



FUNDING DOCUMENT

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FUNDING

There is an increasing number and diversity of sources of funding for daytime, community based and non-formal adult education groups both at a local and national level. This document aims to firstly provide some useful guidelines for groups accessing funding and secondly to list some of the most popular funding sources available to daytime voluntary adult education groups.

GUIDELINES FOR GROUPS SEEKING FUNDING

Do your Groundwork

- ❖ Do not apply for money before you are ready. Wait until you have established your aims, objectives, needs and ways of working together.
- ❖ Be clear about what you want to do, why you want to do it, what you want to achieve and how you want to go about it.
- ❖ Work out what resources you need to do it, what exactly you need to apply for and how you will spend the money you access.
- ❖ Research your project and your group's eligibility for different schemes and their suitability for your group and its needs.
- ❖ Be clear and realistic about what will be required of you, your ability to meet those requirements and how meeting them will affect your group, your project and your target group.
- ❖ Establish a calendar of events (or milestones) for your group and identify relevant funding deadlines in that period.
- ❖ If you are thinking of applying for a large grant, you may want to bring in a facilitator / consultant to help you think through your project, its development and its costing in detail. You may want to also use a financial advisor to help you to set up a simple, but detailed and accurate accountancy system right from the very beginning.

MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FUNDER

Funders need to know that you are credible, competent, and capable of sticking with your project to completion. They also need to know that the money will be well spent i.e. that the project is needed, that it will be run efficiently and that it is likely to lead to further developments.

- ❖ Research the criteria (interests) and the requirements (needs) of each funder and the language each funder uses and argue your project using the terms and language of the funder to whom you are applying. Only apply if your group and project meet the criteria. Explain how your group and project meet the criteria of the funder.
- ❖ Provide all the information requested as fully as you can.
- ❖ Complete your application on a standard application form, if required.
- ❖ Clarify what the application requires; give a detailed account about what your plan needs.
- ❖ Demonstrate the credibility of your group - tell the funder what else you have done and how it went.
- ❖ Build a personal relationship with key people in the funding agency. Don't be afraid to ask for help, explanations and support. Stay in touch with them, send them information on your project, and invite them to open days/launches, send them reports andsay thank you!
- ❖ If your group's funding application is turned down look for feedback.

Be Accountable

Funders need records and so do you! They are necessary as documentation of your past, your story, your work, your achievements and your lessons. They are also necessary as an investment in the future: they are a source of information and skills for people coming after you. In addition they provide evidence for funders of your credibility, competence and potential.

- ❖ Keep accurate, honest and clear accounts of your expenditure and back it up with receipts and documentation.
- ❖ Keep records and copies of everything you do and write, from the very beginning.
- ❖ Evaluate and document everything.
- ❖ Clarify what the funders require.

Stay in touch with yourself

Trust yourself and your work. Stay in touch with your own agenda, aims and approach. Stay in touch with your own group, community and target group: keep them fully informed throughout the process. Don't be intimidated or over impressed by funders. Remember that you are the experts and you are doing the work.

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1. *Details of the Group*

When making your application You should give the name, address, phone number, contact person, bank account number and address and details about the structures of the group. You should enclose with your application the group's constitution /action plan/vision statement and information on who is responsible for the group's activities e.g. the management board. These details can be supplemented by a brief history of the group describing how and why it was set up, what its main activities are and what it has achieved to date.

2. *Name of Project*

You could include here a brief summary of the project's aims and activities.

3. *Background and Rationale for Project*

A description of the reasons the project has been designed, who designed it, how was it designed, to what it is responding and why is it needed.

4. *Aims and Objectives of Project*

A description of the overall aims of the project and an explanation of what specifically the project's activities intend to achieve: what will the actual outcomes be?

5. *Target Group of Project*

Who will participate in the project and why? How many people will benefit and how?

6. *Activities and Methods of Project*

What exactly will happen during the project and how will it be done? Who will be involved? Why and how have these decisions been made?

7. *Records and Documentation of Project*

What records, accounts and reporting mechanisms will you set up?

8. *Evaluation and Dissemination of Project Outcomes*

How will you measure the success, effectiveness and lessons of the project? How will you let others, specifically the funder, know about the experience gained as a result of the project?

9. *Timescale*

What is going to happen from start to finish and when?

10. *Detailed Costing of Project*

How much is the project going to cost and how much are you requesting the funder to give you? How, on what and when will the money be spent? What other sources of funding have you?

Conclusion

How do you intend to build on what the project will achieve? What do you think are going to be spin off effects and follow up activities? Why should this funder fund this project? How does the project meet the funder's priorities? What makes it special and worthwhile?

TAX CLEARANCE & TAX REFERENCE NUMBERS

The Government's tax clearance procedures apply to all government (including departments, local authorities, health services, educational authorities or semi state bodies) grants allocated. These procedures mean that groups must give their tax reference number. If you do not already have a tax reference number, you can obtain one from your local revenue office. To obtain a tax reference number a Tax Reference Application Form (TR1) must be completed. It is important that you give a tax reference number when applying for a grant. Applications cannot be accepted from groups that do not quote their tax reference number.

For groups in receipt of grants a current tax clearance certificate must be obtained from the Revenue Commissioners. Generally, no payment may be made to any group without a current tax clearance certificate as it confirms that your tax affairs are in order. However, groups recognised as Charities by the Revenue Commissioners are exempt from the requirement to produce a tax clearance certificate. Therefore, if you have a registered charity (CHY) number, it should always be quoted on your application. To obtain a tax clearance certificate you will need to send in a Tax Clearance application form (TC1) to your local revenue office.

The TR1 application form and TC1 application form are also available from the Revenue Commissioners website www.revenue.ie.

For further information about tax clearance please contact your local revenue office.

CHARITABLE TAX EXEMPTION

Many charitable groups apply to the Office of the Revenue Commissioners to gain exemption from certain taxes, which may otherwise be due on their income or property. For an organisation to be regarded as charitable for tax purposes, all its aims and activities must be charitable and it must be bound by law to advance only its stated aims and activities, applying its income and property to these alone.

The Charities Section of the Revenue Commissioners adjudicate on applications for charitable tax exemption. An information leaflet (CHY1: Applying for Relief from Tax on the Income and Properties of Charities) is available on the Revenue Commissioners website at www.revenue.ie.

In order to apply for charitable tax exemption a group must send the following documents to Revenue Commissioners:

1. A completed application form (CHY1 form).
2. Details of the Officers / Trustees / Directors.
3. A tax reference number.
4. A Governing Instrument, e.g. Constitution or a Memorandum and Articles of Association including the group's official name and contact address.
6. Background information on your group, including its activities and objectives.
7. A certified copy of the latest available accounts.
8. A clear statement of why the group wishes to obtain exemption from tax.

A Record of Accounts must be maintained each year and certain amendments to the Governing Instrument must be cleared in advance with the Revenue Commissioners.

The contact address is:

Office of the Revenue Commissioners
Charities Section
Government Offices
Nenagh
Co. Tipperary
Tel: 067-33533 or LoCall 1890 254565
E-mail: charities@revenue.ie

LEGAL STRUCTURES AND LEGAL STATUS

Especially at the start-up stage, it is important for the member(s) of a group to consider whether the organisation needs to have legal status and what structure is most appropriate for future as well as present activities. Every organisation needs a structure in order to work properly; it usually sets out basic rules and relationships and makes an organisation more efficient.

There is a difference between a legal structure (e.g. constitution, limited companies, trusts) and legal status (e.g. charitable status) and not all kinds of legal structures provide separate legal status for a group's members. A group that only has a constitution, for example, has a legal structure but does not enjoy separate legal status from its members, however, it can sue and be sued and its members are still bound by the rules of the group's constitution. When an organisation becomes an incorporated body, like a company, the company takes on separate legal status from its members.

An organisation may want a certain type of legal status for various reasons, e.g. to employ staff, to acquire property, or to offer members protection against certain liabilities. In addition, a funding organisation may require a group to have formal legal structures, or legal status.

For further information legal structures and legal status visit www.comhairle.ie

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Basically, under legal structures and limited companies there are two types of companies, a private company and a public company (company limited by Guarantee).

A private limited company can have one shareholder but must have at least two directors. The liability of the shareholder (s) is limited to the amount unpaid on the shares held by him / her.

A company limited by guarantee is a legal structure for non-profit making organisations such as community and voluntary groups. It gives the organisation a legal identity, which is separate from that of the individual members and all profits are reinvested in the company. With this form of company there must be at least seven members (subscribers). A guarantee company does not have a share capital, and members are not required to buy shares. The member's liability is limited to the amount they contribute to the assets of the company.

Further information on becoming a limited company can be obtained by contacting the Companies Registration Office for further information:

The Companies Registration Office

Parnell House

14 Parnell Square

Dublin 1

Tel: 01 804 5200

Fax: 01 804 5222

Email: info@cro.ie

Website: www.cro.ie

FUNDING OPTIONS – PUBLIC SECTOR

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS / LOCAL AUTHORITIES / EUROPEAN

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE (DES)

The DES is responsible for the administration of public education, primary, post primary and special education. Currently, statutory funds are channelled to adult and community education through several agencies and schemes which include:

1. The **ADULT LITERACY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION (ALCES)** – Under this scheme funds are provided through the adult education boards of the Vocational Education Committees (VECs) to enable disadvantaged adults to pursue adult literacy and community education programmes free or at nominal costs. Currently the Adult Literacy and Community Education Budget stands at approximately €27m.

