



The Fundingpoint Local Access Digest | May-June 2014



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The Fundingpoint Local Digest provides up-to-date funding information for non-profits in the Mayo region. Funding sources reflect both local and national funding opportunities. All information is quoted directly from funder website / literature.

The bi-monthly Fundingpoint Local Digest is brought to you by Mayo County Council and The Wheel.

The Ireland Funds Flagship Investment Grant

The mission of The Ireland Funds is to be the largest worldwide network of people of Irish ancestry and friends of Ireland dedicated to raising funds to support programs of peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development throughout the island of Ireland.

The objective of the Flagship Investments Grant Round is to support exceptional non-profit organisations to become effective, impactful leaders in their fields. Funding may be used to support programme or core operating costs.

This year, the Ireland Funds have committed a minimum of \$400,000 to the Flagship Investments Grant Round. Applicants can apply online during the period in which the Grant Round is open, which will be from 1st April until the deadline on 30th April 2014 @ 17.00GMT. Late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.

Applicants may request €25,000-75,000. In exceptional circumstances, multi-annual funding may be offered.

Flagship Investments Grant Round Priorities

Under four pillars of Arts & Culture, Community Development, Education and Peace & Reconciliation, The Ireland Funds has identified a number of priorities for the Flagship Investments Grant Round.

Arts & Culture

- We support the promotion of culture and heritage by prioritising initiatives that:
- Increase public access to a variety of art forms

Community Development

We invest in communities by supporting initiatives that contribute to:

- Positive mental and physical health
- Social entrepreneurship
- Promoting access to a range of opportunities for children and young people, particularly those from lower income families or those in rural areas
- Reducing loneliness and isolation among the elderly
- Develop an infrastructure that supports philanthropy and effective work by charitable organisations.

Education

We support programmes that promote access to high-quality education throughout Ireland, prioritising organisations that:

- Promote equality of access to a broad range of educational opportunities, particularly for those whose access is limited due to economic or social barriers

Peace & Reconciliation

We support communities in Northern Ireland by prioritising initiatives that address:

- The lack of understanding and respect for varying cultural/religious values
- Inadequate opportunities in education, employment and personal development

How to Apply

[Download the full guidelines here.](#)

Deadline: 30 April 2014

Arts Council - Theatre Resource Sharing Support

The purpose of this award is to offer organisations the opportunity to share administrative and production resources with a number of individual theatre artists over a specified period of time.

The aims of this scheme are as follows:

- Administrative and management resources to assist individual theatre artists and companies in career development
- Production assistance to individual theatre artists in the development of projects and ideas
- Expertise in strategic planning and sustainability in the context of professional theatre
- Support for collaborative projects between funded and non-funded theatre organisations – including support for:
- Initiatives that enable joint applications between colleague organisations for funding (to bodies other than the Arts Council)
- Activities such as audience development, sponsorship and fundraising.

Priority will be given to proposals based on:

- The relevance of the applicant organisation's track-record and experience to the content of the proposed resource-sharing programme
- The clarity of the proposed activities as part of a coherent resource-sharing strategy
- The extent and quality of the engagement proposed with individual theatre artists

- The suitability of the artistic and administrative resources available to the proposed resource-sharing programme
- The positive level of engagement and reciprocal support between all parties involved in the proposed resource-sharing programme.

Maximum awarded: €20000.

Eligibility

Applications are welcome from the following organisations in (the Republic of) Ireland:

- Those with a track record for offering administrative and other production support within theatre to individual artists
- Those with proposals to enhance the capacity of non-funded organisations to build an audience for their work.

There are certain exceptions where the Arts Council may deem eligible applications made by those based outside (the Republic of) Ireland. However, before admitting as eligible any such application, the Arts Council would need to be satisfied that the outcomes of any such proposal would benefit the arts in (the Republic of) Ireland.

The Arts Council is committed to equity and inclusion, and welcomes applications from individuals or groups within culturally diverse communities and from artists with disabilities.

How to Apply

All applications for funding must be submitted via the Arts Council online services website.

