



Caring Communities Grants

Ethnic Minorities Criteria 2015

Round 6 Timeline:	Closing Date for applications	24 th July 2015
	Grants will be made by	Mid October 2015
	Work should begin	End of October 2015
	1 st Networking Event	25 th November 2015
	Progress Report due	29 th January 2016
	Final Outcome Reports due	October 2016
	2 nd Network and Learning event	2016 (TBC)

About:

The Community Foundation for Ireland is a grant-making and donor services charity. The Community Foundation makes grants to not-for-profit and voluntary groups working in communities throughout the Republic of Ireland. Grants are usually for a particular action with an identifiable outcome. Ongoing, Core or Capital costs will not be considered

PLEASE NOTE: We do not fund general appeals. Ensure you meet the below criteria before applying

The current grantmaking priorities in **Ethnic Minorities** are:

Grants of up to €10,000 are available for projects working towards the political engagement of Migrants, Travellers and members of the Roma community in Ireland, ahead of the next Irish General election.

CRITERIA: Grants will support community based and national work promoting activities that will increase the engagement of members of the Migrant, Traveller and Roma communities in the political sphere. Organisations working with the above communities can apply for activities at local and national level which will empower people to take an active role in the political process. The ultimate aim of this grants scheme is to equip members of these communities with the leadership skills and confidence to better understand the impact politics can have on their daily lives and situations.

Applicants must show that service users/beneficiaries are involved or have been consulted in project planning where appropriate. Applicants must be prepared to evaluate and learn from their work as well as share project learning and outcomes and participate in a Learning Network of Grantees.

At this time (May 2015), it is envisaged that the next General Election will take place in early 2016. Therefore, organisations which are successful must be ready to begin their work in October 2015, and it should ideally culminate by February 2016. The Community Foundation wants to hear ideas from organisations as to what ways they can increase the engagement of members of the Migrant, Traveller and Roma communities in the political sphere. This grants scheme will allow such ideas to be piloted and the examples of best practice will be disseminated to other organisations working on such issues.

CARING COMMUNITIES APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- a) Applicant organisations should have an annual income of **not more than €1,000,000**. Documentary evidence may be requested
- b) Multiple applications by one organisation may not be made
- c) A willingness to share learning with others
- d) Commitment to working in partnership with other organisations must be demonstrated
- e) Proposals must include clear, detailed, realistic costs and timescales
- f) Applicant organisations must have Audited Accounts available for our inspection if requested
- g) Applicants should have an organisational bank account or access to one
- h) We encourage applicant organisations to consider adopting The Governance Code for charities – see www.governancecode.ie
- i) Applications must be from community and voluntary groups that possess charitable aims and are not for profit
- j) A commitment to equal opportunities must be demonstrated
- k) We will consider all requests fairly and will do our best to take any particular need into account

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- a) Please acknowledge the support of The Community Foundation for Ireland on any materials associated with the grant, should your application be successful
- b) Interim and Final Outcome Reports will be required. Outcome Report Guidelines will be supplied
- c) The Caring Communities Grants are partly to create a learning network and to help share the outcomes of your work. **The person leading the project will be required to participate in two Network and Learning Events, the first on 25th November 2015**

HOW TO APPLY/PROCESS

Apply online at www.communityfoundation.ie



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