax: (01) 6761302 Lo-call: 1850 392 492

Web Page: www.artscouncil.ie

Programme Name: See grid below for details

Application Time-Frame: Open all year round

Method of Application: Proposals & Application

The Arts Council is the National Agency for funding, developing and promoting Arts in Ireland. The Council supports a wide range of arts projects with direct funding, for dance, drama, music and film. Below is a list of programme funding available. Contact the Arts Council for current guidelines and closing dates.

Description of Programmes:

- 1. Travel & Training Award-** This award aims to improve professional development and formation and also to encourage networking opportunities.

- 2. Deis-** Deis is a proposal-based scheme which is aimed at encouraging and facilitating the traditional arts community to seek funding from the Arts Council for a range of projects.

- 3. Arts & Disability Awards Ireland-** This awards aims to challenge and inspire creativity, experimentation and artistic excellence, supporting artists to develop new work and increase skills.

- 4. Bursary Award-** Aims to allow artists to buy time, space and freedom to concentrate on developing practice or body of work.

- 5. Artist in the Community Scheme-** Aims to encourage communities and artists, culminating in an artwork or a project in which members of the community group and the artists worked together in order to realise an artistic project or an event.

6. New-Work Award

Specifically for the development of projects that extend boundaries of art forms.

7. Once-off Award

Enables individuals or organisations to carry out stand-alone projects.

8. Small-Arts Festivals Scheme

Designed to support and provide opportunities for small arts festivals or events seeking funding up to €20,000.

Who Can Apply? All voluntary youth and community groups.

CALOUSTE GULBENKAIN FOUNDATION

Contact Details:

Address: 98 Portland Place, London W1B 1Et

Phone: (00 44) 207 636 5313

E-mail: info@gulbenkain.org.uk

Programme Name: Calouste Gulbenkain Foundation

Application Time-Frame: Contact their office for details

Method of Application: Apply in Writing, not by telephone, e-mail or person

Programme Description: The Foundation funds the following activities:

- The Arts- To support the development of new art-making in any art form
- Education- Assistance to primary and secondary schools and those agencies that work with them to enable them to provide educational opportunities for 'hard to reach' parents with particular regard to parenting skills; support to all parents at significant stages of their child's development. Also projects that will help teachers initiate arts projects and the dissemination of good practice.
- Social Welfare- Grants will remain strongly focused on capacity building in local groups and neighbourhoods and exploring new forms of area management and service delivery.
- Anglo-Portuguese Cultural Relations- Aims to help projects that promote contemporary Portuguese culture in Ireland, cultural relations are taken to include social welfare, arts, crafts and education.

There is a notional limit of £10-15,000 for any one grant.

Who Can Apply? Principally arts organisations or individual professional artists working in partnerships or groups.

CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Organisation/Agency: Cavan County Council

Address: Farnham Street, Cavan Town. Co. Cavan

Phone: (049) 4378300 **Fax:** (049) 4361565

Web Page: www.cavancoco.ie

Programme Name: See grid below for details

Application Time-Frame: See grid below for details

Method of Application: Application, Proposals

Cavan County Council runs a number of programmes from which community and youth groups may access funding, including:

Description of Programmes:

- 1. Community Development Fund-** Grants of up to €10,000 are available annually for small capital projects within the county.
- 2. Cavan Arts Office-** Small grants are available annually for arts projects from the Arts office.
- 3. Community Grants-** Small grants of up to €1,900 are available annually for small community organisations that are registered with Cavan Community Forum.
- 4. Student Grants-** If a student from County Cavan continues their full time education to third level in one of Ireland's universities, and then they could be eligible for a 'maintenance grant' and receive up to €3,420 per year of university, depending on their parental/household income and other requirements.

Who Can Apply? (1-3) All voluntary youth and community groups
(4) Third level students entering University

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

Organisation/Name: Christian Brothers

Address: The Provincialate, "Cluain Mhuire", 274 North Circular Road, Dublin 7

Phone: (01) 8330566 **Fax:**

E-mail: blessededmund@eircom.net

Programme Name: Christian Brothers Edmund Rice Trust

Application Time-Frame: 1st of February – 31st March

Method of Application: Application

Programme Description: The Christian Brothers Edmund Rice Fund assist projects that:

- Alleviate poverty
- Train teachers, parents, youth leaders or others engaged in the provision of education
- Promote Leadership or Development
- Research into educational disadvantage,
- Promote School Effectiveness
- Promote Youth Leadership
- Religious Development of young people
- Develop Educational Facilities

Who Can Apply? All voluntary youth and community groups

COMHAIRLE

Organisation/Agency: Comhairle

Address: Information and Advice Manager, Comhairle 7th Floor, Hume House, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

Phone: (01) 6059000 **Fax:** (01) 6059099

E-mail: <mailto:informationgrants@comhairle.ie>

Programme Name: Comhairle Information Grants Scheme

Application Time-Frame: Annually

Method of Application: Application

Comhairle is the national agency for supporting the provision of information, advice and advocacy on social services.

Programme Description: The Scheme promotes information and service delivery initiatives. Consideration will be given to projects that respond to emerging information needs and ensure information delivery to hard-to-reach communities and groups.