[Read the full guidelines here.](#)

Deadline: 1 May, 2014

Baxter International Foundation Grants

The Baxter International Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Baxter Worldwide and like Baxter, the foundation supports the development of more accessible and affordable healthcare. Baxter is a US-based company that produces products for use in medicine, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, particularly in the areas of haemophilia, cancer, immune disorders and kidney disease.

Focusing on the grant priorities (access, quality and cost-effectiveness of healthcare) the foundation makes grants in and near communities throughout the world where significant numbers of Baxter employees live and work.

The foundation also runs a number of programs that support Baxter employees in their personal philanthropic efforts. In each of these efforts, the foundation's fundamental purpose is to make a positive and lasting impact on healthcare and the health of communities around the world.

In recent times the Foundation has particularly supported work to promote health education in children, provide mental health services to low income youth, increase clinical services for women who are homeless or experience domestic violence, and improve healthcare for children and older people.

There have been a small number of grants in Ireland, for example:

- 2012 - LauraLynn Children's Hospice - \$118,906 to provide on-site clinical psychology bereavement support services.
- 2011 - Coolmine Therapeutic Community, Ireland - \$50,390 to provide for an additional full time nurse to assess the health needs of clients in both the residential and day programmes ensuring physical, social, and psychological and health education needs of clients are met.
- 2010 - Spinal Injuries Ireland, Western Ireland - \$25,000 to support a new outreach officer to extend psychological support services to people with spinal cord injuries and their families in western Ireland.
- 2009 - The Carers Association, Tullamore - \$173,380 to establish family carers support and training services in County Mayo, Ireland.

Organisations with programs or proposals consistent with the priorities of The Baxter International Foundation may apply for a foundation grant. Strong preference is given to projects that are brought to the foundation through a local Baxter facility or employee.

If you have questions about whether your project falls within its guidelines, please contact the foundation via e-mail before submitting a proposal. The Foundation will expect your application for support to come through one of their local business facilities or via an employee. You will need to be a registered charity. Your local contact will be able to advise you.

How to Apply

The annual grant application cycles are as follows:

- January 1st-February 11th
- May 1st-June 11th
- September 1st-October 11th

The online application is activated on the first day of the grant cycle and deactivated at 11:59 pm CST on the last day of the cycle. No applications are accepted after the deadline.

[Visit the Baxter website for more information.](#)

Contact Baxter by email for further guidance: fdninfo@baxter.com

Please note that Baxter fund only in communities where we have Baxter facilities and a significant number of employees (including two locations in Co. Mayo). Read about Baxter in Ireland here: <http://www.baxterhealthcare.ie/>

Dulux Ireland - Let's Colour Project

Since its launch in 2011, the Let's Colour Project has helped to transform and brighten over 600 local communities with colour.

But Dulux are not finished yet - there are plenty more worthy causes out there in need of a lick of paint. So Dulux are inviting you to enter your project into the mix.

Categories

Enter your project in the Community section if you want to brighten up a playground, transform a village hall or anything else community-based.

If your ambitions are closer to home, a beautiful finish for your new kitchen or adorable nursery wall murals - enter your project in the Individual section.

Either way, tell us how you'd like to change your story with colour, and your project could well become one of our next projects as part of the Dulux let's colour projects 2014.

Winning entries are those with the most votes, so don't forget to share the link to your video with friends!

How to Apply

[Visit the Let's Colour Project website](#) for application details. All entries must be in by 5pm on 2 May 2014.

Deadline: 5pm on 2 May, 2014

Hilton in the Community Foundation Grants

Hilton in the Community Foundation wants to reach out and help as many young people as possible. By investing in improving access to education and investing in the improvement of health care, we seek to make a big difference in areas where Hilton Worldwide and its hotels operate across Europe. Through targeted grant-giving, programmes and campaigns we aim to support smaller charities that might otherwise be overlooked.

The Foundation is dedicated to creating brighter futures for young people. Our priority as a grant maker is to make a difference through targeted grant support, helping local and regional community groups and charities across Europe to deliver projects which improve access to opportunities and improve wellbeing. In 2012, the Foundation awarded 506 grants totalling £1,365,425.42 (2011: £1,626,576).

We focus our efforts particularly on supporting children and young people up to the age of 25. Our core giving remits are:

- Young people and education
- Young people and health.