There are thirty-three VECs operating nationally. They are responsible for statutory adult education provision around Ireland. Adult Education and Literacy Officers, Youthreach, VTOS and BTEI Co-ordinators and Community Education Facilitators are in place in each VEC to identify and respond to the learning and educational needs of adults in local areas. They are primarily involved in organising self-financing education in conjunction with local VEC schools or locally based groups.

Community-based groups wishing to provide basic and / or second chance education should contact their local Adult Education Officer (AEO) or Community Education Facilitator (CEF) for information on the funds available in their area. For addresses and telephone numbers, you can refer to the IPA Handbook in your local

library or contact the Irish Vocational Education Association (IVEA), the representative group for the VECs.

For further information contact:

IVEA
McCann House
99 Marlborough Road
Donnybrook
Dublin 4
Tel: 01 4966033/4966248
Fax: 01 4966460
Email: info@ivea.ie
Website: www.ivea.ie

2. **SPECIAL INITIATIVES FOR DISADVANTAGED ADULTS SCHEME (SPIDAS)** – This scheme supports second chance education provision for people who are disadvantaged by making funding available to organisations working to tackle the issue and to the VECs towards the cost of courses (fees, books, materials, travel and meals).
3. **GRANTS TO ADULT EDUCATION ORGANISATIONS** - Grants-in-aid towards the running costs of adult education organisations are administered through this scheme. Organisations in receipt of these grants include AONTAS, NALA, the People’s College, the Dublin Adult Learning Centre and the Irish Country Women’s Association.

For further information on these ALCES / SPIDAS and grants scheme contact:

Further Education Section
Department of Education and Science
Floor 1, Block 4
Irish Life Centre
Talbot St
Dublin 1
Tel: 01 873 4700
Website: www.education.ie

4. **EDUCATION EQUALITY INITIATIVE (E.E.I.)** –This initiative is an expansion of the Women’s Education Initiative (W.E.I.) and provides for a widening of the process to include disadvantaged men. €4.4m has been allocated towards this initiative under the Equality Sub-Programme of the National Development Plan covering the years 2000 – 2006. The programme spans two phases and Phase 2, funding 10 projects, allows for the development of models of good practice in relation to education for marginalised groups which could be mainstreamed and from which policy lessons can be drawn for the future development of innovative learning opportunities began in 2004. Leargas provide the technical support for this programme.

The Vocational Education Committees administer a number of adult and community education programmes locally on behalf of the Department of Education and Science. These programmes include:

5. The **VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES SCHEME (VTOS)** – This is a second chance education and training programme of one and two year full-time courses. Adults aged 21 years or older who have been unemployed for at least six months are eligible to apply.
6. The **POST LEAVING CERTIFICATE (PLC) PROGRAMME** integrates training for vocational skills in particular disciplines, and the development of general skills necessary in all jobs such as interpersonal skills, adaptability and initiative. It also provides for work experience to give relevance to the skills learned and an appreciation of working life. PLC courses are aimed at bridging the gap between school and work and are delivered by a network of over 210 schools and colleges throughout the country in the vocational, secondary and community and comprehensive school sector, but the bulk of provision is in vocational colleges. In all, there are over 1,000 courses to choose from in over 60 disciplines.
7. **YOUTHREACH** is an inter-Departmental initiative for early school leavers. Participants are generally aged between 15-20 and have left school early. The programme operates through a number of different strands – Youthreach centres, funded by the Department of Education and Science and managed by VECs; Community Training Workshops funded by FAS; and Justice Workshops funded by the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and FÁS.
8. **SENIOR TRAVELLER TRAINING CENTRES** aim to provide Travellers with the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to successfully make the transition to work and adult life, and to participate fully in their communities. The target group is people who have left school with either minimal or no qualifications. There is no upper age limit, and particular effort is made to encourage parents on to the programme, given the impact this can have on their children's subsequent participation in schooling.
9. The **BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE (BTEI)** – The overall objective of this scheme is to increase the participation of young people and adults with less than upper secondary education in a range of educational opportunities. Emphasis is on part-time provision through the provision of Post Leaving Certificate, pre-Leaving Cert / Junior Cert and VTOS programmes, providing the chance to combine a return to education and training with family work and other responsibilities. The scheme is expected to continue until the end of the National Development Plan in 2006.

The scheme is provided in two strands annually – the Community Strand and the Formal Strand – which are advertised in the national newspapers.

Following the announcement of the Budget Estimates in November 2004 extra funding was made available for the BTEI which allowed for an increase of approximately 1,000 extra places to be allocated in 2005. According to figures from the Further Education Development Unit at the Department of Education and

Science there were 9,835 people participating in BTEI Community and Formal programmes in December 2003.

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Further Education Development Unit

12 Talbot Street

Dublin 1

Tel: 01 8787144

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Further Education Development Unit

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E-mail: bjudgefurthered@eircom.net

10. **ADULT EDUCATION GUIDANCE INITIATIVE** - €14.4m has been provided under the National Development Plan for the development of a National Adult Guidance and Counselling Service and for staff development and programme support initiatives over the period 2000-2006. The measure is designed to support learners participating in Adult Literacy, VTOS, adult and community education programmes in the Further Education Sector. Linkages with other agencies form a vital part of the initiative, particularly at the initial referral and progression stages. Projects are networked with the employment, welfare, FÁS and health services in their areas.

The Initiative is overseen by an advisory group which is led by the National Centre for Guidance in Education. Up to June 2005 there were guidance 25 projects in existence. In early Summer 2005 applications were invited for projects interested in participating in Phase IV of the Initiative and a further 11 projects were awarded grant-aid. These 11 projects will be up and running by late 2005 / early 2006.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CHILDREN (DHC)

1. **DHC GRANTS** - The DHC has overall control of the services provided by the Health Authorities, including the Health Service Executive. The Health Promotion Unit has a small bursary available from which it makes grants to community and voluntary groups interested in running health information / education activities (personal development; women's health, health promotion days). Generally, grants are quite small and do not exceed €5,000.

Those interested in applying must have charitable status and should contact the Health Promotion Unit at the DHC. Applications must be in line with the current business plan of the Health Promotion Unit. There is no closing date for applications and applications are considered two / three times a year.

For further information contact:

Health Promotion Unit
Department of Health and Children
Hawkins House
Hawkins Street
Dublin 2
Tel: 01 6354099
Email: healthpromotionunit@health.irlgov.ie
Website: www.doh.ie

2. **NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING** - Grants are also made available to community and voluntary groups through the National Lottery Funding. In order to be eligible for this funding from the Health Service Executive a group must be running a course that is related to health or about health, it can be for the training of people in health matters. There is no closing date for applications to be submitted.

To receive further information and an application form you can contact:

Finance Unit
Department of Health and Children
Hawkins House
Dublin 2
Tel: 01 6354293 / 6354274
Website: www.doh.ie
E-mail: queries@health.irlgov.ie

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND LAW REFORM
(DJELR)

FUNDING FOR CHILDCARE 2000-2006

The Department of Justice Equality & Law Reform (DJELR) has overall responsibility for co-ordinating childcare service delivery arrangements. In March 2001, following a Government decision to rationalise childcare funding measures, measures previously operated by the Department of Education and Science and the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs for out-of-school and after school childcare were transferred to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform. The DJELR is providing €449.3m under the National Development Plan (NDP) to fund the development of childcare provision from 2000 to 2006.

1. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES CHILDCARE PROGRAMME (EOCP)

POBAL (ADM) manages the Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme on behalf of the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

(a) Capital Grant Scheme for Self-Employed Childcare Providers: This capital scheme is divided into two categories, applying to a) self-employed providers catering for more than 20 children at any one time and b) self-employed providers catering for not more than 20 children at any one time, providing support towards the building, renovation or upgrading of childcare facilities. Up to a maximum of 35% matching funding will be required.

(b) Capital Grant Scheme for Community-Based/Not-for-profit organisations: This capital scheme applies to community based/not-for-profit groups or organisations or a community-based/not-for-profit consortium of private and community groups, providing support towards the buildings, renovation or upgrading of community based childcare facilities. Projects must be completed within a three year time-scale and no limit/grant ceiling applies for these grants.

(c) Staffing Grant Scheme to community based/not-for-profit groups or organisations

This scheme applies to community based/not-for-profit groups or organisations (which demonstrate a focus on disadvantage), providing support towards staffing costs for community based childcare facilities.

Funding will also become available for:

- National Voluntary Childcare Organisations: developmental support for the National Voluntary Childcare organisations.
- Local Networks: to support the development of local childcare network initiatives.
- Innovative Projects: to support innovative projects in the childcare area.
- Training: To encourage and promote local childcare training models that assist in the enhancement of quality childcare provision.