Who Can Apply? All voluntary youth and community groups

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR IRELAND

Organisation/Agency: Community Foundation for Ireland

Address: Community Foundation for Ireland, 32 O'Connell Street, Dublin1

Phone: (01) 874 7354 **Fax:**

Web Page: www.cfi.foundation.ie

Programme Name: See grid below for details

Application Time-Frame: Contact their office for further assistance

Method of Application: Application

The Community Foundation for Ireland (CFI) serves a variety of donors who share a common concern - supporting all that is good about Ireland. Through the Foundation, individuals, families, businesses, non-profit organizations, other foundations and Government create permanent charitable funds that help Ireland meet the challenges of changing times. The CFI will favour projects leading to the social inclusion of people and communities who are excluded by geography, age, disability, family circumstances, poverty, gender or race. Grant Aid will normally be in the range €500 to €1,000. In exceptional circumstances, grant aid may be as high as €5,000.

Description of Programmes:

- 1. Supporting Sexual Minorities in Rural areas-** CFI have an active relationship with GLEN – the Gay and Lesbian Equality Network- who work for change in legislation and social policy in Ireland to advance equality for lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) people.
- 2. Supporting Carers** -CFI continue to support priority needs for Carers.
- 3. Assisting the building of networks and structures for Ethnic-Minorities-** CFI have an active relationship with The Immigrant Council of Ireland and Integrating Ireland and ensure that a representative from one of these organisations partakes in the review meetings at every grants round.

4. **Supporting people who are Leaving Institutional Care-** CFI continue to work closely with organisations involved directly in the provision of services for Homeless, Mental Health and Offenders.

5. **Supporting parents & their children where there are particular risks of poverty & exclusion-** CFI support agencies such as Combat Poverty Agency, HSE, and One Family. They also have a member of Combat Poverty at their review meetings to inform and advise them of the most pressing needs in this area at any given time.

CO-OPERATION IRELAND

Organisation/Agency: Co-operation Ireland

Address: 20 Herbert Place, Dublin 2.

Phone: (01) 6610588 **Fax:** (01) 6618456

Web Page: www.cooperationireland.org

Programme Name: Exchange Programme

Application Time-Frame: Contact directly for deadlines

Method of Application: Joint application from partner groups, both sides of the border

Co-operation Ireland is a charity dedicated to promoting better relations between the people of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Their aim is to provide opportunities for groups from both sides of the border to meet so they can learn about each others diverse cultural backgrounds and help create a society which is based on tolerance and acceptance of cultural difference. They operate a tiered funding system. Funding of £2,000 is available for 'First Contact' programmes, whilst £4,000 is available for "Level 2" Programmes.

Programme Description: Funding is available for transport, accommodation and meals. Programmes must:

- Be in line with the ethos of the exchange programme.
- Groups must take part in at least 2 overnight exchanges
- The same participants must take part in each leg of the exchange
- Each project must include cross-border travel by all groups involved.
- One residential must be held in Northern Ireland, the second in the Republic
- Total number of participants must not exceed 30
- Groups must use the most cost-effective means of achieving project objectives
- Projects must have a positive impact on the groups and their communities.
- Groups must have a mutual commitment to developing long term relationships

Who can apply? All voluntary youth and community groups

COUNTY CAVAN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Organisation/Agency: Co. Cavan VEC

Address: Administrative Offices, Cavan VEC, Cavan Town. Co. Cavan

Phone: (049) 4331044 Fax: (049) 4331467

Web Page: www.cavanvec.ie

Programme Name: See grid below for details

Application Time-Frame: See grid below for details

Method of Application: Application, Proposals

County Cavan Vocational committee runs a number of programmes from which community and youth groups may access funding, see below for details.

Description of Programmes:

- 1. Local Youth Club Grants-** This annual scheme is open to clubs/organisations in Co. Cavan that have youth work as their primary focus. Priority for grant aid is given to those that are directly involved in the provision of services to disadvantaged and marginalised sections of the youth population between the ages of 10 and 25. The Scheme comprises a number of grants that can be grouped under two headings:
Youth-Grants: Designed to aid the ongoing cost of youth clubs and Groups.
Special-Youth-Project-Grants: These grants are once-off in nature to aid special youth work initiatives, particularly those aimed at disadvantaged-youth.
- 2. Local Youth Sport Grants-** Applications for aid are considered from clubs/sports organisations in County Cavan which have, as their central focus, the promotion of sporting opportunities for young people. Grants are allocated to clubs/sports organisations for Training/Coaching courses, Purchase of equipment and Administration costs.
- 3. Assistance with Establishing Education Programmes:** - The Community Education Facilitator provides assistance and support to new or existing community education

groups. (See note below) ¹ This includes the development and nurturing of new community-based educational initiatives through advice on courses, advice on accreditation, access to qualified tutors, help with resources and direct provision of classes where possible at a minimal charge.

4. Course Development: - Assistance is also available for community education groups to develop their own educational programmes and courses. This may include technical, administrative or educational input.

5. Back To Education Initiative- The Community Education Service offers assistance to groups to apply directly for funding. These courses are all accredited by.

6. Funding- There is a small fund for groups to run community education projects. Some of this money is given in the form of grant aid, more of it through direct provision of classes. In addition, the Community Education Facilitator provides information on other sources of funding and helps community education interests to access funding.

7. Student Grants- If a student from County Cavan continues their full time education to third level in one of Irelands Colleges or Institutes of Further Education, and then they could be eligible for a 'maintenance grant' and receive up to €3,420 per year of their course, depending on their parental/household income and other requirements.

¹ Community and voluntary groups are applicable if they are involved in provision of educational activities for a specified adult target group. The grants provided are to enable disadvantaged adults to avail of community education at minimal or no cost. Activities exclusively involving children and school going teenagers are ineligible under this scheme.