Across our grant-making processes, we prefer to fund projects which:

- Provide and facilitate access to education
- Provide tools and opportunities through equipment, facilities and training
- Relieve suffering, improve treatment, care and well-being.

Central Grants - structure and approval process

Completed applications are first assessed by the Foundation office, with a shortlist of approximately 20 of the strongest and regionally representative applications put forward for consideration by the Grants Committee. The Grants Committee comprises independent and Hilton nominated members, and meets quarterly to discuss the applications. There is approximately £150,000 available to distribute each quarter.

Applications working in the areas of education or health with one of our four chosen focus groups are selected or considered:

- Children and young people with disabilities
- Children and young people who are sick in hospital
- Young people who are homeless
- Young people and children who are life limited (requiring palliative care)

If favoured, grant applications for up to £10,000 can be approved by the Committee, and applications for more than £10,000 are recommended to the Trustees for final approval. There is no limit on the amount of money that a charity can request. However, the Foundation is a small charity and generally

will not make awards of over £30,000 (per year). Funding can be requested for up to 2 years for any particular project.

Reapplications are welcome however unsuccessful applicants are asked not to reapply for at least 12 months from the date of their rejection letter.

Sample Grants Made to Irish Organisations

- Irish Autism Action - multiple grants
- Barretstown - £400.
- Debra Ireland - £10,000.

How to Apply

Please ensure your completed application is received both electronically and hard copy by 5.30pm on the date indicated below in order to be considered. Applications should be sent by email to grant@hilton-foundation.org.uk

Eligible applications received after the deadline will be retained for the next funding round. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. All received applications are acknowledged by email, once the hard copy has been received and logged.

[Visit the Hilton Foundation website now](#) for application forms and full guidelines.

Deadline: 6 May 2014

Mayo Local Sports Partnership - Special Participation Grant Scheme

Each year Mayo Sports Partnership assist sports groups/organisations financially in projects which main aim is to increase participation in sports/activities. The Special Participation Initiative Grant Scheme is aimed at encouraging clubs/organisations to introduce new additional projects which aim to increase participation in and opportunities for physical activity.

Eligible Projects (may include):

- Introduction of new sports projects/initiatives for target groups where opportunities do not already exist (Target Groups include: Young people, disadvantaged, females, travellers, ethnic minorities.
- Special projects/initiatives that cater for people with disabilities.
- Projects which reflect a wide geographical spread.
- Projects which provide for a significant number of participants (mass participation).

- Outdoor education/water sport projects for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Walking / jogging / cycling Meet and Train Groups which target the adult population and have a social connectedness element to the programme.
- Start Up of New Clubs or extensions to existing club activities.

How to Apply

[Download further guidelines and an application form here.](#)

Deadline: 4pm on 7 May, 2014

Arts Council - Touring and Dissemination of Work Scheme

Applications are invited for proposals seeking funding in support of initiatives that are of high artistic quality and that generally have a strong audience focus. Applications will be accepted in any artform or area of arts practice. These activities should be due to take place in between January 2014 and June 2014.

The Touring and Dissemination of Work Scheme is designed to support the touring and / or dissemination of work across a range of artforms and arts practices.

In offering this scheme the Arts Council aims to support:

- Initiatives that are of high artistic quality and that generally have a strong audience focus
- A balance of tours in all artforms and arts practices
- A variety of styles, genres and types of production for a diverse range of audiences
- Tours of various scales
- An appropriate geographical spread of tours.
- Tours that demonstrate good 'value for money'.

Focus areas for support:

- Architecture
- Arts Participation
- Circus
- Dance
- Film
- Literature
- Music
- Street Arts and Spectacle

- Theatre
- Traditional Arts
- Visual Arts
- Young People, Children and Education

Eligibility

The scheme is open to individuals and organisations who wish to tour productions between January 2015 and June 2015, and who are resident or based in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland.

Applications that include proposals for performances/exhibitions in Northern Ireland will be jointly assessed by the Arts Council and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland (ACNI) and all data submitted will be available to ACNI. Such 'cross-border' tours must include at least one performance/exhibition in Northern Ireland and one performance/exhibition in the Republic of Ireland.

