



## The Fundingpoint Local Access Digest | July – August 2019



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

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## Gambling Awareness Trust (GAT) Funding

Gambling Awareness Trust (GAT) is an Independent voluntary charity, that has been developed to provide funding to organisations for research, education, awareness and treatment services to help reduce problem gambling related harm in Ireland.

Our goal is to maintain the highest standards of stewardship over essential services supported by the GAT, including establishing strategic directions and program policies, conducting comprehensive gambling prevalence research. developing needed infrastructure, and operating effective procurement, funding, and reimbursement systems.

Gambling Awareness Trust is now accepting Expressions of Interest from service providers seeking funding to provide any of the following services;

- Phone counselling service 7 days a week
- Face-to-face counselling sessions Nationwide
- Promote general public awareness about gambling and risks
- Provide education and early-prevention work
- Provide relapse prevention
- Offer support online with self-help and mutual aid initiatives
- Conduct National gambling research & prevalence study.

### How to Apply

[Download the application form here.](#)

Application forms and completed forms should be sent by email to: [info@GamblingAwarenessTrust.ie](mailto:info@GamblingAwarenessTrust.ie)

All Expression of Interest forms will be reviewed by GAT and a shortlist of possible applicants will be contacted in August 2019 for further information. Following an extensive review of shortlisted applicants, funding will be provided to approved applicants in early Autumn.

**Deadline:** 5 June 2019

## Coca-Cola Thank You Fund

The Coca-Cola Thank You Fund, now in its ninth year, is our way of supporting and giving back to some of Ireland and Northern Ireland's most amazing youth-centric causes.

Any Irish non-profit organisation aimed towards promoting healthy, active lifestyles and environmental leadership in young people can enter, with monetary prizes from a €100,000 total fund up for grabs.

So how does it work? And how can you get involved? Here's everything you need to know...

### Criteria

This year, the Thank You Fund's lifetime contributions will exceed €1,000,000, with another €100,000 being dished out to worthy causes that fit our 2019 theme of 'Working with communities in Ireland and Northern Ireland to inspire and support young people.'

Any organisation – big or small – aimed at transforming the lives of people aged 16-25 can enter, with a judging panel and people's vote helping to determine who'll be the lucky recipient of individual prize funds worth €5,000, €10,000 or €20,000.

Think that sounds like your organisation? We're looking for inspiring work in the following areas:

- Educational and training programmes for young people
- Programmes that support diversity and inclusivity in young people
- Programmes that take an innovative approach to demonstrating sustainability to young people

If a non-profit cause you work with fits that bill, we want to hear from you! Applications are now open, and are super simple to compete via the form linked below:

### How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

**Deadline:** 12 July 2019

## The Hospital Saturday Fund Charity

The Hospital Saturday Fund was founded in 1873, at a time when poverty, overcrowding and ill-health were prevalent and little help was available for those needing costly hospital care.

### Eligibility

#### **Which organisations may apply?**

Charities (registered medically related charities)

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants towards medical projects, capital projects, medical care or research, hospice/respite care and in support of medical training. The Hospital Saturday Fund will also consider grants for running costs. For UK NHS hospitals only, applications will normally be accepted for projects only, the application to detail the scope of the project with supporting documentation, the amount requested and a copy of the hospital's Annual Report (or the hospital's related charity raising funds for the project).

The Hospital Saturday Fund has two grant categories: - Standard grants of up to £2,000 or €3,000 OR - Large grants to up to £10,000 or €13,500 (please note this is the maximum sum that HSF will grant). Large grant applications should be towards specific projects, research or equipment rather than running costs. Organisations may make one application for a meeting and can apply for a standard or a large grant. The Grant Making Committee (GMC) meets quarterly.

### How to Apply

Applications for grants should be made online at [www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org](http://www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org)

**Deadline:** 15 July 2019

## DM Thomas Foundation for Young People Grants

Previously known as the Hilton in the Community Foundation, the DM Thomas Foundation for Young People (DMTFYP) is able to reach directly into communities and offer help where it is needed, as a funder to smaller charities and organisations that may be otherwise overlooked. We run a number of campaigns which seek to support young people.

### Central Grants – structure and approval process

The Foundation has a rigorous grant process which aims to identify the most effective projects helping disadvantaged young people in the UK and Ireland.

Applications are received for quarterly deadlines from registered charities are first assessed by the Foundation office, with a shortlist of approximately 20 of the strongest and regionally representative applications put forward for consideration by our Grants Committee. The Grants Committee comprises independent members and members nominated by the Foundation's business partners and meets quarterly to discuss the applications. There is approximately £200,000 available to distribute each quarter.