CREATE

Contact Details:

Address: 10/11 Earl Street South, Dublin 8

Phone: (01) 4736600 **Fax:**

E-mail: info@artsincontext.com

Programme Name: See Below

Application Time-Frame: March & June Annually

Method of Application: Proposal and application

Create is the national development agency for collaborative arts, providing services for arts development and collaborative arts practice in Ireland. The scheme covers all art forms.

Programme Description: The aim of the scheme is to encourage intense collaboration between communities and artists, culminating in an artwork or a project in which the members of the community group and the artists work together in order to realise an artistic project or an event. Group ownership of the art should be maintained at every stage. There are two phases to the scheme:

1. **Research & Development:** is open to artists who wish to research and develop a project in a community context. Maximum time frame is 3 months. The maximum amount awarded is €1,000.
2. **Project Realisation:** is open to communities (or their representative organisations), planning a project of between 6 weeks and 5 months with a maximum award of €5000, and those who are planning a project of between 6 months and 9 months with a maximum award of €10,000.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY, RURAL AND GAELTACH AFFAIRS

Organisation/Agency:

Address: Dun Aimhirgin, 43/49 Mespil Road, Dublin 2.

Phone: (01) 647300 **Fax:** (01) 6670826

Web Page: www.pobail.ie

Programme Name: See Below

Method of Application: Contact their office for further assistance

Description of Programmes:

1. Community Development Programme- This Programme provides financial assistance to projects for the staffing and equipping of local resource centre's which provide a focal point for community development activities. The Programme is aimed at addressing all areas of poverty and disadvantage.

2. Programme of Grants for Locally-Based Community and Voluntary Organisations- This Programme offers three schemes of once-off grants to local community and voluntary organisations for:

- Refurbishment of Premises
- Equipment
- Education, Training and Research

Grants with a focus on addressing disadvantage in their communities.

3. Local Development Social Inclusion Programme - This Programme is managed by Pobal on behalf of the Department. Measures designed to combat disadvantage and to promote equality and social and economic inclusion specifically targets the following groups:

- Long-term unemployed
- Socially and economically disadvantaged women
- Young people at risk
- Travellers
- People with disabilities

- Homeless people
- Ethnic minorities
- Lone parents
- Ex-prisoners
- Low income households

4. Dormant Accounts- Is a scheme for the disbursement of funds for projects and programmes designed to alleviate poverty and social deprivation. It targets three broad categories of persons for support from the fund:

- Those affected by economic and social disadvantage
- Those affected by educational disadvantage; and
- Persons with a disability

5. Community Services Programme- The objective of the Programme is to support local community activity to address disadvantage, while also providing local employment opportunities. Funding is available for

- Employment of Project staff
- Towards the cost of employing a project manager where appropriate
- Overheads and running costs of the project's activity.
- Start-up capital and equipment costs of the business, where appropriate
- Any specific training needs required within a project, e.g. HGV Licence training, computer skills training, etc.

The Community Services Programme is administered by [POBAL](#) on behalf of the Department.

6. RAPID (Revitalising Areas by Planning Investment and Development) - The RAPID Programme is a Government initiative, which targets 45 of the most disadvantaged areas in the country. The Programme aims to ensure that priority attention is given to these designated areas by focusing State resources to them. The Programme also requires the Government Departments and State Agencies to bring about better co-ordination and closer integration in the delivery of services. Pobal co-ordinates the

implementation of the RAPID Programme. Cavan Towns RAPID Co-ordinator is Conor Craven and he is based with Cavan County Council.

7. CLÁR- The CLÁR programme (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais), is a targeted investment programme in rural areas. CLÁR provides funding to Government Departments, State Agencies and Local Authorities in improving investment in selected clar areas, of which Co. Cavan belongs. These investments support physical, economic and social infrastructure across a variety of measures.

8. Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund- This Fund aims, through the provision of services and facilities, to divert “at risk” young people in disadvantaged areas from the dangers of substance misuse. The majority of funding is allocated to 14 areas where Local Drugs Task Forces have being established.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

Contact Details

Address: Eithne O' Neill, Youth Affairs Section, Department of Education & Science, Floor 2, Block 2, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Phone:01 8892088 **Fax:** (01) 8896535

E-mail: www.education.ie

Programme Name: See Below

Application Time-Frame: See Below

Method of Application: Application Form

Description of Programmes:

1. **Local Youth Club Grant Scheme-** These applications must be made through County Cavan Vocational Education Committee. (See page 14 for programme description)

2. **Gaisce - The President's Award Scheme-** The National Challenge Award comes from the President of Ireland to the young people of Ireland aged between 15 and 25 years of age. The purpose of the award is to encourage young people to set and achieve a demanding challenge for themselves in each area of activity:-

- Community Involvement e.g. helping the Elderly
- Personal Skill e.g. learning to play a musical instrument
- Physical Recreation e.g. swimming
- Venture Activity e.g. a four day cycle

There are three Awards: Bronze, Silver and Gold reflecting different levels of time commitment.

3. **Special Projects to assist Disadvantaged Youth-** This grant assists special out-of-school projects for disadvantaged young people. Priority is given to projects involved in special youth work initiatives, due to a combination of all or some of the following factors:

- high youth population

- youth unemployment
- dependence on social welfare/unemployment assistance
- social isolation
- drug/substance abuse
- homelessness (including temporary homelessness)
- problems of juvenile crime, vandalism and truancy
- failure or non-existence of mainline youth services
- Inadequate take-up of ordinary educational opportunities.