If you are planning a tour that involves performances/exhibitions on both sides of the border, contact the Arts Council or the Arts Council of Northern Ireland in advance of making your application.

What You Can Apply For

Direct costs of touring after planned income has been deducted

Direct costs of mounting / remounting a production/exhibition/show where these have not already been funded from any source.

While no upper limit has been set on the amount that can be applied for, applicants should be aware of budgetary constraints and the competitive nature of the scheme. You should also note that, in general, it is considered advisable for a production to have proved successful before committing to a tour.

The Arts Council will consider additional costs if they are specifically related to the making of art by artists with disabilities. If you wish to apply for additional funding on this basis, you should provide information with your application outlining what these additional costs are.

How to Apply

All applications must be submitted through the Arts Council online system.

[Visit the Arts Council website for full application details.](#)

Deadline: 8 May 2014

Mayo County Council - Anti-Litter Awareness Grant

Mayo County Council invite submissions from Community Groups, Residents Associations, Schools, Tidy Town Committees or other Organisations who are interested in receiving funding to co-fund public education and awareness initiatives against litter or graffiti.

Eligibility

- Plays, puppet shows, interactive workshops, story telling, talks, art projects, mainly aimed at schools, (e.g. Rubbish Pirates, Environmental Story Teller, "The Story of the Rubbish Monster – play and puppet show).
- Anti-litter and anti-graffiti awareness competitions, design a poster competition (e.g. schools competitions with the winning designs produced as anti-litter posters or calendars, competition to find child to present anti-litter awareness programmes on local/regional radio).
- Adopt a road, a bring bank, community clean-ups or similar initiatives (e.g. planting of a hedge to prevent graffiti, adopt a section of road, designated bring banks or housing estates kept litter free by local community groups, local authorities provide litter pickers, bags and gloves).
- Provision of anti-litter materials (e.g. car litter bins, cigarette butt holders, chewing gum wrappers, anti-litter car stickers, anti-litter stickers for bins).
- Local advertising (e.g. cinema advertising, radio advertising, local press, local sports ground advertising, distribution of anti-litter/graffiti leaflets).

Criteria

1. The maximum grant allocation for any project is 70%.
2. The balance of funding must come from local contribution or from other sources such as business sponsorship.
3. A report must be submitted on completion of the project and must include results and outcomes of the project.
4. Receipts/paid invoices relating to the project must be maintained and submitted with completion report.
5. Projects are to be completed if at all possible in the current year.
6. Projects must have a strong awareness element and can include projects relating to anti-litter and anti graffiti measures.
7. Projects must as far as possible have a particular focus on involving schools and young people or be focussed on voluntary initiatives by community and environmental groups.
8. Projects in receipt of funding under the Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership fund are excluded for grant purposes.
9. A Completion report will be forwarded to successful applicants at time of grant payment. Completion Reports must be submitted to Mayo County Council by Friday, 27th February, 2015.
10. Applicants should note that grant aid for large capital items like signage or bins will not be provided.

How to Apply

[Download the application form from the Mayo Council website.](#)

Deadline: 9 May 2014

Foras na Gaeilge - Youth Events Scheme

Foras na Gaeilge is the new body responsible for the promotion of the Irish language throughout the whole island of Ireland.

Through this scheme, Foras na Gaeilge is providing funding for suitable Irish Language activities for young people which aim “To advance, promote and strengthen the use of Irish”. Suitable events that will provide young people with opportunities for using the Irish language should be run between 01 September 2014 and 30 June 2015.

Maximum Funding €5,000/£3,500 stg.

How to Apply

Several changes have been made to this scheme this year. You are advised to carefully read the criteria, guidelines and application form.

[Visit the Foras na Gaeilge website for further guidelines.](#)

Deadline: 16 May 2014

HSE - National Lottery Grants (HSE West)

The HSE (Dublin Mid-Leinster) has been allocated National Lottery Funding for distribution to community based groups and voluntary organisations under the following terms.

1. Respite Care Grant Scheme
2. National Lottery Grant Scheme

Applications are invited from groups and organisations involved in the provision of health and personal social services for once off funding for viable projects which can be completed within a reasonable period of time. which can be completed within a reasonable period of time.