### Eligibility

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

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

If favoured, grant applications for up to £5,000 can be approved by the Director, up to £10,000 can be approved by the Grants Committee, and applications for more than £10,000 are recommended to the Trustees for final approval. The Foundation is a small charity and generally will not make awards of over £30,000 (per year). Funding can be requested for up to 2 years for any particular project.

Reapplications are welcome, however unsuccessful applicants are asked not to reapply for at least 12 months from the date of their rejection letter. Successful applicants are asked to wait three years before reapplying.

The Foundation receives thousands of telephone and email enquiries and hundreds of completed applications each year, making the grant award process highly competitive. To help us to help you, please read our application guidelines and restrictions carefully. Unfortunately, with a limited grant fund we are unable to respond favourably to all requests, however worthy. We provide specific feedback on

grant rejections where guidance and improvements can be made however due to the volume we are unable to provide specific feedback to first round rejections given the competitive nature of the process.

### **Sample Grants Made to Irish Organisations**

- Irish Autism Action - multiple grants
- Barretstown - £40,000.
- Debra Ireland - £10,000.

### **How to Apply**

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

**Deadline:** 23 July 2019

## The Arts Council - Open Call

The Arts Council announces an Open Call to the artists and arts organisations of Ireland to create collaborative ground breaking projects of ambition, impact and scale that encourage discourse, provocation or response to place and identity as part of contemporary Ireland.

Focus: Architecture, Arts participation, Circus, Dance, Festivals, Film, Literature, Local arts, Music, Opera, Street arts, Theatre, Traditional arts, Venues, Visual arts, YPCE.

Open Call is a programme for artists and arts organisations to develop and shift their practice and profile work on a national scale, creating high profile arts central to people's lives.

The purpose of the award is to support projects which:

- Are brave in the pursuit of creative risk taking and seek to develop the ambition of the artist
- Encourage discourse, provocation or response to place and identity as part of contemporary Ireland.
- Evidence collaborative practices between artforms and artform practice areas (cross artform)
- Demonstrate the pursuit of /open up opportunities for making work/collaborating in new territories of arts practice.
- Extend the reach and impact of a project, with a fresh and dynamic approach to public engagement. In this context, public engagement may refer to participants and/or audiences
- Establishes and evidences effect project partnerships, which may include high profile international dimensions and collaborators in terms of public visibility and resource-based partnerships

The Open Call application process will take place in three phases:

Phase 1: Expression of Interest — Project proposals will be assessed by the Arts Council executive and a shortlist of candidate projects will be drawn up and invited to submit further information for phase 2.

Phase 2: Detailed Project proposal — those whose proposals have been shortlisted will be invited to submit more details of what they propose for an International Jury. A reduced final shortlist will be selected by the International Jury for interview for phase 3

Phase 3: Presentation and Interview — Those candidates selected will be asked to attend an interview and make a presentation for the International Jury. (The jury will remain the same for phases 2 & 3).

### How to Apply

[Full details here.](#) **Deadline:** 25 July 2019



## Ecclesiastical - Movement for Good Awards

Charitable giving is at the heart of what we do – and has been for over 130 years. Today, we're the only financial services group that exists to give its profits to charity. We're proud to be doing things differently. To be giving back to the communities we serve and championing the issues that really matter to them – working together to build a movement for good.

### OUR MOVEMENT FOR GOOD AWARDS

Through our Movement for Good awards, we're giving £1m to charities. We want to put our giving directly into the hands of remarkable organisations (like yours perhaps) that are changing people's lives for the better.

Our £1,000 awards are open to eligible charities registered in the UK and Republic of Ireland - these could range from smaller volunteer-run groups to larger, well-known organisations. Our £50,000 awards are open to eligible charities registered in the UK and Republic of Ireland with an income of less than £5m, which support a cause that we know our communities care about.

### GIVING £1M TO DESERVING CAUSES

Our £1m giving programme has two funding categories:

£1,000 donations to 500 charities (now closed)

£50,000 grants to 10 charities (currently open)

We know that for many charities, £1,000 can make a real difference. We also know the importance of longer-term funding for charities, especially when trying to bring ambitious new ideas to life. Through our £50,000 awards, we're actively championing innovation, giving charities the backing they need to propel their plans forward.

By splitting the awards into two categories, we are allocating the funds in a way that charities tell us will have the greatest impact.