The grant-aided youth work initiatives aim to facilitate the personal and social development of participants to realise their potential and in particular to equip them with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for their appropriate integration in society.

All applications for funding under the scheme must be made through County Cavan Vocational Education Committee.

4. Youth Information Centres- This grant provides resources for the development of a network of Youth Information Centres. Youth Information Centres provide young people with easy access to information on rights, opportunities, benefits, health, welfare and other matters. This service also helps those looking for advice and help concerning emigration and mobility within Europe.

All applications for funding under the scheme must be made through County Cavan Vocational Education Committee.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND LAW REFORM

Contact Details:

Address: Irish Youth Justice Service, Block C, Ardilaun Centre, 112–114 St. Stephen's Green West, Dublin 2

Phone: (01) 4183200 **Fax:** (01) 4183280

E-mail: iyis@justice.ie

Programme Name: See below for details

Method of Application: Contact your local Garda Station for further help. (See page 28, for a full list of Co. Cavan's Garda Stations)

Description of Programmes:

1: Garda Youth Diversion Projects- This project aim to help children move away from behaving in a way that might get them or their friends into trouble with the law. They can help children develop their sense of community and their social skills through different activities. The projects offer opportunities for education, employment training, sport, art, music and other activities.

2: Garda Community CCTV Scheme - The department devised this scheme in response to a demonstrated demand from communities across Ireland for the provision of CCTV systems. The overall purpose of the scheme is to support local communities who wish to install and maintain CCTV security systems in their area, with the aim of increasing public safety and reducing the risk of anti-social and criminal activity.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND FAMILY AFFAIRS

Organisation/Agency:

Address: Cavan Branch Baileborough Ballyconnell

Phone: (049) 4368960 (042) 9699020 (049) 9527670

Web Page: www.welfare.ie/foi/volgrantapps

Programme Name: See Below

Application Time-Frame: Contact your local office for further assistance

Description of Programmes:

1. Scheme Of Grants To Voluntary Organisations- Under this scheme, once-off grants may be made to help voluntary and community groups working with disadvantaged groups or in disadvantaged areas. Grants may be made to:

- community and area development organisations/ groups working in particularly disadvantaged areas or with disadvantaged groups,
- welfare rights and information groups
- mutual support and self-help organisations
- co-ordinating and umbrella organisations

The grants may be made for renovation or acquisition of premises, the purchase of equipment or transport, once-off publications or research or other special projects.

2. Community Development Education And Training Grants Scheme- Under this scheme, funding is available for training and education initiatives aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of local community and voluntary groups. The scheme is aimed at small local community groups or groups that experience particular disadvantage.

Grants may be given to:-

- groups in areas of social need
- groups where a significant number of persons live or where they are affected by poverty
- groups concerned with the causes of poverty
- groups which have clear goals and a commitment to assessing them

- groups and organisations actively involved in the planning and development of the work

Priority is given to education and training works which:

- empowers groups of people affected by poverty
- fosters community involvement and participation
- increases access to resources and services
- improves the economic, physical and cultural environment in disadvantaged areas
- promotes understanding of community development
- Enhances the capacity of community and voluntary groups to manage and deliver their programmes more effectively.

3. Scheme of Grants for Locally-Based Community and Family Support Groups-

This scheme provides grants to locally-based community and family support groups involved in programmes of self-help and personal development to tackle poverty and disadvantage. It is intended to help with the costs of projects such as those which:

- encourage self-help and personal development for marginalised women and men and specific target groups with special needs
- develop parenting skills and improve family life;
- prepare participants to return to work or to take up second- chance education opportunities;
- encourages active participation of communities and develops community leadership skills
- Help address social problems such as stress and isolation.

Grants may be made to:

- family support and community development groups
- women's groups
- men's groups
- lone parents support and self-help groups
- self-help groups of people with disabilities

- Travellers groups
- Co-ordinating organisations whose members or affiliate groups support eligible locally-based groups.

The grants may cover some or all of the costs involved in organising activities and running programmes for which funding is sought. However, such grants may also be committed for periods of two or three years for particularly worthwhile projects where adequate evaluation and reporting procedures are in place.

5. Core funded Community and Family Support Groups Programme- In addition to the main scheme, 3-year core-funding in the range €10,160 to €25,400 is available for more-established and developed groups with a specific anti-poverty focus who work with a wider group of disadvantaged people and have the potential to make a substantial impact in their local communities with enhanced funding.

ESB

Organisation/Agency: ESB

Address: ESB, 27 Lower. Fitzwilliam St, Dublin 2

Phone: (01) 7027732 **Fax:**

Web Page: www.esb.ie

Programme Name: Electric Aid Ireland

Method of Application: Contact their offices directly for further assistance.

Electric Aid is the social justice fund of ESB staff and pensioners which was set up in 1987 to contribute to the relief of poverty and emergencies at home and abroad. Electric Aid and the ESB aims to make a real impact on a small number of specific causes by devoting specific funding to address targeted areas of disadvantage and need on the island of Ireland.

Programme Description: This initiative continues ESB's proactive approach to assisting the needy, the underprivileged and those with disabilities. ESB staff selected two areas of need that abound in Irish society. These are the ones selected:

- Suicide prevention and counselling
- Care of the homeless

Grants are allocated on a quarterly basis and most grants are in the order of €10,000.