How to Apply

Completed applications must be delivered in sealed envelopes to the relevant address for your area (listed below) and clearly marked “National Lottery Application 2014” to arrive no later than 5.00 pm Friday May 16th 2014.

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[Mayo Lottery Application Form 2014.pdf \(size 221.8 KB\)](#)

National Lottery Grants 2014, Mayo Health Services, HSE West, St. Mary's HQ, Castlebar, Co.

Mayo.Phone: (094) 9042233

WRDTF - Small Grants Scheme

The Western Region Drugs Task Force (WRDTF) invites applications for the 2013 Family Support Grants Scheme for once-off funding to Community and Not-for-profit Voluntary groups/agencies who are working to support families in counties Galway, Mayo and Roscommon.

The Western Region Drugs Task Force (WRDTF) invites applications for the 2014 Small Grants Scheme for once-off funding to Community and Not-for-profit Voluntary groups/agencies who are working to tackle drug and alcohol misuse in counties Galway, Mayo and Roscommon.

Maximum award per applicant will be €2000 and must directly relate to one of the pillars of the National Drugs Strategy and/or actions of the WRDTF Strategic Plan The Way Forward.

Priority will be given to groups/agencies who can demonstrate that they have an existing drug and alcohol brief.

How to Apply

Application forms and further information can be obtained by emailing smallgrants@wrdf.ie or by phoning 091 480044.

[Visit website here.](#)

Deadline: 5pm on 16 May 2014

Celestial Green Ventures - Social Funding Programme

Celestial Green Ventures (CGV) have announced the launch of their Social Funding Programme, which is aimed at helping small projects and start-ups all over the Republic of Ireland make a difference in their communities.

Although their primary concern is the protection of the Amazon and sustainable development for the local communities there, the work they do in Brazil has served to reinforce the importance of local programmes in tackling major issues. It is for this reason that CGV have decided to offer financial support to 4 separate projects, to the tune of €5,000 each.

Eligibility

The Social Funding Programme is open to all registered organisations of the Republic of Ireland, with a relevant registry with the Revenue Office, except former, current or prospective employees of Celestial Green Ventures, their family members or anyone professionally connected with the Programme.

Organisations may submit applications for several projects but can only be awarded funding for one project, if selected by the panel.

Projects should take place in the Republic of Ireland, and can be a completely new or an existing project.

Entry into the Programme is free and no purchase is necessary to participate.

You can enter the Programme by providing the below information and emailing your completed entry to Celestial Green Ventures, using the following email

address: applications@celestialgreenventures.com or by post to Celestial Green Ventures - Merchant's Hall, 25-26 Merchant's Quay, Dublin 8, Ireland. Please consider the environment when applying.

How to Apply

See details above. [Click here](#) for full terms and conditions.

Deadline: 16 May 2014

Tidy Towns Competition

TidyTowns is open to all areas, big or small, urban or rural, and each are entered under their respective population categories ranging from the smallest, Category A - Under 200, to the largest, Category H - 25,001 and over. Entry is free regardless of the size of an area.

Entrants are the 'ambassadors' for their area in TidyTowns and therefore are the primary contact in relation to correspondence, invites, awards, etc. So ideally entry should be made by a broad-based group that represents all sectors of the community.

However, it is not expected that these structures have to be in place before entering. Entry from a credible body, such as a Local Authority, Development Agency, Residents' Group or Local Business, which is working on the ground to improve the area will be accepted. Nonetheless, in all cases, it is expected that participation will be used to generate wider interest in the TidyTowns effort within the community and that there is a clear objective to put the appropriate structures in place as soon as possible. Progress on encouraging broader community involvement is a major part of the TidyTowns' assessment criteria.

The minimum documentation needed to participate is a completed entry form forwarded to the TidyTowns Unit of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, either by email, on-line or in the free post envelope provided in the TidyTowns pack. Additional information may also be provided with the form to assist the TidyTowns adjudicators in their assessment of the participating area.

While not a condition of entry, all participants are encouraged to prepare a multi-annual strategic plan to guide their activities. This may be forwarded with the entry form when available.