### How to Apply

The £50,000 Awards are now open (£1,000 Awards already closed).

Full guidelines and nomination options [available here](#).

**Deadline:** 26 July 2019

## Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 is the EU's research and innovation programme. It focuses on three main priorities:

- Excellent Science
- Competitive Industry
- Better Society/Societal Challenges.

This page will focus on Excellent Science and Better Society as they have the most potential for civil society organisations. However, you can visit the Irish or EU Horizon 2020 for more details on all funding opportunities.

For a full overview of the H2020, we recommend completing the free, online workshop created by Dr. Séan McCarthy of Hyperion Ltd for The Wheel, Horizon 2020: Opportunities for Voluntary Organisations.

### Eligibility

Eligibility criteria vary according to the type of project.

Check the H2020 online manual for more information on the criteria for the funding you are interested in.

### Types of Projects

By coupling research and innovation, Horizon 2020 is helping to achieve this with its emphasis on excellent science, industrial leadership and tackling societal challenges. The goal is to ensure Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation.

### How to Apply

[Visit the online Participant Portal](#) to explore and monitor Horizon 2020 calls for proposals.

### Deadline:

Societal Challenges (disaster-resilience): 22 August 2019

Societal Challenges (social sciences): 27 August 2019

## Europe for Citizens: 2014 - 2020

Europe for Citizens helps promote understanding between the Union and its citizens, deepening awareness of what it means to be European and developing a sense of European identity. Addressing current challenges for Europe (Brexit, Euroscepticism, migration, etc.) are part of the current priorities.

The general objectives of the Europe for Citizens Programme 2014-2020 are:

to contribute to citizens' understanding of the Union, its history and diversity; to foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level.

Specific objectives shall be pursued on a transnational level or with a European dimension:

- to raise awareness of remembrance, the common history and values of the Union and the Union's aim, namely to promote peace, the values of the Union and the well-being of its peoples by stimulating debate, reflection and the development of networks;
- to encourage democratic and civic participation of citizens at Union level, by developing citizens' understanding of the Union policymaking process and promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at Union level.

### Eligibility

The applicants and involved organisations must be either public bodies or non-profit organisations with legal personality;

They must be established in a participating country, i.e. in a Member state or in a country having signed an agreement with the Commission on its participation in the Europe for Citizens Programme; and

The mission as outlined in the organisation's statutes must be consistent with the objectives of the Europe for Citizens Programme, strand and measure under which the project application has been submitted.

In addition, specific eligibility criteria applicable to each measure, relating to the number of involved organisations and the project nature and dimension, are described under section 2.1.5 of the Programme Guide.

### European Remembrance - Strand 1

- Commemorations of major historical turning points in recent European history (see key dates here)
- Civil society and civic participation under totalitarian regimes
- Ostracism and loss of citizenship under totalitarian regimes: drawing the lessons for today.

- Democratic transition and accession to the European Union.

### **Democratic Engagement and Civic Participation - Strand 2**

Strand 2 encourages the involvement of citizens and civil society organisations in debate and discussion of European policy-making. Organisations can acquire funding to encourage public engagement in the processes of European integration. Projects can strengthen the general public's understanding of how EU policy is shaped.

There are three measures within the strand (Civil Society Projects; Networks of Towns; Town Twinning) and nonprofits are eligible.

### **How to Apply**

[View main website calls here.](#)

#### **Deadline:**

Town Twinning: 1 September 2019

Civil Society Projects: 1 September 2019

Network of Towns: 1 September 2019

## LIFE Programme Grants

The LIFE programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action created in 1992. The current funding period 2014-2020 has a budget of €3.4 billion.

Anyone registered in the EU can make a proposal for LIFE traditional, integrated, preparatory, and technical assistance projects under the sub-programmes for environment and climate action.

You could be a:

- public body operating under a national government's authority, e.g. local authority, national administration etc.
- private commercial organisation
- private non-commercial organisation (NGOs etc.)

In contrast to other funding programmes LIFE projects are very flexible in terms of how they are set up. You can decide if you want to run a project on your own, or if you prefer to join forces with partners from your own or another country.

If you apply without any partners or are the project leader among several partners, you will be referred to as coordinating beneficiary. Other partners who contribute but do not lead a project are associated beneficiaries. Associated beneficiaries must be responsible for one or more project actions and must contribute financially to the project.

If you are based outside the EU, you can contribute to a project as associated beneficiary by undertaking actions that are necessary for achieving the environmental or climate goals of the EU.