FUND-RAISING IDEAS

Often “Fundraising” can be a better means to financially supporting local community and youth groups. Apart from earning money through, a fundraiser can:

- Raise awareness of your club or group
- Provide entertainment
- Provide a value on the activity you provide e.g. young people raising money to take part in a summer project

The following is a list of some fund-raising favourites:

- Bag-packing
- Sponsored Walk
- Mini-marathon
- Car Boot Sale
- Cake Sales
- Raffles
- Festival Events
- Fun Days
- Pub Quizzes
- Golf Classics
- Race Nights
- Stay-Awakes
- Disco’s
- Flag day

Fund-raisers however, do take a lot of work and organisation. Best practice is for your group or organisation to form a committee to manage the organising and running of the fund-raiser. That way individual roles and responsibilities are identified and grey areas or gaps are eliminated. To comply with legal requirements, many fundraising events need special permits or licences from the Gardai. For further details contact your local Garda Station.

Cavan Garda Stations

STATION	DISTRICT	PHONE NUMBER
Arva	Cavan	049-4335302
Bailieboro *	Bailieboro	042-9694570
Ballinagh	Cavan	049-4337102
Ballyconnell *	Ballyconnell	049-9525580
Ballyjamesduff	Bailieboro	049-8544102
Bawnboy	Ballyconnell	049-9523102
Belturbet	Ballyconnell	049-9522122
Cavan Town *	Cavan	049-4368800
Cootehill	Bailieboro	049-5552105
Finea	Cavan	043-81 102
Killeshandra	Ballyconnell	049-4334302
Kilnaleck	Cavan	049-4336202
Kingscourt	Bailieboro	042-9667292
Mullagh	Bailieboro	046-9242002
Redhills	Cavan	047-55002
Shercock	Bailieboro	042-9669102
Stradone	Cavan	049-4330102
Swanlinbar	Ballyconnell	049-9521242
Tullyvin	Bailieboro	049-5553202
Virginia	Bailieboro	049-8547002

HERITAGE COUNCIL GRANTS

Organisation/Agency:

Address: Rothe House, Kilkenny, Ireland

Phone: (056)7770777 **Fax:** (056) 777 0788

Web Page: www.heritagecouncil.ie

Programme Name: Annual Grants Programme

Application Time-Frame: Visit their web-site for annual deadlines

Method of Application: Application & Proposal

Programme Description: The Heritage Council is an independent statutory body whose function is to propose policies and priorities for the identification, protection, preservation and enhancement of the national heritage. National Heritage is defined as including monuments, archaeological objects, heritage objects such as art and industrial works, documents and genealogical records, architectural heritage, flora, fauna, wildlife habitats, landscapes, seascapes, wrecks, geology, heritage gardens, parks and inland waterways. The Heritage Council's Annual Grants Programme calls for funding submissions for:

- Local Heritage
- Publications
- Buildings at Risk
- Museums and Archives
- Biodiversity
- Wildlife
- Architecture Research
- Archaeology

Who Can Apply? Local youth and community groups

IRELAND FUND

Organisation/Agency:

Address: Grants Office, 5 Foster Place, Dublin 2

Phone: (01) 662 7878 **Fax:** (01) 662-7879

Web Page: www.irlfunds.org

Programme Name: 4 Key Areas of Support (See below)

Application Time-Frame: Visit their website for annual deadlines

Method of Application: By Application

Programme Description: The Irelands Fund is an international charitable organisation operating in 11 countries and has raised over \$300 million for worthy causes in Ireland. Money is raised through private donations and hosting events in aid of the foundation. This fund support projects in the following four areas:

- Arts and Culture
- Community Development
- Education
- Peace and Reconciliation

Who Can Apply? Local youth and community groups

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND

Contact Details:

Address: Dublin Office, PO Box 2000, Dublin 2

Phone: (01) 478 0655 **Fax:** (01) 475 1351

Web Page: www.internationalfundforireland.com

Programme Name: International Fund for Ireland

Application Time-Frame: Contact them directly for all deadlines

Method of Application: Applications & Proposals

Programme Description: This international body was set up by the Irish and British governments. The fund is financed through international contributions, and concentrates its efforts on promoting economic regeneration and reconciliation, using economic projects as a vehicle to discharge these core objectives.

The fund operates a variety of programmes and initiatives in pursuit of its aims. It targets its resources at the most disadvantaged areas in Northern Ireland and the six Southern border counties where some 90% of its commitments have been made. The four schemes are as follows:

- Building Foundations
- Integrating
- Community Bridges Programme
- Leaving a Legacy

Who Can Apply? Local youth and community groups

IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION

Contact Details

Address: Unit 39 Boeing Rd., Airways Industrial Estate, Santry, Dublin 17

Phone: (01) 6055580

E-mail: info@iyf.ie

Programme Name: Small, Medium & Large

Application Time-Frame: February, April & October Annually

Method of Application: Registration first, followed by your application

The Irish Youth Foundation disburses nearly €1,000,000 annually in favour of children and young people at risk between the ages of 5 and 20, with a particular emphasis on educational disadvantage, poverty, substance abuse, homelessness and social education.

Description of Programmes:

1. Small Grants– (up to €3,000) intended as a flexible and immediate response to the needs of children and young people from disadvantaged communities. These grants are more suited to small voluntary groups working in local areas or neighbourhoods.

2. Medium Grants – (up to €15,000) Intended for community and voluntary groups working in preventative and educational ways with children and young people who are marginalised or at risk. The grants can be used to extend an existing activity, employ staff, purchase equipment, undertake evaluations, publish reports, and improve organisational capacity or to try something new and different.

