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

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Foras na Gaeilge - Major Arts Events Scheme 2020

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

The Major Arts Events Scheme will be open to appropriate professional groups to give them an opportunity to develop major arts events or elements of major arts events being run and implemented through the medium of Irish or of which the language-based Irish language arts are a central part.

This scheme focuses on major events which aim to foster and promote the Irish language and language-based Irish language arts through the medium of Irish or bilingually as a part of a major event. As well as that, this scheme focuses on the Irish language social networks, the general public and the arts sector on an all-island and international basis.

How to Apply

Visit the Foras na Gaeilge website to download application forms:

<https://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/funding-schemes/?lang=en>

Deadline: 22 Nov 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

The Hospital Saturday Fund does not accept paper or letter applications. Please ensure all required fields in the online form are completed. Your current annual accounts/financial statements must be attached to ensure your application is considered. It is not possible to save your part-completed online application and then return to complete it at a later date – please therefore plan your responses before starting to complete the application and if required, print a copy for your files before submitting.

Once into the application form, all the fields to be completed are shown on the first page. The second page allows for two documents to be uploaded (one of these must be your most recent accounts/financial statements). No fields have a maximum word limit apart from 'Reason for Application/Brief Description of Project' which has a 50 word limit. If you wish to submit

additional documents in support of your application you may email these to charity@hsf.eu.com. The Hospital Saturday Fund is able to give a grant to an organization once per calendar year only.

If your application is unfortunately turned down at a meeting, you are able to reapply in the same calendar year. As grant making meetings are held quarterly, there may be a delay between submitting your application and your receiving notification of the outcome of your application. We will contact all applicants following the meeting to advise you of the decision so it would be helpful if you could please refrain from contacting the office in advance of our communication to allow us time to administer the process as quickly as possible.

Visit the Fund website here.

<https://www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org/>

Individual applications are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis. See the guidelines on the Trust website for further information.

Deadline (large grants): 1 Dec 2019

Irish Research Council ‘New Foundations’ Scheme

The New Foundations scheme supports eligible researchers who intend to pursue research, networking and/or dissemination activities within and across the diversity of disciplines. This scheme provides support for research actions, the development of networks and consortia, conference and workshop development, and creative approaches to the communication of scientific concepts and/or complex societal challenges for a lay audience.

This year, the scheme comprises four strands (not including sub-strands):

Strand 1: Engaging civic society

Run in partnership with The Wheel and Dóchas, this strand supports small, discrete collaborative projects between postdoctoral or more experienced researchers (acting as the applicant to the Council) and a community/voluntary organisation or NGO.

Strand 2: Knowledge exchange for impact

This strand is designed to enhance the international impact of Irish research through knowledge exchange. Applications will propose actions or activities providing exposure for the researcher to world-class networks or facilities that will enhance their research and support the further development of their career and international competitiveness. Proposals should clearly describe the nature of the knowledge exchange and the intended impact. Proposals seeking support solely for conference attendance will not be supported.

Previous awardees under New Foundations schemes are not eligible to apply to strand 2. This policy is designed to ensure that the widest possible range of researchers across all disciplines, in particular early-career researchers seeking to establish their careers, can benefit from this funding.

Strand 3: STEAM

The purpose of this strand is to bring science (including social science) and art/design/humanities together to work on new ways of communicating scientific concepts and/or complex societal challenges for a lay audience. Applications under this strand will demonstrate the innovativeness of their proposal and the relevance to the ‘STEAM’ agenda. ‘STEAM’ is a form of interdisciplinarity in research and teaching that seeks to combine knowledge from art and science. Our ‘Statement on ‘STEAM’ Research’ is available [here](#).

This strand welcomes 'STEAM'-based approaches to the public communication and dissemination of research. Applications that seek merely to promote the work of particular research centres or institutes will not be accepted.

Strand 4: In partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Networking & Collaboration Grants for prospective North-South Research Partnerships (awards up to a maximum of €10,000)

This strand provides researchers with an opportunity to carry out networking activities or to form consortia. Successful proposals will be funded by DFAT and will be in areas of strategic interest to that organisation.

How to Apply

Potential applicants should read the Terms and Conditions carefully to ascertain their eligibility and how to apply.

Full details available here: <http://research.ie/funding/new-foundations/>

Deadline: 2 Dec 2019

The Spencer Foundation

The Spencer Foundation was established in 1962 by Lyle M. Spencer. The Foundation received its major endowment upon Spencer's death in 1968 and began formal grant making in 1971. Since that time, the Foundation has made grants totaling approximately \$250 million. The Foundation is intended, by Spencer's direction, to investigate ways in which education, broadly conceived, can be improved around the world.