For further information contact:

Equal Opportunities Childcare Section
Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform
Mespil Road
Dublin 4
Tel: 1890 209030
Email: childcare_mail@justice.ie

2. EQUALITY FOR WOMEN MEASURE

The Equality for Women Measure is a positive action programme for women, led by the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and funded through the National Development Plan 2000-2006. It is designed to promote pilot initiatives aimed at improving the economic, social, cultural and political lives of women.

Under the RAPID Strand of the Measure, €7 million has been earmarked to fund projects which address the needs of women living in designated RAPID (Revitalising Areas through Planning, Investment and Development) areas. The RAPID programme operates in 45 designated disadvantaged communities in Irish cities and towns.

For further information contact:

POBAL
Holbrook House
Holles Street
Dublin 2
Tel: 01 2400700
Fax: 01 6610411
Email: enquiries@pobal.ie

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY, RURAL AND GAELTACHT AFFAIRS (DCRGA)

The grant schemes provided by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs to support locally-based voluntary and community activity include:

1. EQUIPMENT AND REFURBISHMENT / PREMISES GRANTS

Under this scheme, once-off grants may be made available to help voluntary and community groups, addressing disadvantage in their community, by way of grants for the purchase of certain equipment and for the refurbishment of premises. Grants towards wages or salaries or other running costs are not available under this Scheme.

Under this Scheme grants may be made to Local Voluntary / Community Organisations with a focus on disadvantage. The maximum grant available under this scheme is 90% of the cost. The actual grant varies in the light of individual circumstances / needs and takes account of the overall demands that must be met.

You should show on your application where the balance of funding, if any, will be obtained.

In 2005 the maximum refurbishment grant was €40,000 and the maximum equipment grant was €10,000. A new condition introduced in 2005 requires that grants of €5,000 and over will be paid retrospectively on the basis of vouched expenditure.

2. EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH GRANTS

The primary purpose of the scheme is to support and enhance the effectiveness of community and voluntary groups addressing disadvantage by way of once-off grants to fund training, education or research initiatives in their community. This includes community development education and training (including IT training) and research activity, in communities.

Funding is not available under this scheme for equipment or capital costs, or costs associated with the ongoing running of the group.

Grants will be made available for

- Room rental
- Small scale equipment and materials related to the proposal
- Books
- Fees for tutors
- Crèche facilities for participants' children
- Assistance with transport (including hire) to training venues where suitable public transport is not available

Up to 90% of the cost may be met, subject to a maximum grant of €10,000. However, the actual grant varies in light of the individual circumstances and needs. The grant takes account of the overall demands that must be met. You should show on your application where the balance of funding will be obtained. Also as mentioned above a new condition introduced in 2005 requires that grants of €5,000 and over will be paid retrospectively on the basis of vouched expenditure.

How to Apply

These Grants to Locally-Based Community and Voluntary groups will be advertised in the national and provincial newspapers, generally in late Spring / Early Summer. The closing date for receipt of applications will be stated on the advertisement.

In allocating grants, priority is given to disadvantaged communities.

For further information or for application forms please contact:

Voluntary and Community Supports
Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs
Dun Ainghrin
43/49 Mespil Road
Dublin 4
Tel: (01) 6473236/ 647238
Website: www.pobail.ie

This Programme of Grants for Locally-Based Community and Voluntary Groups is the lifeblood of many community organisations nationwide. As was mentioned earlier, in 2005 a change was made to the grants scheme unexpectedly, whereby groups applying for grants were asked to carry out work prior to receiving any money, with grants then to be paid retrospectively upon submission of costs. This applies to all grant in excess of €5,000. Following the expression of concern from some of our members AONTAS wrote to the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, requesting a meeting to discuss the change. This meeting did take place in late July 2005 and a full report is available by contacting AONTAS.

3. LONG TERM FUNDING SUPPORTS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

The DCRGA supports locally based groups involved in community development initiatives in their communities through its Community Development Support Programmes (CDSPs). The Community Development Support Programme consists of two elements (a) the Community Development Programme (CDP) and (b) the Programme of Core Funding for Community and Family Support Groups (CFG). Funding through these initiatives is generally offered for a period of 2-3 years.

The aim of the CDSPs is to support locally based groups involved in anti-poverty and social inclusion initiatives in their communities so that they can:

- Develop a greater capacity to influence others and articulate their point of view.
- Have a role in decisions which affect them.
- Contribute to a process of change in their areas.
- Improve their quality of life.

The programmes supported by the Department under the CDSPs are:

- (a) **Community Development Programmes** -This Programme provides financial assistance to projects towards the staffing and equipping of local resource centres which provide a focal point for community development activities and to other specialised community development projects and initiatives having a strategic importance. The Programme is aimed at addressing all areas of poverty and disadvantage. Projects are concerned with the needs of women and children, those with disabilities, the homeless, lone parent families, the elderly, the unemployed, young people at risk, Travellers, and other disadvantaged groups.
- (b) **Core Funding to locally based Community and Family Support Groups** - This programme provides support to locally-based groups with an anti-poverty focus who work with a specific target or issue-based group i.e. Traveller groups, women's groups and networks, men's groups and networks, lone parent groups, etc.

The CDSP is funded with money made available from the National Lottery surplus. At present funding is not available through the CDSP. However if you would like to receive more detailed information on the above you can contact the:

Voluntary and Community Services Section
Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs
Dun Ainghrin
43/49 Mespil Road
Dublin 4
Tel: 01 6473238
Website: www.pobail.ie

4. DORMANT ACCOUNTS

The Dormant Accounts Fund Disbursements Board was established on a statutory basis on 5th June 2002 and is under the aegis of the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. The overall objective of the Board is to ensure that Dormant Account funds are disbursed in a manner that optimises their effectiveness and assists the personal, educational and social development of persons who are economically, educationally or socially disadvantaged or persons with a disability.

In 2004 funding was made available through the Dormant Accounts for groups satisfying the following criteria:

- Improving the quality of life of people who are economically, educationally and/or socially disadvantaged;
- Enhancing the potential for persons with a disability to play a more active role in society and increase their level of independence;
- Improving opportunities of individuals who are socially or economically disadvantaged to derive the appropriate benefits from education;
- Providing an additional and distinct source of funding for the most disadvantaged in society;
- Supporting measures aimed at overcoming social exclusion.

To date POBAL (ADM) have administered the Dormant Accounts fund on behalf of the Department. The closing date for funding applications under Round 1 of the Dormant Accounts Funding initiative was March 2004. There will be a Round 2 of this Initiative and invitations for funding applications under Round 2 of this initiative are expected to be advertised in the national newspapers at the end of 2005.

For further information contact:

POBAL (ADM)
Holbrook House
Hollis St
Dublin 2
Tel: 01 2400700
Fax: 01 6610411
Website: www.dormantaccounts.ie

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND FAMILY AFFAIRS

The **FAMILY SUPPORT AGENCY** was formally established in May 2003 by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. This agency is responsible for:

- Bringing together the main programmes designed to help prevent marital breakdown.
- Supporting ongoing parenting relationships for children.
- Promote local family support introduced by the government in recent years.

The agency achieves these aims by providing a family mediation service, supporting the Family and Community Services Resource Centres programme and supporting, promoting and developing marriage and relationship counselling and other family supports. It also undertakes research, provides and disseminates information about parenting and family issues and provides advice to the Minister on matters relating to its functions. There are currently 82 Family and Community Resource Centres, with a view to having 100 such centres nationwide by the end of 2006.

The Family Support Agency provides grants to voluntary organisations for the provision of marriage, child and bereavement counselling services. Advertising of these grants normally takes place in January of each year.

To receive more detailed information you can contact the:

Family Support Agency
Floor 4
St. Stephen's Green House
Earlsfort Terrace
Dublin 2
Tel: 01 6114100

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

COMMUNICATING EUROPE INITIATIVE (CEI)

CEI is a Government initiative which works to inform the Irish public about the European Union. CEI is administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and the CEI Group which brings together representatives of the Department of the Taoiseach, the Department of Education and Science, the European Movement Ireland, the Institute for European Affairs and representatives of the European Commission and European Parliament Offices in Ireland.

The key focus of the Group's scheme is to promote greater public awareness and discussion about the EU and how it impacts on our lives. Particular emphasis is placed on improving the quality and accessibility of Public Information on European issues.

Since 2002 CEI has allocated funding to groups and organisations to develop and disseminate information about the EU to their members. Under the scheme, groups and organisations develop projects and initiatives that provide general information about the EU (for example how the EU works, how to make your voice heard on EU issues

etc.), and focus on more specific aspects of the EU (i.e. sectoral policies such as the EU and youth etc.) which are of particular interest to their members.

Groups and organisations also decide how to disseminate and communicate information through initiatives/events or communications media most appropriately suited to the target audience.

For further information on the CEI contact:

Joanne King
EU Division
Department of Foreign Affairs
76/78 Harcourt Street
Dublin 2
Tel: 01 4082470
Email: communicatingeurope@dfa.ie

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

1. COUNTY, CITY & BOROUGH COUNCILS

The twenty-nine county councils, five city councils and five borough councils around Ireland form the local government structures of the country. These authorities are responsible for the provision of community needs and the promotion of community welfare at a local level. Funding varies from authority to authority and each must be investigated separately.