3. Large Grants – (up to €50,000) Proposals are invited for large grants in October each year. This is not an open grant call; rather the Irish Youth Foundation invites a number of selected organisations to make proposals about how they would use an I.Y.F. grant.

Who Can Apply? Local youth and community groups

JOSEPH ROWNTREE TRUST

Contact Details:

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Phone: (0044)1904 627810

E-mail: khf@eircom.net

Programme Name: Katherine Howard Foundation

Application Time-Frame: August annually

Method of Application: Application Form

Programme Description: Aims to fund work which will contribute to the ongoing development of a just and peaceful society in the island of Ireland. They support work in Northern Ireland and the Republic that fosters a culture of equality and human rights:

- Promoting dialogue
- Encouraging co-operation across religious, racial and political divides
- Addressing poverty and social exclusion

The Trust is interested in funding work which:

- Addresses the root causes of violence and injustice, rather than alleviating symptoms;
- Cannot be funded from other sources; and
- Is likely to make a long-term, strategic difference.

Who Can Apply? The Trust is interested in supporting groups in either jurisdiction, or on a cross-border basis, or at an all-Ireland level that fit their criteria. Local groups will be supported only where it is likely to have a wider impact, for example if it is testing a model which can then be replicated, or is addressing a local issue that has wider social or political implications.

KATHERINE HOWARD FOUNDATION

Contact Details:

Address: ISFC, 10 Grattan Crescent, Inchicore. Dublin

Phone: (01) 4531861

E-mail: khf@eircom.net

Programme Name: Katherine Howard Foundation

Application Time-Frame: January, May & September annually.

Method of Application: Applications & Proposals

Programme Description: The Foundation is an Irish grant-making trust, which allocates small grants, i.e. €1,500 mainly for projects related to young people, healthcare, and the elderly and disadvantaged sections of the community. A particular emphasis is placed on projects which encourage co-operation and community spirit and the Katherine Howard Foundation is especially keen to assist groups who find it difficult to obtain funding elsewhere. There are two separate grant schemes – the Parent & Toddler Group Initiative and the General Grants including:

- Families
- Children and young people
- People with disabilities
- Older people
- Refugee and asylum seekers

Who Can Apply? Local youth and community groups

LEARGAS

Contact Details

Address: Youth Work Service, Léargas, 189-193 Parnell Street, Dublin 1, Ireland.

Phone: (01) 873 1411 **Fax:** (01) 873 1316

Web Page: www.leargas.ie

Programme Name: See below for details

Application Time-Frame: 1st of February, April, June, September and November

Method of Application: Application Forms

Léargas is Ireland's National Agency for the management of National, European and International co-operation and is responsible for the delivery of programmes and **services** to the **non-formal education sector in Ireland**. Léargas administer a number of grants through their 'Actions'.

- **Action 1- Youth for Europe Youth Exchange:** A youth exchange brings groups of young people together from different backgrounds and countries and offers an opportunity to explore various themes whilst learning about each other, different cultures and countries. Youth exchanges can be bilateral, trilateral or multilateral.

- **Action 2 - European Voluntary Service (EVS):** An EVS project allows a young person to be a volunteer in another country for 6 to 12 months. EVS projects are an equal partnership between:
 - the sending organisation
 - the volunteer
 - the hosting organisationEVS Projects cover a wide variety of themes, for example: environmental projects; heritage; community development; work with elderly people or children.

- **Action 3 - Youth Initiatives:** Youth initiatives comprise three different kinds of activities: Group Initiatives, Networking Activities and Future Capital

Group Initiatives are set up, run and managed by young people, although youth leader support is necessary. Group Initiatives help to foster innovation among young people, allowing them to express and implement ideas for projects which will help to develop or improve their local communities in some way.

After a Group Initiative, a group may want to continue to develop the project activities, this time together with a partner from another country. Groups can apply for funding for Networking Activities, so that they can work on a European level. A Networking project must offer an added value to the initial Group Initiative project. It aims to identify good practice and transfers outcomes to other groups in other countries.

Future Capital is an opportunity for EVS volunteers who have completed their placement to develop projects building on their experience and to share what they've learnt to develop or improve a local community.

- **Action 4 - Joint Actions:** Aims to promote a “Europe of Knowledge” and focus on themes that are not limited to one field alone, i.e. education, training or youth policy. Joint Actions call for reinforced cooperation between project promoters from various sectors and fields of knowledge. Learners of all ages are able to acquire the experience, knowledge and skills they need to live, work and actively participate in society.

- **Action 5 - Support Measures:** Support Measures aim to help all those involved in youth activities to prepare and develop projects and initiatives within the context of the YOUTH programme and its activities. Support Measures have two main aims:
 - To assist the development of the three major actions of the YOUTH programme (Youth for Europe, European Voluntary Service and Youth Initiatives) through the support of training, cooperation and information projects
 - To contribute to achieving the objectives of the YOUTH programme as well as fostering and strengthening European youth policy.

LORETO FOUNDATION FUND

Contact Details

Address: Loreto House, Beauford, Dublin 14

Phone: (01) 493 5463

E-mail: lorprovbeauford@eircom.net

Programme Name: Loreto Foundation Fund

Application Time-Frame: End of March annually

Method of Application: Application

Programme Description: The Loreto Foundation is the annual income from an investment sale by the Loreto Sisters in Dublin. The Fund is managed by the Loreto Foundation Management Committee. The Foundation seeks to place the resources of the fund at the disposal of individuals and groups, who endeavour to promote the personal development, education and well-being of those, who in one way or another, find themselves living on the margins of our society. Maximum grants available are €6,000. Projects the funds assist are those which:

- Challenge unjust systems and structures
- Benefit those on the edges of society
- Promote justice
- Peace and the integrity of creation
- Promote understanding and sharing in a multicultural society
- Support the most vulnerable particularly women and children
- Are holistic
- Educational and empowering
- Provide opportunities for human growth
- Community development and self-reliance.