From the first, the Foundation has been dedicated to the belief that research is necessary to the improvement in education. The Foundation is thus committed to supporting high-quality investigation of education through its research programs and to strengthening and renewing the educational research community through its fellowship and training programs and related activities.

Our Goals

- Invest in education research that is transformative, methodologically rigorous, and helps create a better society.
- Support high-quality education research training
- Broaden the diversity of scholars and scholarship in education research.
- Strengthen the impact of education research for improving educational practice.
- Make education research more accessible to public audiences.

Grant Types

Our programs provide funding for education-focused research projects, research training fellowships, and additional field-building initiatives.

Throughout each of our programs, we maintain broad ideas about the questions educational research might ask, the theories it might employ, the methods and approaches it might use, and the ways in which we might support it.

Grant types are:

- Research grants: research grants are not designed for applicants to respond to a specific request – they are what you, scholars in the field, think we need to know more about.
- Training grants: fellowships for scholars and journalists.

- Field building grants: programs to promote collaboration and cross-disciplinary learning.

How to Apply

If you are interested in applying for a grant from the Spencer Foundation, please click here for specific application guidelines: https://www.spencer.org/grant_types/conference-grants

Deadline for conference grant program (research): 4 Dec 2019

EPA - Event Support Grants

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

The EPA research programme has allocated budget to provide funding to support workshops, seminars and other events.

Normally the amount of funding per event will not exceed €3,000.

Funding is provided only for events with a clear relevance to Irish environmental research priorities and on the condition that the events are run on a not-for-profit basis.

The event should showcase current national research by the organisers and EPA funded-groups, and also could include an international keynote speaker.

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

How to Apply

Applications should be made online via SmartSimple, the EPA's grant application and project management portal

- Funding is available as a rolling call with four submission deadlines each year (31st December; 31st March; 30th June; 30th September).

- Requests for funding should be made using the appropriate application form using the following headings:

- Background and Work Programme (20 marks)
- Relevance to Environmental Research in Ireland (30 marks)
- Expected outputs and benefits (30 marks)
- Environmental Policy (20 marks)

A response shall be communicated to applicants within one month of the deadline date.

Applications will be judged competitively against others received in the period using these criteria and with regard to the need to balance funding across institutions and thematic areas.

Full details are available on the EPA website:

<http://www.epa.ie/researchandeducation/research/epafunding/eventsupport/#.VWzK089Viko>

Deadline: 31 Dec 2019

Community Foundation for Ireland - Grants for Mergers

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

In the face of current challenges facing the Irish Community and Voluntary sector, all organisations are looking at ways of working differently.

In certain, limited circumstances some organisations may see benefit in exploring working collaboratively or indeed merging with another organisation, or consortium of likeminded organisations.

The Community Foundation for Ireland has a small fund which might allow such organisations or consortiums to explore this. It is for the facilitation of early stage discussions and negotiations, and not the process of merging or collaboration in action. Grants of a maximum of €8,000 will pay for associated costs such as hiring an external facilitator, room hire, travel costs etc.

How to Apply

Interested bodies and/ or consortiums should email Helen Beatty hbeatty@foundation.ie in confidence to discuss the suitability of submitting an application to the fund.

Learn more here: <http://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/types-of-grants/grants-for-mergers>

Deadline: fund has no set deadlines at present.

The Arts Council - Travel and Training Award

Travel and Training for activities taking place in 2019 will close for remaining* art forms and arts practices at 5.30pm on Friday 29th November 2019. (*Architecture, Festivals, Film, Literature, Opera, Venues, Visual Arts and YPCE (Young people children and education) and Creative Europe Culture Sub-programme).

Please note: maximum amount awarded differs between artforms. You must refer to the guidelines specific to your artform to confirm the limited amount before submitting your application.

If you require further information, please contact the relevant artform/arts practice assistant. Contact details are available on our staff contact and adviser list.

Travel and Training 2020

Travel and Training for activities taking place in 2020 will open for applications at 5.35pm on Friday 29th November 2019. Applications will be accepted for Travel and Training activities taking place in 2020 in relation to the following art forms and arts practices: Architecture, Arts Centres, Arts Participation, Circus, Dance, Festivals, Film, Literature, Music, Opera, Street Arts and Spectacle, Theatre, Traditional Arts, Visual Arts, Young People, Children and Education (YPCE) and Creative Europe (Culture Sub-programme).

Objectives and priorities of award

The Travel and Training Award has three main strands with different objectives and priorities. These are described in turn.