Groups interested in organising courses should contact their local authority. Some local authorities have Arts Officers and or Community Departments. These are the people to contact about possible support for your activity. You can refer to the IPA Handbook in your local library for addresses and telephone numbers or contact:

General Council of County Councils
Fitzmaurice Place
Portlaoise
Co Laois
Tel: 0502 71288
Fax: 0502 62977
Email: info@gccc.ie
Website: www.councillors.ie

2. CITY AND COUNTY ENTERPRISE BOARDS (CEB)

These groups are locally controlled enterprise development companies established to support businesses with 10 employees or fewer, including individuals, small enterprises and local community groups. The CEBs provide a single point of contact at local level and complement the activities of other industrial agencies. They provide information and advice on all aspects of establishing and developing a small business, including advice on a range of financial supports available to business

The Boards are aligned with the local authorities as part of the integration of local government and local development. Local support and development functions are being centralised and Enterprise Plans form part of the County plans prepared by the County Development Boards. The functions of the CEBs are to develop indigenous enterprise potential and stimulate economic activity at local level.

The following grants and other assistance are available from CEB:

- (a) **Feasibility study grants** – up to 50% of the cost of the study can be grant aided up to a maximum of €5,000.
- (b) **Employment Grants** – up to €7,500 for each new full-time job.
- (c) **Capital Grants / Repayable Loans** – buildings, refurbishment, expansion, purchase of machinery and equipment. Maximum €75,000 or 50% of the approved cost.

You can refer to the IPA Handbook in your local library for addresses and telephone numbers of City and County Enterprise boards or contact:

Dublin City Enterprise Board
17 Eustace St
Dublin 2
Tel: 01 6776068
Fax: 01 6776093
Email: info@dceb.ie
Website: www.dceb.ie

EUROPEAN FUNDING

1. EQUAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVE IN IRELAND

EQUAL is one of four Community Initiatives co-financed by the European Union (2000 – 2007). The programme is co-funded through the European Social Fund (ESF) and will operate between 2001 and end 2007, with a total ESF budget for Ireland of €34m. There are two funding rounds to this programme the first round which runs from 2001 -2005 and the second round from 2005 - 2007.

EQUAL seeks to identify and address fundamental forms of discrimination and inequality in the labour market through the development of new and innovative policies and practices initiated by EQUAL Development Partnerships.

21 Projects were funded in Round I of the programme which concludes Mid 2005, and 22 projects have secured funding for work which will be completed by the end of December 2007.

The National Support Structure for this programme in Ireland is:

WRC - Social & Economic Consultants
Strand House
22 Great Strand Street
Dublin 1
Tel: 01 8723100
Fax: 01 8723840
Email: info@wrc.ie
Website: www.wrc.ie

2. INTERREG IIIA

The Interreg Community Partnership has responsibility for the delivery of Priority 3 Civic and Community Networking. The overall aim of this priority is to achieve greater social and community cohesion, promoting actions which improve the quality of life of the population of the eligible area, which are inclusive and participative in nature and operation.

For further information on this initiative contact:

The INTERREG III A Secretariat
Special EU Programmes Body
European Union House
Castle Meadow Court
Dublin Road
Monaghan
Tel: 1800 80 5005 (Freephone from Rep. Ireland)
Email: interreg@seupb.ie
Web: www.eugrants.org

3. GRUNDTVIG

LEÁRGAS - The Exchange Bureau is Ireland's National Agency for the management of National, European and International co-operation programmes involving:

- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Vocational Education and Training
- Youth and Community Work
- Guidance in Education

The Grundtvig action of the Socrates programme is supported by the European Commission. It promotes the European dimension of adult education and provides support for four main types of activity:

- European co-operation projects - These are large transnational projects involving at least one partner from a minimum of three countries participating in SOCRATES working together on a theme of common interest with a view to developing a product, a training course, or a new methodological approach.
- European learning partnerships - These are process-driven locally based

transnational projects between a minimum of three partners in three countries with a view to sharing experience and expertise and enhancing provision in the participating organisations/institutions.

- Mobility - This action provides opportunities for those working in adult education institutions and organisations to undertake a training course or a placement in another country participating in the programme with a view to the ongoing professional development of the participant.
- Networks - These are large-scale projects, which bring together clusters of projects working on a thematic area of common interest with a view to developing sustainability and impacting significantly on the sector.

For further information on Grundtvig and other European initiatives contact:

Leárgas
189-193 Parnell Street
Dublin 1
Tel: 01 873 1411
Fax: 01 873 1316
Email: info@leargas.ie
Website at www.leargas.ie

4. PEACE II

The EU programme for Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland - PEACE II - is a unique EU funding Programme for all of Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland (Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth, Monaghan and Sligo). This programme aims to help Northern Ireland become a peaceful and stable society and to promote reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland.

The Programme is managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) which has contracted agencies such as POBAL (ADM) and the Combat Poverty Agency. PEACE has recently been extended for a further two years 2005-2006 and community and voluntary organisations are eligible to apply.

The Programme can fund projects which:

- Address the legacy of conflict i.e. address problems or situations in the community which came about as a result of the troubles and / or
- Take opportunities arising from peace i.e. make the most of the opportunities for community and economic development arising from peace thereby promoting a stable and peaceful society.

For further information contact:

Special EU Programmes Body
European Union House
Castle Meadow Court
Dublin Road
Monaghan
Tel: 047 77003
Email: interreg@seupb.ie

FUNDING OPTIONS – PUBLIC SECTOR *continued*

TRAINING AGENCIES

FÁILTE IRELAND (Formerly CERT)

Fáilte Ireland was formally established in May 2003. It encompasses the range of tourism support functions previously carried out by Bord Fáilte and CERT. Fáilte Ireland runs a series of training programmes (full and part-time) on tourism and hospitality.

All Fáilte Ireland training programmes lead to National training awards accredited by FETAC (Further Education Training and Awards Council) and HETAC (Higher Education Training and Awards Council). Some training programmes are grant-aided and include a period of paid work experience. Fáilte Ireland also runs a series of part-time tourism programmes for adults. Training is practical and covers a range of hospitality skills including culinary skills, bar skills, customer relations and reception skills, accommodation service skills and personal development skills. Groups interested in working with Fáilte Ireland to provide adult education in the area of tourism and catering should contact:

People in Tourism Office
Fáilte Ireland
88-95 Amiens Street
Dublin 1
Tel: 1850 256256
Fax: 01 855 6821
E-mail: training@failteireland.ie
Website: www.failteireland.ie

FÁS (Foras Áiseanna Saothair)

FÁS is the national state training and employment agency with responsibility for vocational training and work experience and employment programmes. FÁS provides statutory training programmes in foundation training specific skills, enterprise and co-operative development as well as a range of programmes aimed at women, all of which aim to provide people with the skills necessary to enable them to join or to re-enter the labour market.

Groups interested in developing training courses in conjunction with FÁS should contact their local Community Services Manager. A full funding proposal detailing the aims, objectives, content, structure and learning outcomes of the training programme will have to be submitted to FÁS before negotiations can begin. Your Community Services manager should be able to offer you advice and support in drawing this up.

Many FÁS programmes assist and benefit community groups. FÁS seeks to ensure that its efforts contribute to community development around the country. Strong links between FÁS and the community at local level have been developed and fostered over many years and at any time over 3,000 community-based projects are underway. Projects are open to all types of community and voluntary organisations who are involved in not-for-profit activities of benefit to society.

Some of FÁS funding and support programmes include:

- **The Supported Employment Programme** is an open labour market initiative. It provides supports to people with disabilities, who traditionally have had difficulty getting into paid employment. The programme is carried out by sponsor organisations on behalf of FÁS. The sponsor organisations employ Job Coaches who provide a range of supports tailored to the individual needs of the jobseeker with a disability.
- **Community Employment** provides eligible unemployed people and other disadvantaged persons with an opportunity to engage in useful work within their communities on a temporary basis. It helps long-term unemployed people to re-enter the active workforce by breaking their experience of unemployment through a return to a work routine and to assist them to enhance/develop both their technical and personal skills.
- **Community Training** is primarily a workplace based training measure, but includes "off the job" modules. It involves local communities who are developing infrastructures or services involving unemployed people learning "on the job". Participants are local unemployed people. It is particularly suitable in the area of up-dating and re-training unemployed people across a range of skills, and opens up training opportunities to unemployed persons in remote and small communities. The programme also provides many social benefits to communities concerned; it complements the efforts of communities which are particularly disadvantaged and it addresses identified skill shortages in those communities.
- **The Social Economy Programme** will provide up to three years grant support to social economy enterprises providing employment opportunities for the long-term unemployed or other disadvantaged persons. Social economy enterprises eligible for support include Community Business, Deficient Demand Social Economy Enterprises, Enterprises based on Public Sector Contracts — where there is potential for public sector expenditure in disadvantaged communities to be sub-contracted to local social economy enterprises.
- The aim of **One Step Up** is to encourage employees to increase their competency levels and to promote an ethos of lifelong learning in the workplace. One Step Up promotes lifelong learning by providing easy access to a range of learning initiatives such as tutor led training and e-learning amongst other options. It will assist employees to obtain a recognised qualification within the National Framework of Qualifications. The role of FÁS is to collaborate with all major stakeholders e.g. Employer bodies, trade unions, education establishments and trade associations to successfully launch the programme.