Who Can Apply? Youth and community groups that fit the criteria

NATIONAL LOTTERY

Contact Details

Address: National Lottery Section, Department of Finance, 2-4 Merrion Row, Dublin 2

Phone: (01) 6767571 **Fax:** (01) 678 9936

E-mail: webmaster@finance.gov.ie

Programme Name: National Lottery Beneficiary

Application Time-Frame: Contact their office for annual deadlines

Method of Application: Application

The National Lottery is controlled by the Department of Finance, and is run by An Post National Lottery Company. Section 5 of the National Lottery Act outlined how the surplus monies from the National Lottery was to be allocated between Government departments. The departments then became responsible for allocating those funds through their schemes and programmes. Departments responsible for allocating National Lottery monies are:

1. Department of Education and Science is responsible for the following schemes:

- Grants to Colleges providing Courses in Irish
- Publications in Irish
- Fund for General Expenses of Cultural, Scientific and Educational Organisations.

2. Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, provides funding for projects via the National Lottery-funded Sports Capital Programme, which is advertised on an annual basis, allocates funding to projects that are directly related to the provision of sport or recreational sport facilities and are of a capital nature.

3. Department of Defence, has funded the Youth Sail Training Scheme (Coiste an Asgard) through National Lottery funding.

4. Department of Health and Children, is responsible for funding schemes supporting health agencies, public health services and child care services

5. Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, administers the following Programmes and Schemes:

- Community Development Programme (programme providing financial assistance to fund community development projects in disadvantaged areas)
- Programme of Grants for Locally-Based Community and Voluntary Organisations (offers two schemes of once-off grants to local voluntary and community groups)

NATIONAL IRISH BANK

Contact Details

Address: National Irish Bank, Main Street, Cavan Town. Co. Cavan.

Phone: (01) 484 0000

E-mail: webmaster@finance.gov.ie

Programme Name: Community Grants

Application Time-Frame: Contact your local office for annual deadlines

Method of Application: Down load an application on-line or contact your local branch

National Irish Bank's Community Grants support local community projects and organisations around Ireland. As part of their ongoing commitment to regional development they provide grants to locally-based projects operating in the areas of:

- Recreational Sports
- Culture
- Knowledge

Community Grants of between €500 and €5,000 are awarded once a year in each of National Irish Bank's five regions, which are: The Northwest, The Midlands, Dublin, The South East and The South West.

Who Can Apply? All youth and community groups

NATIONAL YOUTH ARTS PROGRAMME

Contact Details

Address: The Youth Arts Officer, NYCI, 3 Montague St. Dublin 2.

Phone: (01) 4784122 **Fax:** (01) 4783974

E-mail: arts@nyci.ie

The National Youth Arts Programme is a partnership between the Youth Affairs Section of the Department of Education & Science, the Arts Council and the National Youth Council of Ireland.

Programme Description: The programme is dedicated to the development and advancement of youth arts in Ireland. It aims specifically to realise the potential of young people through good quality arts practice in the Youth Service and to develop appropriate policies and activities at local, regional and national level. Five key work areas are prioritised by the NYAP for developing youth arts in Ireland:

- Advocacy (Policy and Practice)
- Networking
- Models of Practice and Related issues
- Information and Resource
- Support and Development.

NATIONAL YOUTH HEALTH PROGRAMME

Contact Details

Address: The Youth Health Officer, The National Youth Health Programme, National Youth Council of Ireland, 3 Montague Street, Dublin 2.

Phone: (01) 478 4122 **Fax:** (01) 478 3974

E-mail: nyhp@nyci.ie

The National Youth Health Programme is a partnership operated by the National Youth Council of Ireland with the Youth Affairs Section and the Health Promotion Unit of the Department of Health and Children. It aims to provide a health promotion/education support and training service to youth organisations and to all those working with young people in the non-formal education setting.

This work is achieved through the development of programmes and interventions specifically for and with youth organisations throughout the country. The work of the NYHP includes the following main areas:

- **National Training Calendar:** Covers the development and delivery of national and regional training programmes for those working in out-of-school settings.
- **Health Promoting Youth Service Initiative:** a national initiative designed to encourage and train youth organisations to develop and implement a whole organisational approach to promoting health for the entire organisation.
- **Health Promoting Youthreach Initiative:** a national initiative for Youthreach centres.
- **Policy:** The NYHP is actively involved in the development of health related policy for young people at national level.
- **Project Development:** From year to year the NYHP is involved in the development of specialist projects and research.

NEIGHBOURWOOD SCHEME

Contact Details

Address: Forest Service, Department of the marine and Natural Resources, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co Wexford

Phone: (053) 60200 **Fax:** (043) 834/5/6

Web Page: www.marine.irlgov.ie

Programme Name: NeighbourWood Scheme

Method of Application: Local authorities must make the application

Programme Description: The aim of the scheme is to support the establishment or development of woodlands in or near villages, towns and cities for the purpose of public enjoyment and recreation. Types of projects funded:

- Establishment of new neighbourWoods,
- Improvement of existing neighbourWoods and
- Provision and/or upgrade of recreational facilities within new or existing neighbourWoods

Local authorities must make the application. The application process consists of firstly completing and returning a Preliminary Form, which is then assessed. If deemed potentially suitable, applicants must then complete and return a second application form. Application information and guidelines are available from the Forest Service. (See details above)

Who Can Apply? The scheme is primarily aimed at land owned by local authorities but is open to land owned/managed by other individuals and organisations as long as a management agreement is made between the landowner and the relevant local authority.