Awards

There are over 200 prizes given out under the SuperValu TidyTowns competition each year with more than €200,00 of the total prize fund of €250,000 awarded under the main competition. (The balance is awarded in special prizes outside the main competition. For further details, see [Special Awards.](#))

How to Apply

[Visit the Tidy Towns website for full information.](#)

Please note: local authorities may apply different deadlines to the one states below. Please contact your local authority directly for further details.

Deadline: 22 May 2014

Community Foundation for Ireland - Caring Communities

The Community Foundation for Ireland seeks to inspire donors and support charities and community groups. Established in 2000 we have made grants on behalf of donors of over €12million, mostly in Ireland.

Caring Communities is our two year strategy for 2013 and 2014 and grants are targeted at very specific areas. Detailed outcomes will be sought from these grants and importantly grantees will be expected to participate in a Learning Network.

Caring Communities and other grant Rounds 2014

A. Caring Communities

In 2014 there will be two rounds of Caring Communities grants (Round 3 and Round 4).

Round 3 will open for applications on 3rd February 2014. This round will have one category, Migrants. The focus will be on seeking innovative projects from organisations promoting Active Citizenship for Migrants. Full Criteria and Application Forms will be on our website from 3rd February. The closing date for Round 3 will be 12th March 2014

Round 4 will be open for applications on 3rd June 2014. This round will have two categories, Travellers and LGBT Communities. Within Travellers, the focus will be on measures addressing Domestic Violence and Substance Misuse whilst in the LGBT category the focus will be on promoting equality and inclusion. Full Criteria and Application Forms will be on our website from 3rd June. The closing date for Round 4 will be 31st July 2014.

How to Apply

Full Criteria and Application cover sheets will be available at www.communityfoundation.ie

Deadline: opening 3 June 2014 (closing 31 July)

BAI - Sound & Vision II

The Broadcasting Funding Scheme (Sound & Vision II) was established to provide funding in support of high quality programmes on Irish culture, heritage and experience, and programmes to improve adult literacy.

Eligibility

Individuals and established legal entities are eligible to apply for funding under the Scheme. Individuals must be Irish or EU nationals/residents. Legal entities must be incorporated in Ireland or the EU.

Applications must meet the following minimum eligibility criteria in order to be considered for funding. In the event that any of these criteria are not met, applications will be disqualified. This will generally take place at the Preliminary evaluation stage of the assessment process. The BAI's decision in this regard will be final.

Programme Themes

Programmes must deal with one or more of the themes outlined below and the BAI welcomes broad and creative interpretations of these themes:

- Irish Culture, heritage and experience;
- Improving adult or media literacy;
- Raising public awareness and understanding of global issues impacting on the state and countries other than the state; and
- Programmes can be Irish, English, bilingual (Irish and English) or multilingual (i.e. Irish plus two or more languages). Bilingual and multilingual programmes must include at minimum of 30% Irish language content.

Eligible Funding

The Scheme can fund a maximum of 95% of the costs in the eligible budget. For detailed information in relation to the amounts that can be sought for individual projects, applicants should consult the funding matrix in Section 5.2 of the Scheme guidelines (see link below). Eligible costs are the costs associated with the production of the programme(s). Ineligible costs are costs that are related to the production, but are not direct production costs. Examples of ineligible costs are promotion and marketing costs; training costs; web and podcasting costs; capital costs; and financial and legal costs, including the cost of the mandatory audit.

In most cases capital costs are ineligible costs. However, where the applicant is a community group engaged in programme production, some capital costs may be eligible for funding. In these cases, applicants must provide a full rationale as to why these capital costs are required. These shall be assessed on a case by case basis.

How to Apply

Download the application form and full guidelines [from the BAI website](#).

Deadline: 12 June 2014

Arts Council - Artist in the Community Scheme

The Arts Council is the national agency for funding, developing and promoting the arts in Ireland. The Council recognises that the arts have a central and distinctive contribution to make to society.

About the Scheme

Twice yearly, the Arts Council offers grants to enable artists and communities of place/or interest to work together on projects.

Eligibility & Criteria

The scheme is open to artists from any of the following artform disciplines: architecture, circus, street art and spectacle, dance, film, literature (Irish and English language), music, opera, theatre, visual arts and traditional arts. The projects can take place in a diverse range of social and community contexts eg arts and health; arts in prisons; arts and older people; arts and cultural diversity.