- **The Customised Training Fund** is a fund operated by FÁS aimed at enabling unemployed people to access training which is not available in their area through publicly funded providers. The training can be any kind of employment related training (e.g. ECDL, apprenticeships) and is generally offered on a one - to - one basis. The Local Employment Service and FÁS are responsible for deciding who can qualify for this fund.

Through an arrangement with social welfare and FÁS a person can have their training and travel costs paid for by FÁS while retaining their social welfare payment. Alternatively the person participating in the training may have the option of registering as a full time FÁS trainee. This fund can be accessed through FÁS.

- **The Competency Development Programme** is a funding programme for the development of people in employment who wish to upskill in order to promote the expansion of the overall resource / skills equity of their company and to maintain and develop competitiveness. Through this programme courses are offered in the area of information technology, manufacturing, finance, trade, human resources, specialist and logistics / distribution. Employees or self-employed people are eligible to apply. The programme will, within the limited amount of funds available to it, be open to employees from companies whose employment level is 250 employees or less in the private sector.

For further information on any of the above FÁS programmes contact your local FÁS Offices or:

The Community Services Support Unit or Service to Business Unit
 FÁS
 27/33 Upper Baggot Street
 Tel: 01 6070500
 Website: www.fas.ie

TEAGASC

TEAGASC is the Agricultural and Food Development Authority, with responsibility for the support and development of our national agricultural policy. It is sometimes involved in organising locally based community/rural development, agriculture, horticulture and rural diversification courses in conjunction with local voluntary groups. The courses are usually offered on a part-time basis and while not all these courses are currently accredited by FETAC it is hoped that this will soon be the case. TEAGASC also offers some full-time courses accredited by HETAC.

Groups interested in working with TEAGASC to provide adult education in the area of rural development should contact the local TEAGASC office for their county. It is advisable to work with the local Education Officer in devising a detailed training programme and project plan, based on the needs of the target when requesting involvement or support.

For further information contact:

Training & Development Directorate
TEAGASC
Kinsealy Centre
Malahide Rd
Dublin 17
Tel: 01 8459000

Tel: 01 6376000

Website: www.teagasc.ie

FUNDING OPTIONS – PUBLIC SECTOR *continued*

OTHER BODIES

COMBAT POVERTY AGENCY

Combat Poverty develops and promotes evidence-based proposals and measures to combat poverty in Ireland. As part of its remit to promote research on poverty, the agency have developed the Poverty Research Initiative to support innovative, policy-relevant research by third-level institutions and non-governmental policy organisations.

The Initiative aims to enhance the understanding of poverty and to inform the development of relevant policies and has funded 40 studies since its inception in 2002. The initiative has three strands:

- i) academic research awards
- ii) policy research awards
- iii) research placements

Strands 1 and 3 (Academic Awards and Research Placements) are open to post-graduate students and academic researchers in third-level institutions in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Strand 2 (Policy Awards) is open to policy actors and researchers and to non-governmental policy organisations.

Further information on the Poverty Research Initiative 2005 is available on www.combatpoverty.ie or by email to research@cpa.ie or telephone 01-6026633.

The Combat Poverty Agency also occasionally run a number of once-off grant schemes in conjunction with its anti-poverty programme work.

For further information contact:

Combat Poverty Agency
Bridgewater Centre
Conyngham Road
Islandbridge
Dublin 8
Tel: 01 670 6746
Fax: 01 670 6760
Email: info@cpa.ie

POBAL

(Formerly known as ADM, Area Development Management LTD)

POBAL, formerly known as ADM, is an independent company designated by the Irish Government and the European Commission to support integrated local economic and social development through managing Programmes targeted at countering disadvantage and exclusion and promoting reconciliation and equality.

Some of the programmes which POBAL currently administer have grown significantly in recent years and include:

1. **THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIAL INCLUSION PROGRAMME (LDSIP)** - The LDSIP Fund is managed by POBAL and delivered by the 38 area based Partnerships, 31 Community Partnerships and 2 Employment Pacts. Within the Partnership Companies a budget is sometimes available to provide funding to local groups. The two regions under which the programme operates are The Border, Midlands and the West Region (BMW) and The Southern and Eastern Region (S&E). The LDSIP enables funding to be made available to Partnerships and Community Groups and Employment Pacts *‘that adopt a partnership approach to tackling local issues on the basis of comprehensive, integrated local actions plans designed to counter exclusions’*.
2. The **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES CHILDCARE PROGRAMME** funded through the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform (refer to page 14 of this document).
3. **REVITALISING AREAS BY PLANNING, INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (RAPID)** - This is a focused initiative by the Government to target the 45 most disadvantaged urban areas and provincial towns in the country. Factors such as unemployment, income levels, family and social structure, educational disadvantage and high levels of rented local authority housing were used to identify the priority areas.
4. **THE DORMANT ACCOUNTS FUND**, under the aegis of Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (refer to pg 18 of this document).

For further information contact:

POBAL
Holbrook House
Holles St
Dublin 2
Tel: 01 2400700
Fax: 01 6610411
Website: www.adm.ie

COMHAIRLE

Comhairle is the national agency responsible for supporting the provision of information, advice and advocacy on social services to ensure access to entitlements. It supports the provision of information to the public through the nationwide network of Citizens Information Centres, the Citizens Information Call Centre and through the OASIS and Citizens Information Databases. As a statutory agency, Comhairle comes within the remit of the Department of Social & Family Affairs in Ireland.

The agency has a statutory commitment to assist and support people, particularly those with disabilities, in identifying and understanding their needs and options and in accessing their entitlements to social and civil services. It also provides up-to-date information about funding options for community and voluntary groups through its website and a funding bulletin.

Comhairle provide the following grants:

1. PUBLICATIONS GRANT

This grant is available to assist voluntary organisations, which have an information-disseminating role to meet publications needs e.g. leaflets or brochures promoting the group's work. Projects are generally part-funded only. Repeat grants are possible in certain circumstances. Grants are available ranging from €254 - €1,270.

Publications that provide information on social services and entitlements may be funded. Previous awards have been made to organisations to publish leaflets on entitlements or directories of specialist services. On-going publications such as newsletters, or grants to publish research are not usually considered under this scheme.

Applications for this form of funding are accepted on an ongoing basis but must meet with strict criteria.

Information on grants and forms are available from:

Information & Advice Service
Comhairle
7th Floor, Hume House
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4
Tel: 01 6059000
Email: margaret.zheng@comhairle.ie

2. TRAINING GRANT FUND

The Training Grants Scheme aims to enable Voluntary and Community organisations who provide information on social services to attend or run training events that further the objective of providing information on social services. The training can be intended either for volunteers and staff members of the voluntary/community organisation or for delivery to customer groupings. Grants can be used by organisations to facilitate participation at conferences and seminars or to meet the cost of Trainer Fees.

The maximum amount that can be applied for is €500. Decisions are made by the relevant Comhairle Regional Manager in consultation with Regional Staff, who make direct contact with the applicant organisation. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Information on Grants and forms are available from:

Administrator for Senior Managers
Comhairle
7th Floor
Hume House
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4
Email: shona.bannon@comhairle.ie
Tel: 01 6059000

3. INFORMATION GRANTS

Comhairle's Information Grants Scheme for Voluntary and Community Organisations supports innovative initiatives/measures to improve access to information, advice and advocacy services. It is an annual scheme advertised in the national press around May. This scheme is currently under review and it is not yet certain that it will be continued in 2006.

Whilst the broad parameters of the scheme are focused on supporting innovative responses to emerging information needs, the particular focus may vary from year to year. Measures that address the information needs of particular target groups, including people with disabilities that may have difficulty accessing mainstream provision have been given particular consideration. Additional criteria includes a commitment to working in partnership with other organisations and evidence of user involvement in the planning and delivery of services.

Criteria for information grants are published in paper format and on the website when applications are invited. Any organisation which is involved in the provision of information, advice and advocacy on the broad range of social services may apply.

Further information and application forms for information grants available from:
Information and Research Manager
Comhairle
7th Floor
Hume House
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4
Tel: 01 605 9000
E-mail: margaret.zheng@comhairle.ie

4. SOCIAL POLICY

The purpose of the Social Policy Grant Scheme is to provide small-scale support for social policy initiatives being undertaken by independent information providers, particularly Citizen Information Centres (CICs) working on their own or in conjunction with other CICs and/or local voluntary / community organisations.

The grant payable under this scheme ranges between €1,900 and €3,500 and it is envisaged that the grants would be provided to assist in areas such as:

- Analysis of social policy issues identified by the service and the preparation of a short report accordingly which would be submitted to relevant organisations and agencies, as well as to Comhairle;
- Networking between a number of local agencies in order to identify common social policy issues and the compilation of relevant submissions;
- Seminar/workshop for information workers at local level to explore issues around social policy work, for example, the inter-relationship of advocacy and social policy feedback;
- Discussion forum between independent information providers and local statutory agencies to consider policy issues identified and how these might be addressed.