PEOPLE IN NEED

Contact Details

Address: 33-37 Clarendon Street, Dublin

Phone: (01) 679 2944 **Fax:** (01) 679 8062

E-mail: pin@telethon.ie

Programme Name: People in Need Trust

Application Time-Frame: October to January annually

Method of Application: Application on-line

Programme Description: The People in Need Trust was established in May 1988 with the purpose of raising and distributing money to charitable organisations throughout the country. The main source of funds is the highly successful RTÉ People in Need Telethon, supported by Eircom, which has raised €35 million to date. Grant applications are assessed by advisory committees and each application goes through a rigorous assessment process to ensure that the money the public donates is put to the best possible use in the county it was raised in.

Grants are available for **capital purposes only:**

- Purchase of equipment
- Renovations to premises
- Minibuses
- Courses; as these are viewed as investments.

Who can Apply? Charitable social service organisations providing service for deprived and disadvantaged groups such as the homeless, the elderly, deprived children and mentally and physically handicapped.

Grants are not for normal running costs, salaries, outings, holidays, individuals or towards refurbishment or maintenance of premises owned or run by a statutory body i.e. Health Board. They are not given to other organisations such as sporting, recreational clubs, drama groups, cultural and environmental groups.

SPORTS CAPITAL GRANTS

Contact Details

Address: Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, Sports Unit, Frederick Buildings
South Frederick Street, Dublin 2

Phone: (01) 6313914

Web Page: www.arts-sport-tourism.gov.ie

Programme Name: Sports Capital Grants

Application Time-Frame: Contact the Department for annual deadlines

Method of Application: Proposals and on-line applications

Programme Description: This programme is aimed at sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations. Projects must be of a capital nature and must be directly related to the provision of sporting and physical recreational facilities. The project must involve:

- Improving or building an asset
- Buying non-personal sports equipment that will be used for at least five years

Favoured proposals are being given to the development of facilities in disadvantaged areas. On-line applications should be followed by posting a printed and signed copy together with relevant accompanying documentation.

Who Can Apply? The Sports Capital Programme is open to sports organisations, clubs and community groups.

THE ONE FOUNDATION GRANT

Contact Details

Address: The One Foundation, 4th Floor, National College of Ireland Research Building, Mayor Street, Dublin 1

Phone: (01) 808 8800 **Fax:** (01) 808 8881

E-mail: vickybrown@onefoundation.ie

Programme Name: The One Foundation

Application Time-Frame: September annually

Method of Application: Applications

Programme Description: The **One Foundation** is a philanthropic foundation whose mission over 10 years is to improve the lives of vulnerable people - children, minority communities and people with mental health problems in Ireland.

Over the past 12 years, Ireland has undergone a radical transformation - economic success, a widening gap between rich and poor, reduced influence of the Catholic Church, and we have become a more heterogeneous society.

The One Foundation recognises the new challenge of ensuring mainstream child and youth services and facilities are accessible to all children, and specifically minority children in Ireland.

The grants awarded will range from €1,000 to €20,000. They will be awarded based on ability to demonstrate some of the following:

- 1) Good practice
- 2) Innovation
- 3) A model that can be replicated
- 4) Policies & Strategies for increasing accessibility, promoting access.

Who Can Apply? All Youth and Community Groups

VODAFONE IRELAND FOUNDATION

Contact Details

Address: Anne-Marie Moran, Vodafone Ireland Foundation Office, Mountain View, Leopardstown, Dublin 18.

Phone: 1850 20 87 87

Web Page: vodafoneirelandfoundation@vodafone.com

Programme Name: Grant Levels 1-3

Application Time-Frame: June Annually

Method of Application: Applications of Interest from Charities

Vodafone Ireland Foundation (VIF) believes strongly in the values of vibrant communities, whether local or national and the sense of connection they deliver within our lives. VIF will fund selected projects of registered Irish charities with strong community linkages. The social investment programme will focus primarily on removing barriers that prevent people from participating fully in society. There are three levels in which the foundation offers grants, of which Level 2 is the one most applicable to registered youth and community groups.

Programme Description: Grants in the range of €5,000-€80,000 are available under Level 2; Groups should apply to Vodafone in an open application process for projects supporting:

- Children
- Young people and their families facing adversity.

Who Can Apply? All registered youth and community groups

VOLUNTEERING IRELAND

Contact Details

Address: Coleraine House, Coleraine St., Dublin 7

Phone: (01) 872 2622 **Fax:** (01) 872 2623

Web Page: www.volunteeringireland.ie

Application Time-Frame: Annually every November.

Method of Application: Applications

Programme Description: Volunteering Ireland operates a small grants scheme that is available to voluntary & community groups for innovative projects which benefit volunteers. Projects that are applicable include:

- Training
- Recognition Event
- Recruitment Drive

A total of five grants of €1,000 each annually are available.

Who Can Apply? All voluntary youth and community groups

Disclaimer

The information provided in this booklet is intended as a guide for your group making funding applications and the information is as accurate as possible at the time of print. However, it is subject to continuing developments.

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