The aim of the scheme is to encourage meaningful collaboration between communities of place and/or interest and artists. It is essential that consultation take place between the artist and the community group, so that both parties are involved in deciding on the nature of the project realisation. Group ownership of the art should be maintained at every stage. The Project Realisation may result in a variety of outcomes.

There are two phases to the scheme:

1. Phase One, Research & Development, is open to artists who wish to research and develop a project in a community context. Research & Development/Mentoring is open to artists who wish to develop a community based project and who have identified an artist mentor they want to work with a during the research and development phase.
2. Phase Two, Project Realisation, is open to communities of interest or place (or their representative organisations) with an artist.

How to Apply

[Further details available here.](#)

Deadline: 23 June 2014

EPA - Event Support Grants

The Environmental Protection Agency provides funding to support science, technology, research and innovation projects through grant-aid to third level institutions, state agencies, government departments, local and regional authorities, the private sector and individuals.

The EPA-STRIVE programme has allocated budget to provide funding to support workshops, seminars and other events - subject to an upper limit of €3,000 per event. Funding is provided only 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. The event should showcase current national research by the organisers and EPA funded-groups, and also could include an international keynote speaker.

In terms of audience/participants, the event should target other researchers working in the area and the expected end-users of the research (e.g. Local Authorities, EPA, DEHLG, Industry).

How to Apply

[Full details are available on the EPA website.](#)

Deadline: 30 June 2014

EPA - Researcher Travel Support Grants

The Environmental Protection Agency provides funding to support science, technology, research and innovation projects through grant-aid to third level institutions, state agencies, government departments, local and regional authorities, the private sector and individuals.

The EPA-STRIVE programme has allocated a limited budget to provide funding to support researchers travelling for the purpose of:

Presentation of EPA-funded research at international conferences - This award is available to EPA-funded researchers who wish to disseminate EPA research findings, and where the grant award has expired in the previous 12 months.

Participation as a national expert at international meetings on key environmental issues - This award is available to national experts who are invited to attend an event on behalf of the EPA / DEHLG

Funding is provided subject to an upper limit of €1,000 per applicant, to cover travel, registration and other associated costs.

How to Apply

[Full details are available on the EPA website.](#)

Deadline: 30 June 2014

Carnegie UK Trust Challenge

The Carnegie UK Trust is offering funding for up to ten not-for-profit conference organisers to attract leading public policy thinkers and commentators to debate wellbeing in 2014.

The support of the Trust will allow event organisers, in consultation with the Trust, to invite a small panel along with a chair to take part in a debate during the conference. The intention is to allow conference organisers to attract guests who may require, for example, travel expenses from abroad, fees and other expenses

Eligibility

The elements we are looking for:

- The event must be held in the UK or the Republic of Ireland and delivered by a not-for-profit organisation.
- The Carnegie Challenge Debate must relate to wellbeing.
- The proposed panellists must be recognised experts in their field.
- The proposed panellists must represent different perspectives on the debate.
- The proposed chair must be high-calibre.
- The majority of the debate time must be used for audience participation. Long, prepared speeches are discouraged during the debate (but may be part of a wider conference programme).
- The debate must be designed for more than 100 delegates.
- The event organisers must have previous experience of running conferences.
- The debate must be of national interest (Scotland, England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland).

Carnegie Challenge Criteria

- The Carnegie UK Trust is willing to provide financial support to enable not-for-profit conference organisers to put on a high calibre and constructive panel debate on issues related to wellbeing.
- Successful applicants will be not-for-profit organisations and should have a commitment to improving the wellbeing of people in the UK and Ireland in a way which fits with the strategic direction of the Trust.
- The payment is a flat-rate award of £3000 and is expected to be used primarily for Chairs/speaker's fees for the panel, travel expenses and accommodation. The fund is paid in advance of the event, on approval by CUKT of the panellists, chair and agenda.