Applications should be submitted in the first instance through the Comhairle Area Executive and the Comhairle Regional Manager for the area. This would then be forwarded to the Development and Social Policy Manager, Comhairle with a recommendation / evaluation from the region regarding the proposal. There are no specific application forms for the social policy grant.

CO-OPERATION IRELAND

COMMUNITY EXCHANGES PROGRAMME

Co-operation Ireland operates the Exchanges Programme which aims to promote understanding, respect for diversity and practical co-operation between groups in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland and between groups on a cross community basis in Northern Ireland. The Programme does this by facilitating and supporting links between groups in the youth, education and community sectors in these areas.

Primarily, funding is available towards transport, accommodation and meals. Groups must:

- Exhibit the potential for developing positive relationships in their projects.
- Have a mutual commitment to developing long-term relationships.
- Demonstrate that the learning from this exchange process can have an impact on the groups and their wider communities.
- Show evidence of programme planning and organisation.
- Show that their exchange contributes towards advancing mutual understanding and respect.
- Show evidence of programme development when applying for repeat funding.

The Exchanges Programme operates a three-tiered funding system. This is to encourage, where feasible, project development and sustainability.

Level 1

- Involves groups who are meeting on a mainly social/cultural basis.
- Some form of pre-exchange activity should be part of the overall programme.
- The exchange should include at least one facilitated workshop.
- All participants must undertake an evaluation of the project.

Average Funding Grant per Group: €650

Level 2

- Involves groups who can demonstrate substantial recent involvement in cross-border or cross community projects.
- During the exchange, it is expected that a much larger percentage of programme time will be dedicated to facilitated workshops than at level 1 (facilitations costs will be covered by Co-operation Ireland).
- All participants must undertake an evaluation of the project.

Average Funding Grant per Group: €2000

Level 3

- Exchanges at this level will be projects of strategic peace-building importance, which will impact positively on the participants, groups and the wider community.
- Involves groups with a consistent history of interaction.
- Exchange projects must be thematic and focused.
- During the exchange, it is expected that a large percentage of programme time will be dedicated to facilitated workshops.

- Participants are encouraged to be involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of the project.

Average Funding Grant per Group: Individually Assessed

Any group from Northern Ireland or from the Republic of Ireland involved in the youth, education or community sectors, planning to engage in a cross-border exchange activity or a cross community exchange activity within Northern Ireland is eligible to apply. Generally funding deadlines operate on a quarterly basis.

For further information contact:

Co-operation Ireland
Glendinning House
6 Murray Street
Belfast
Tel: 048 90891007
Fax: 048 9089 1000
Email: michelle@cooperationireland.org
Website: www.cooperationireland.org

CREATE (formerly CAFÉ)

ARTIST IN THE COMMUNITY SCHEME– This Arts Council’s scheme is managed by CREATE. The aim of the scheme is to encourage intensive collaboration between community groups and artists. The focus of the collaboration must be 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. It is essential that consultation take place between the artist and the community group.

The distinguishing characteristic of the scheme is that individual artists work in a community setting, with the community group having direct input into the project. In some projects, the artist will make the work with members of the community group, or the group will create the work with guidance and specialist skills offered by the artist.

The length of the project should be between six weeks and six months. The scheme is open to all art forms and is offered twice yearly.

The standard application form for schemes and an information sheet is available on request. You can contact:

CREATE
10/11 South Earl Street
Dublin 8
Tel: 01 473 6600
Fax: 01 473 6599
E-mail: info@artsincontext.com
Website: www.communityartsireland.com

DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION IRELAND

Development Cooperation Ireland (DCI) is the Government of Ireland's programme of assistance to developing countries. Ireland has had an official development assistance programme since 1974. It has grown steadily over the years from modest beginnings to its current size (total ODA in 2005 is €45 million).

1. DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME

Development education has a crucial role to play in increasing public understanding in Ireland of development issues, especially as they relate to developing countries. It seeks to challenge attitudes which perpetuate poverty and injustice and through education to empower people to act to bring about more equal development.

Development Cooperation Ireland invites applications from voluntary organisations and educational bodies for grants for development education projects, which are designed to increase awareness and understanding of development issues.

Closing date for applications for funding advertised in November 2005 is Friday 27 January 2006.

2. ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT SCHEME

The purpose of this scheme is to assist the efforts of civil society organisations to develop more programmatic and strategic approaches to their work, improve accountability and learning and strengthen support systems such as finance, IT or human resources. The scheme is complementary to the direct training and skills development courses offered by the Development Studies Centre, Kimmage Manor, Dublin.

Development Cooperation Ireland, the Government's official development assistance programme, invites applications for organisational development grants from Irish-registered non-Governmental organisations and missionary organisations engaged in international development work.

3. PARTNERSHIP FUND

Development Cooperation Ireland (DCI) works in partnership with a wide range of organisations from Civil Society, North and South, towards the shared objective of poverty reduction in the developing world and progress towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

The Partnership Fund supports new Irish voluntary initiatives, which promote development linkages and partnerships between civil society in Ireland and the developing world, and are not in receipt of funding under other DCI schemes.

This scheme is aimed at encouraging and supporting the development of links between civil society in Ireland and in the developing world, including shared advocacy objectives, while ensuring that the work undertaken is productive, sustainable and strengthens the ability of local women and men to manage the development of their communities.

For more details on any of these grants contact:

Development Cooperation Ireland

Bishop's Square

Redmond's Hill

Dublin 2

Tel: 01 408 2908

Fax: 01 408 2880

E-mail dc@dfa.ie

AGE AND OPPORTUNITY

In Autumn 2005 Age & Opportunity announced notice of another Go for Life National Grant Scheme for Sport and Physical Activity for Older People. Go for Life is the national programme for sport and physical activity for older people. It is an Age & Opportunity initiative funded by the Irish Sports Council.

Funding for this scheme is allocated on a year-to-year basis and as yet it is still unclear as to whether or not funding will be made available under this scheme in 2006. However advertising of this scheme usually takes place in September each year so it is advisable to keep an eye on the following link: www.olderinireland.ie/physicalactivity/goforlife/index.htm Full details will also be advertised in the national press.

In 2005 over €300,000 was made available to local groups to enable them to get their older members more involved in sport and physical activity. Successful applicants in previous years have included active retirement associations, senior citizens clubs, ICA guilds, sports clubs, day centres and community centres.

For further information contact:

Go for Life

c/o Age & Opportunity

Marino Institute of Education

Griffith Avenue

Dublin 9

Tel: 01 805 7733

Fax: 01 853 5117

email: gfl@mie.ie

Website: www.olderinireland.ie/physicalactivity/goforlife/index.htm

NATIONAL DISABILITY AUTHORITY

Under the Research Promotion Scheme the National Disability Authority invites applications for grants to conduct research on disability.

The criteria for award of funding will be:

- Quality of the research proposal
- Value of the research in relation to informing policy or services for people with disabilities
- The capacity to manage the project and supervise quality control, assessed on the evidence provided in the application form.

Disability groups and community & voluntary groups working on disability issues are eligible to make applications, as well as institutions / individual researchers working in collaboration with people with disabilities. The application must, however, be led by a disability group. Please note that individuals cannot be funded.

For further information contact:

National Disability Authority
25 Clyde Road
Dublin 4
Tel: (01) 6080400
Fax:(01) 6609935
Email: nda@nda.ie

FUNDING OPTIONS – PRIVATE SECTOR

IRISH TRUSTS / FOUNDATIONS

BANK OF IRELAND (Millennium Scholars Trust)

Established to mark the year 2000, the Bank of Ireland Millennium Scholars Trust will provide up to 60 scholarships each year of the first decade of the new millennium. Bank of Ireland has allocated €12.5 million to the Trust.

The Trust is applied to the creation of scholarships for people with talent and ability who, because of economic circumstances or other barriers such as disability, are prevented from reaching their full potential. Over a ten-year period, the Trust will facilitate a broad range of third-level educational opportunities for people from diverse backgrounds who have in common the potential and motivation to succeed in their chosen field of study.

To be eligible for a scholarship candidates must be proposed by a recognised Nominating Body. The Trust is administered by the National College of Ireland (NCI) on behalf of the Bank of Ireland. Closing date for nominations is usually March of each year.

For further information contact:

Bank of Ireland Millennium Scholars Trust Office
National College of Ireland
Mayor Street
IFSC
Dublin 1
Tel: 01 4498500 / 1850 221721
Fax: 01 4972200
Website: www.ncirl.ie

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS EDMUND RICE TRUST

This Trust allocates funding to groups and individuals in the pursuit of projects which are in agreement with the objectives of the Trust and which are considered worthwhile of assistance by the Trustees. The projects the Trust will assist include:

- The alleviation of poverty.
- The training of teachers, parents, youth leaders or others engaged in the provision of education, leadership or development.
- Research into educational disadvantage, school effectiveness, youth leadership and religious development of young people.
- Educational facilities.