Travel and training outbound

The objective of the travel and training outbound award is to support individuals who wish to avail of training and other professional development opportunities abroad (outside the Island of Ireland). This strand accounts for the greater part of the funding available. The priority here is the development of the individual's own arts practice, including: participation in once-off training opportunities, specialist courses or masterclasses. Other professional development opportunities such as short-term research projects, residencies, participation in workshops, internships (not including visual arts), mentoring programmes, attendance at conferences/seminars, and so on. The award will support formal postgraduate training only where the selected course is of a type and/or at a level not available in Ireland (artform variations may apply). Applicants must provide evidence that this is the case.

Travel and training inbound

The objective of travel and training inbound is to support individuals or organisations who wish to invite specialists from abroad (outside the Island of Ireland) to deliver high-level training or mentoring for the professional development of artists and others working professionally in the arts in Ireland. Where an individual or organisation wishes to bring in such specialists from abroad, the host individual or organisation may apply for the cost of travel and accommodation for the international guest(s). Payment will be made after the visit and only upon submission of receipts. Applicants must state whom they wish to invite and provide details of the training or mentoring to be provided.

Creative Europe (Culture Sub-programme) Travel Award

The Creative Europe (Culture Sub-programme) Travel Award only supports applications from arts organisations in the Republic of Ireland planning to submit proposals for EU funding under the Creative Europe (Culture Sub-programme) 2014–2020. The award is intended to cover some of the costs associated with face-to-face meetings with partner organisations in Europe, and will not support training costs or courses. Organisations may make only one application under this award per project application to the Creative Europe (Culture Sub-programme).

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they have identified the required number of transnational partners and are at an advanced stage in developing an application to the Creative Europe (Culture Sub-programme). They must provide details of their proposed project and their key partners. They will also need to demonstrate their current level of engagement with the proposed partners. It is likely that funding offered under the Creative Europe (Culture Sub-programme) will not exceed €2,000, and in most cases will be less than that. Applications that can demonstrate organisational commitment will be prioritised.

Film projects are not eligible for support under the Creative Europe (Culture Sub-programme) Travel Award.

How to Apply

Full details available here: <http://www.artscouncil.ie/Funds/Travel-and-Training-award/>

Deadline: there are no formal deadlines for the Travel and Training Award (other than the 2019/2020 advice above). Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis while there is an available budget within the relevant artform or arts practice area. Applicants seeking support for all eligible opportunities, including formal courses (postgraduate or equivalent), must submit their application at least four weeks before their proposed date of travel. The Arts

Council cannot assess applications received less than four weeks before the proposed date of travel. Applicants seeking support under the Creative Europe (Culture Sub-programme) strand must submit their application at least four weeks before the partner meeting.

Protestant Aid Grants

Protestant Aid is a registered charity which was established in 1836 by a group of caring and concerned Protestant citizens to ease poverty and hardship affecting Ireland's less privileged. Today, 167 years later, it continues the tradition of compassionate and confidential care for those in need, operating on a non-denominational basis throughout the Republic of Ireland.

General Grant

The aim of the General Grant scheme is to give financial assistance to individuals or families at a time of particular need.

Applications are received through clergy or social workers along with a clear report outlining the circumstances of the case, enabling the Charity Committee to assess the situation appropriately.

Please be assured that all requests for grant assistance are treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Annuity Fuel Scheme

The Annuity Fuel scheme is designed to provide a heating allowance during the winter months, primarily to the over-65s who are living at home.

Prospective annuitants are identified through their Rectors/Ministers who refer all applications to Protestant Aid for consideration.

Annuities for the Elderly

The Annuity Grant scheme is designed to add to the quality of life of individuals or couples aged over 65, living at home or in Sheltered Housing, through the provision of financial aid by way of a quarterly grant.

Prospective annuitants are identified through the General Grant Scheme, as submitted to Protestant Aid by clergy, and are subsequently visited by Protestant Aid's Head of Charitable Services.

Applicants who own a house/property may be asked to sign a Promissory Note agreeing that the amount received (through the annuity) will be recoverable from their estate.

How to Apply

Applications may only be submitted to Protestant Aid through an applicant's Clergy or Social Worker.

Each case is considered on an individual basis by the charitable services committee.

Protestant Aid will handle all cases brought to its attention with the same compassion and confidentiality that its founders adopted.

Please be assured that all requests for grant assistance are treated with the utmost confidentiality.

For further information on any of our schemes, please contact our Head of Charitable Services.

Visit their website for further information: <https://protestantaid.org/services/>

Deadline: no specific deadlines apply.

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 and we'll get back to you shortly. www.wheel.ie.