- The Trust will be looking for the genuine added value for its contribution. That is, funding where otherwise a panellist/Chair would not be willing to attend. This funding should will make it possible to attract speakers would otherwise not be willing or able to take part, either because of the cost, their location or their perception of the nature of the event.
- The primary impact sought by Carnegie is on conference delegates who are practitioners, policy makers and others who have the responsibility for, or ability to change or develop policy or practice.
- The Carnegie Challenge makes the funding available in the hope that those attending the event will be exposed to debate of a high calibre, and will be stimulated and challenged to reconsider their policy position or improve their practice when they return to their own area of work. It might stimulate practitioners to explore new or different partnerships, to use different approaches, or simply to reconsider their existing practice.
- At least two panellists should be invited. The panellist should, so far as possible, have divergent views to allow the audience to hear different sides of a contractive and thoughtful debate.
- The event should last for at least 1 hour. The vast majority of the time should be spent addressing questions from the floor with no more than very brief (one to two minutes) opening remarks by the panellist.
- An experienced Chair should be agreed with Carnegie UK Trust. The Chair will play an important role in challenging the panellists where appropriate.
- The Trust may suggest appropriate Chairs/panellists to the event organisers. These may include CUKT staff or Trustees.
- The debate should be titled “Carnegie Challenge” and will also contain a strap line (of the conference suggestion) such as “innovation and change”, “looking beyond the horizon” etc depending on the subject matter.
- The event should be identified in the conference brochure, etc. as a debate that is “sponsored by the Carnegie UK Trust which supports public debates run by not-for-profit organisations in the UK and Ireland”. The Carnegie UK Trust logo should also be used for event materials.
- All organisations that receive Carnegie Challenge Funding will be required to complete a Carnegie UK Trust evaluation form.
- All organisations that host a Carnegie Challenge debate will ask all attending delegates to complete an evaluation form provided by the Carnegie UK Trust. These forms will be returned to the Carnegie UK Trust within one week of the Carnegie Challenge debate.
- After the event, organisers are required provide a short evaluation report for the Carnegie UK Trust. Event organisers should provide feedback on the following: members of panel; summary of discussion; number of delegates present; photos of the event, coverage of the event, etc. (please see the Expression of Interest form for further evaluation options).
- The input of the Trust will be financial, and will only involve a small amount of staff time, mostly in approving panellists and Chairs for the Challenge, agreeing the format of the event, and some administrative time.

- An organisation that receives Carnegie Challenge funding cannot re-apply for two years following funding (two years from the date of the funded event).

How to Apply

[Visit the Trust website to download a Letter of Interest form / more information](#)

Deadline: 14 July 2014

National Lottery Grant Scheme 2014

The Department of Health and Children allocates funds to Health Agencies and other similar organisations providing a range of services including:

- Services for the Elderly
- Services for the Intellectually Disabled
- Child Care Services
- Public Health Services
- Services for the Physically Disabled
- Health Board Services
- Health Promotion
- Building, Equipping and Furnishing of Health Facilities (Capital Expenditure).

Eligibility

Applications come primarily from community groups and voluntary organisations with an involvement in the provision of health services to specific client groups (for example persons with an intellectual disability and/or physical disability, elderly, etc.), national groups providing information and support for various disabilities and illnesses and groups with a specific interest (for example to provide holidays for elderly, respite, equipment for hospitals, homes, etc.).

How to Apply

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Applications will only be accepted from groups or organisations operating within the State.

[Download the application form from the Department website.](#)

Deadline: 31 July 2014

Additional Resources

Non-profits in the Mayo region who are seeking fundraising advice and guidance can avail of two additional resources:

Fundraising Guidance Library

- [Help with Fundraising](#): if you're just getting started in fundraising and need to learn the ropes, these resources will help bring you up to speed.
- [Applying to Grant Makers](#): a wealth of practical guidance on how to make effective and successful funding applications.
- [Fundraising From The Public](#): tips and ideas on how to run successful fundraising events, develop a fundraising pack and much more.
- [Trading Goods and Services](#): advice on the nitty gritty of donations, loans, direct debits and other advanced fundraising issues.

Fundraising Helpdesk

Can't find an answer to your fundraising question in the above articles? Then get in touch with The Wheel's Fundraising Helpdesk now. Email as much detail as possible to: paul@wheel.ie and we'll get back to you shortly.