Applications are invited each year between February 1 and March 31 and applications received after the closing date of March 31 will not be considered. Applications must be presented on the official application form available from The Secretary at the above address.

For further information contact:

Christian Brothers Edmund Rice Trust
C/o Edmund Rice Centre
Edmund Rice House
North Richmond Street
Dublin 1
Tel: 01 8196781
Fax: 01 8197622

CORK STREET FUND

The Fund primarily supports institutions, bodies or groups providing care or help to the sick and poor of Dublin. Applications coming under a broader definition are sometimes considered.

Applications for a grant should be made in writing outlining the details of what the grant is to be used for. Usually grants do not exceed €1500. Grants are allocated twice a year and closing date is by mid February or mid September. You can write to:

For further information contact:

Cork Street Fund
The Secretary
7 Cypress Road
Mount Merrion
Co. Dublin
Tel: 01 2880586

KATHARINE HOWARD FOUNDATION (KHF)

The Katharine Howard Foundation (KHF) is an independent grant-making Foundation whose particular emphasis is on the support of community projects and initiatives. KHF was established in 1979 by Katharine Howard and is operated through a voluntary Board of Trustees and small support staff. The Foundation supports organisations and projects related to work in disadvantaged areas throughout Ireland, with Co. Wexford and South Wicklow (where the late Miss Howard lived) given particular consideration.

KHF concentrates on giving a small grant to projects where it will make an impact and the Foundation therefore looks favourably towards start-up projects and to those that might be co-funded from other sources. They are also interested in projects that seek to

learn the lessons arising from their work and that involve themselves in informing policy at a local and national level.

Funding for research studies that aim to produce positive recommendations for improving the quality of life of disadvantaged sections of the community will also be considered through the General Grant applications. The Foundation is particularly interested in co-funding action research projects that link to early intervention and family support in disadvantaged areas.

Applications will be considered for Projects supporting:

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

provided that these projects:

- Are community based
- Involve the targeted group in their design and management

Note: Only in rare cases will grants be given to projects involving buildings, their repair, or restoration.

Grants are normally in the range of €500 - €2,500. In the case of research projects, grants will depend on various factors, including the amount of co-funding secured. Normally grants are once-off. However the Trustees are willing to consider an annual grant over two or three years where that is seen to be a more effective use of funding.

If you require any further information on the KHF General Grants Scheme, please contact:

The Katharine Howard Foundation
ISFC
10 Grattan Crescent
Inchicore
Dublin 8
Tel: 01 4531861
Fax: 01 4531862
Email: info@khf.ie

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND (IFI)

The British and Irish Governments established the International Fund for Ireland in 1986. The IFI stimulates private investment via various programmes but it also supports voluntary and community based projects. The IFI pursues economic development, cross-community and cross-border reconciliation in tandem. The programmes of the IFI most relevant to cross-border community-led projects are:

1. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME – This programme is designed to lay the foundations for the regeneration of the most disadvantaged and underdeveloped

areas, by providing training and support to groups and individuals who feel that they have something to offer their local communities, yet require some assistance to start the process of community development.

2. COMMUNITY BRIDGES PROGRAMME – This programme aims to support organisations which promote greater dialogue and understanding and tackle issues of division between people from different cultural and religious traditions within Ireland.

3. The WIDER HORIZONS PROGRAMME – This Programme offers disadvantaged young people, aged 18-28, from the two traditions in Northern Ireland and the South with the opportunity to improve their employment prospects through the provision of training and work experience at home and abroad.

4. THE KEY PROGRAMME (knowledge through Enterprise for Youth) involves the development of an enterprise skills programme over a three-year period for 900 young people in the 14-16 age group from schools in disadvantaged areas in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties.

5. THE INTERACT PROGRAMME provides an opportunity for young people in the 16-17 age group to improve their employability by providing enhanced pre-vocational opportunities with a major focus in the development of generic skills and personal competencies in an environment which promotes mutual understanding and reconciliation.

The IFI has a team of development consultants who can give assistance to groups applying. For further information on specific programmes contact:

COMMUNITY BRIDGES PROGRAMME

Programme Coordinator
5th Floor
Glendenning House
Murray St
Belfast BT1 60n.
Tel: 048 90227687

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Dept. of Social Development
20-24 Churchill House
114 Malone Avenue
Victoria Square
Belfast BT14QU
Tel: 048 90768832

WIDER HORIZONS PROGRAMME

Mary Donnelly
FÁS
27/33 Upper Baggot Street
Dublin 4
Tel: 01 6070532

THE KEY PROGRAMME / THE INTERACT PROGRAMME

Della Clancy
Junior Achievement / Young Enterprise Irl Ltd
89 Upper Leeson Street
Dublin 4
Tel: 01 6603000
Email: info@juniorachievement.ie
Website: www.keyprogramme.com

THE IRELAND FUND

The Ireland Fund is a private sector foundation with money being raised through private donations and hosting events in aid of the foundation. It supports projects in the North and South and funds are allocated to projects under the following headings:

- Peace and Reconciliation
- Arts and culture
- Community development
- Education.

The fund accepts applications from projects that meet the criteria in the guidelines. The Funds accept applications for a three-month period from November 1, 2005— January 31, 2006. Notification of the success of each application will be made by letter the following June. Detailed guidelines and application forms are available from:

The Ireland Fund
No.5 Foster Place
Dublin 2
Tel: 01 662 7878
Fax: 01 662 7879
E-mail: grants@irelandfunds.ie
Website: www.irlfunds.org

PEOPLE IN NEED

The People in Need Trust is an independent central fund established in May 1988 to raise and distribute funds to organisations providing services for deprived and disadvantaged people such as the homeless, the elderly, deprived children, people with physical and mental disability.

Grants are normally given for a specific project/proposal involving capital expenditure. Grants are not renewable and are made on a once off basis.

Any voluntary or community organisation involved in providing services for deprived and disadvantaged people is eligible to apply. A four-page application form should be completed and signed. Applicants must be specific about the amount of grant requested and the purpose of the grant. They should also enclose a copy of the latest set of accounts. Closing date for applications is generally in September.

For further information contact:

Grants Committee
People in Need Trust
33/37 Clarendon Street
Dublin 2.
Tel: 01 6792944
Fax: 01 6798062
Website: www.telethon.ie

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS INITIATIVE

The Community Foundation is a donor services and grant making organisation that enables individuals, companies and other organisations engage in effective philanthropic activity by getting funds to the most deserving and effective local grassroots causes.

The Community Foundation is interested in receiving applications for grants from community and voluntary groups. The Community Foundation will favour projects working to respond to isolation and to develop a more diverse society. The Small Grants Scheme will have particular focus on Carers, Older People, people leaving institutions, Ethnic Minorities and, Families at risk.

Grant aid will normally be in the range of €500 to €1000. In exceptional circumstances grant aid may be as high as €5000. The grant is offered on a bi-annual basis with closing dates generally at the end of April and again at the end of July. This grant scheme will:

- Support areas of work that are not currently supported by the State
- Target areas of work where a small grant can create a new opportunity or obvious additionality
- Be relevant to urban and rural areas

Grants are considered by an independent Grants Advisory Board and recommendations / grants agreed at quarterly Board meetings.

To receive further information and an application form contact:

The Community Foundation of Ireland
32 Lower O'Connell Street
Dublin 1
Tel: 01 874 7354
Fax: 01 874 7637
E-mail: admin@foundation.ie
Website: www.cfi.foundation.ie

LORETO FOUNDATION FUND

The Loreto Fund seeks to resource groups who endeavour to promote the personal development, education & well-being of those who find themselves on the margins of our society.

The projects the fund will assist are those which:

- challenge unjust systems and structures
- benefits 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

The fund will be available each year to help individuals or groups in the pursuit of projects, which meet the stated criteria and are approved by the Loreto Foundation Management Committee. Grants of up to €6,000 are allocated annually.

The closing date for applications is normally the end of March of each year. Applications are notified by the end of May. Payments are made in September.

For further information contact:

Loreto Foundation Fund
Loreto House
Beaufort
Dublin 14
Tel: 01 4933 827
Fax: 01 4933 008
E-mail: lorprovbeaufort@eircom.net

FUNDING OPTIONS – PRIVATE SECTOR *continued*

UK & US / FOUNDATIONS

THE JOSEPH ROWNTREE CHARITABLE TRUST

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) is one of Britain's larger trusts. Grants can range from a few hundred euros to more than €100,000 over three years. The Trust is able to offer only a small number of the larger strategic grants, which are aimed at raising the effectiveness and profile of key organisations, and at encouraging organisational development. The Trust will need to be convinced that funds from other sources, particularly statutory agencies and the European Union, are not available for proposals it receives.

The Trust's programme supports projects and individuals working to:

- promote new ideas to nurture the democratic process, democratic accountability, and active citizenship;
- foster a culture of equality and human rights, and monitor the government's record in implementing internationally recognised standards in human rights
- promote dialogue, understanding and co-operation across religious, racial and political divides; celebrate difference and challenge sectarianism
- safeguard the rights, and address the needs of minorities including Travellers and the emerging communities of refugees and asylum seekers; and promote concepts of pluralism and racial justice with policy shapers, decision makers and opinion formers;
- encourage accountability, openness and responsiveness in government, government agencies and the civil service;

- address issues of poverty, inequality and social exclusion, in areas where there is little community infrastructure; and support those who campaign to make these issues a priority of government programmes and policies;
- address contentious issues and develop new thinking on how to resolve these;
- promote non-violence and sponsor creative ways to handle conflict;
- explore new ideas about the future social, economic and political development of the island, north and south.