Specific conditions apply to capacity building projects.

### Actions grants for traditional projects

For traditional projects, you must use the eProposal web application to build and submit your application.

The environment sub-programme has a two-stage application procedure:

You are first asked to submit a concept note of 10 pages. You can modify a submitted concept note as many times as you want until the call for project proposals is closed.

If your concept makes it to the second stage, you submit the full project proposal based on the feedback from the LIFE programme.

The climate action sub-programme follows a single-stage application procedure, meaning that you are asked to submit full project proposals from the start.

## Action grants for integrated projects

If you apply for an integrated project, you follow a two-stage application procedure in both the environment and climate action sub-programmes:

You first submit a concept note.

If your concept is successful, you draft and submit the full project proposal.

To draft your concept note and full project proposal, you must use the forms in the application guide.

The concept note, project proposal and necessary attachments must be submitted in electronic format (on CD-ROM, DVD or USB stick). You will need to send them by post or hand deliver them to the address indicated in the application guide. In addition, you should send in your concept note by email as requested in the application guide.

## Action grants for preparatory and capacity building projects

For preparatory and capacity building projects, you are asked to submit a full proposal from the start. The application guide contains forms which you must use for drafting your project proposal.

The proposal and necessary attachments must be submitted in an electronic format (CD-ROM or DVD). You will need to post or hand deliver them to the address indicated in the application guide before the deadline.

## Action grants for technical assistance projects

Applicants to the LIFE Technical Assistance Call for proposals 2019 will access the call documents and submit their proposal through the European Commission website Funding & tender opportunities SEDIA(Single Electronic Data Interchange Area). The submission process is explained in the Participant Portal Online Manual (together with detailed instructions for the IT tool).

## NGO operating grants

The call for proposals aimed at the award of LIFE operating grants for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) active in the field of environment and/or climate foresees an application procedure in two steps:

1. NGOs first apply for a framework partnership agreement, that covers the following two financial years (2020-2021).
2. Applicants that are selected to sign the biannual framework partnership agreement will be asked to apply for a specific grant agreement by submitting the NGO's yearly work programme and budget.

The EASME has launched the call for proposals to support NGOs primarily active in the areas of environment and/or climate action in March 2019. Only applicants selected for FPAs will be invited to

submit the SGA proposal for the first year (2020) at a later stage. The invitation for the second year SGA (2021) will be launched in the course of 2020 to the same selected NGOs that will sign the FPA.

## How to Apply

[Visit the LIFE website](#) for full programme background and information, including FAQs, partner search and calls for proposals.

### **Deadline:**

Integrated projects under sub-programme for environment: 5 September 2019

Integrated projects under sub-programme for climate change: 5 September 2019

## Energy for Generations Fund

Our aim with the Energy for Generations Fund is to maximise the impact of our investment by taking a more strategic approach to effect change. Funding is only part of the jigsaw – we also want to leverage the skills and knowledge we have within the company to bring about more sustainable and positive outcomes.

### Criteria

ESB's Energy for Generations Fund sees over €2m per year disbursed across a range of community and issues-based initiatives.

Each year the Fund awards €1m in direct funding through a quarterly fund to charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support.

ESB has been supporting initiatives in the areas of suicide prevention and homelessness since 2005. The Energy for Generations Fund introduced a new focus on education in 2014, which recognises the need for educational supports at all levels to ensure that Ireland has the skills it needs to compete effectively in the future.

The remainder is allocated across a range of initiatives including support for ElectricAid, wind farm community funds, fuel poverty programmes and support for staff volunteering.

### Eligibility

Charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support can apply to the Fund for project specific funding.

Every quarter ESB allocates an amount from the Fund for disbursement. The amount may vary because of the volume of applications received or seasonal considerations - wintertime and Christmas may require more funding than summer.

Applications submitted during each quarter are appraised at the end of the quarter and funding allocated accordingly.

### How to Apply

The guideline application amount is c. €10,000. This is neither a minimum nor a maximum, rather an indication of the scale of the resources available.

Average funding awards in recent years have been c. €6-7,000

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

**Deadline:** 6 September 2019



## Additional Resources

Nonprofits seeking fundraising advice and guidance can avail of two additional resources:

### 1. Fundraising Guidance Library

- [Fundraising Essentials](#)
- [Applying to Grant Makers](#)
- [Fundraising From The Public](#)
- [European Funding](#)

### 2. Fundraising Helpdesk

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