The Trust is keen to support initiatives which can make a difference. The limited size of its resources together with its interest in influencing policy, has tended to result in support being offered to organisations working at a national level. However, the Trust is open to consider creative and innovative initiatives at a local level, particularly from organisations working outside of Dublin, and especially where local initiatives can demonstrate national relevance.

Future deadlines for funding applications and Trust meeting dates (where decisions are made on applications) are:

<i>Application Deadline</i>	<i>Decision By</i>
3 January 2006	18 March 2006
10 April 2006	24 June 2006
4 September 2006	18 November 2006

For further information contact:

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust
 The Garden House
 Water End
 York, Y000 6WQ
 United Kingdom
 Tel: 0044 1904 627810
 Fax: 0044 1904 651990
 E-mail: info@jrctorg.uk
 Website: www.jrct.org.uk

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION

The work of the Foundation deals with grant applications for projects in the UK and the Republic of Ireland. Programmes are divided into Arts, Education, Social Welfare and Anglo Portuguese Cultural Relations. The foundation will support local, regional and national projects that work in disadvantaged areas to reduce poverty and social exclusion. Support will be given to projects, which are likely to lead to the development of new policies of practice, assist the development of, and effectiveness of community-based organisations enabling residents to respond to their needs.

As a guide, in 2000 the majority of grants were for an average of UK£5000. At present there is a national limit of UK£10,000 to any one grant. Applications should be made in writing to the Foundation and will be considered at Trustee meetings which are usually held in the first week of **March, July and November**. Initial applications should be submitted at least 10 weeks in advance of these meetings.

For further information contact:

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation
UK Branch
98 Portland Place
London, W1B 1ET
Tel: 0044 20 7636 5313
Fax: 0044 20 7908 7580
E-mail: info@gulbenkian.org.uk
Website: www.gulbenkian.org.uk

CHAPEL & YORK LTD

This group specialises in assisting non-US charities in identifying American funding opportunities. For further information contact:

Chapel & York Limited
PO Box 50
Lingfield RH7 6FT
U.K.
Tel: 0044 1342871910
Fax: 0044 1342 871911
E-mail: info@chapel-york.com
Website: www.chapel-york.com

ATLANTIC PHILANTHROPIES

Atlantic Philanthropies define their purpose as being: *To bring about lasting changes that will improve the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people.* While Atlantic do offer grants to specific groups / organisations they do not accept uninvited proposals for funding. Atlantic directly approach groups / organisations in relation to funding.

Atlantic offer grants to groups / organisations in the Republic of Ireland which address the following areas:

- Ageing
- Disadvantaged Children & Youth
- Reconciliation & Human Rights

Atlantic will be alert to opportunities to maximise the leverage of its grants. Accordingly, Atlantic will consider a broad range of initiatives, including advocacy, capacity building, and dissemination of best practice, action grounded on compelling research, and research that will drive effective action.

For further information visit www.atlanticphilanthropies.org.

FUNDING OPTIONS – OTHER ORGANISATIONS & BUSINESSES

The following organisations and businesses may help community groups.

BANKS

1. AIB (Better Ireland Award)

AIB channels its corporate giving and charitable support into three causes that affect social exclusion within the community. They are:

- Lack of Children's Education through Poverty
- Homelessness – children
- Drugs and alcohol abuse – effects on children

Application forms can be received by contacting your local AIB branch or to receive further information you can contact:

AIB Better Ireland Programme
AIB Bank
Bankcentre
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4
Tel: 01 6414653 / 01 6414185
Email: betterireland@aib.ie
Website: www.aib.ie/betterireland

2. FIRST ACTIVE BUILDING SOCIETY

Marketing Office
Head Office, Block B
Central Park
Leopardstown
Dublin 18
Tel: 01 207 5000
Website: www.firstactive.ie

3. IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE

Marketing Department
Irish Life Assurance
Lower Abbey Street
Dublin 1
Tel: 01 704 2613

4. BANK OF IRELAND

Head Office
Lower Baggot Street
Dublin 2
Tel: 01 661 5933
Website: www.boi.ie

5. ULSTER BANK

Charity and Community Investment Manager
Ulster Bank Head Office
11-16 Donegal Square East
Belfast BT1 5UB
Tel: 028 9027 5645
Website: www.ulsterbank.ie

SUPERMARKETS

1. TESCO IRELAND

Corporate Affairs
Head Office
Gresham House
Marine Road
Dun Laoighre
Co. Dublin
Tel: 01 280 8441
Website: www.tesco.ie

2. DUNNES STORES

Charity & Sponsorship
Head Office
Beaux Lane House
Mercer Street Lower
Dublin 2
Tel: 6112100
Website: www.dunnesstores.com

3. MARKS & SPENCER

Charities
24-29 Mary Street
Dublin 1
Tel: 01 872 8833
Website: www.marksandspencer.com

4. SUPERQUINN

Support Office
Sutton Cross
PO Box 99
Dublin 13
Tel: 01 832 5700
Website: www.superquinn.ie

PHONE COMPANIES

1. GRANTS FOR IRISH CHARITIES FROM VODAFONE IRELAND FOUNDATION (VIF)

Vodafone Ireland Foundation believes strongly in the values of vibrant communities, whether local or national and the sense of connection they deliver within our lives. As such, 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. VIF will use the full range of finance and resources available, including the skills of its people, its technology and its services, to ensure that VIF's social investments have the greatest positive impact possible.

VIF will support a variety of programmes across Ireland calling for varying levels of funding. However, due to the high volume of applications that the organisation receives it has established certain funding guidelines to help its charitable giving to be as focussed and effective as possible.

Application forms and more information at

Vodafone Ireland Foundation

Vodafone

MountainView

Leopardstown

Dublin 18

Email: vodafoneirelandfoundation@vodafone.ie

Website: www.vodafoneirelandfoundation.ie

2. EIRCOM

Sponsorship Section

Eircom

Fenian Street

Dublin 2

Tel: 01 7012340

Website: www.eircom.ie

OTHER

1. DUBLIN BUS – COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The aim of the support programme is to provide €250k per annum to local non-profit organisations who are committed to addressing social issues within the community under the following specific areas:

- Children & Sport
- Environment in the local community
- Elderly & disabled
- Education on drugs, alcohol, literacy and youth health issues

For further information contact:

Community Support Programme Co-ordinator

Communications and Media Department

Dublin Bus

59 Upper O'Connell Street

Dublin 1

Tel: 01 7033193

Website: www.dublinbus.ie

2. ESB SOCIAL FUND – ELECTRIC AID IRELAND

The ESB is to donate €1 million a year to programmes aimed at suicide prevention and care for the homeless as part of a new social fund. The two areas chosen by the company will be funded under a new scheme known as the ESB Electric Aid Ireland fund.

Organisations and care associations that wish to apply for funding have been invited to contact the ESB. Grants will be allocated on a quarterly basis. While it is expected

that most grants will be of the order of €10,000, some larger grants will also be available.

The following groups will be supported:

- Registered charities
- Not for profit organisations
- Community & voluntary groups

Projects must be located within the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland and must fall under either or both the following areas:

- Care of the homeless;
- Suicide prevention & counselling.

Successful applicants will be required to submit progress and completion reports as appropriate, supported by receipts and other relevant documentation. Projects will be subject to monitoring during the course of implementation.

ESB Electric Aid Ireland does not normally support:

- Individuals and individual fundraisers
- Administrative or operating costs
- Salary expenses
- Third party fundraising (eg. fundraising events)
- High risk ventures.

For further information and application form contact:

James Foley
Fund Administrator
ESB Electric Aid Ireland
27, Lower Fitzwilliam Street
Dublin 2
Tel: 01 - 702 7732
E-Mail: james.foley@esb.ie

3. INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS

Group Marketing Director
Independent Newspapers
90 Middle Abbey Street
Dublin 1
Tel: 01 705 5333

There are no set guidelines in applying to these organisations; all of them will consider any ideas that are worthwhile, and beneficial to the community. Groups should apply in writing, outlining the work of the group, what kind of support they want and what they plan to deliver.

Sponsorships from these groups will mostly be a once off sponsorship so the smaller the amount you are looking for the greater the chances you have of succeeding. Groups located outside of Dublin can also contact their local Bank and Supermarket to find out further information about possible sponsorship.

If you cannot find the answer to your funding question in this document please feel free to contact us. However there are also a number of locally based groups who may be able to help you including:

- Citizen Information Centres
- Local Community Forums
- Your local Community Education Facilitator based in the VEC
- City and County Community Enterprise Boards

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- **The publications mentioned above**
- **Websites of the Departments / organisations listed in this document**
- **Telephone conversations with staff members from the Departments / organisations listed in this document**