



Irish Youth Foundation (UK) Limited

Grant Application Guidelines for

Projects based in Great Britain

(England, Scotland & Wales)

Application forms and guidelines for grant applications for 2025 are now available.

Irish Youth Foundation (UK) grants for organisations in England, Scotland and Wales fall into two categories:

- Small Grants for grants of £3,000 or less
- Standard Grant for grants over £3,000 and up to £10,000

The Small and Standard grant forms are self-explanatory and should be completed using the guidelines provided.

Projects based in Northern Ireland should use the Northern Ireland Grant Application form for grants up to £10,000, however grants awarded are usually in the region of £5,000.

Please email your completed application form, together with any other required documents to: linda@iyf.org.uk
by Monday 28 July 2025

If you have any queries regarding your funding application, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Tanner on 020 8563 8232.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Please do not send hard copies in the post.

We expect to notify successful and unsuccessful applicants in **September 2025**.

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GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

What is the Irish Youth Foundation?

The Irish Youth Foundation is an independent charity, formed in Ireland in 1985. In July 1989 it was registered as a charity in the UK. The Irish Youth Foundation (UK) formally incorporated The Lawlor Foundation on 30 June 2005.

The Irish Youth Foundation supports projects helping disadvantaged children and young people (aged between 0-30 in Great Britain and 0-25 in Northern Ireland), with particular emphasis on those of Irish heritage.

Grant Levels

The Irish Youth Foundation has two levels of grant making for projects based in England, Scotland & Wales:

1. Small grants for applications of up to £3,000
2. Standard grants for applications of over £3,000 and up to £10,000

Projects based in Northern Ireland should use the Northern Ireland Grant Application form for grants up to £10,000, however grants awarded are usually in the region of £5,000.

The funding period for all grants is 1 year.

What the Irish Youth Foundation does not support

1. Projects for over 30s (over 25s in NI)
2. General appeals, large/national charities
3. Academic research
4. Alleviating deficits already incurred
5. Replacing loss of statutory funding
6. Individuals (except for university students applying under the Lawlor Education programme for Irish undergraduates)
7. Capital bids
8. Overseas travel
9. Multiple applications from a single organisation

Useful Hints

In making your application, it is important to realise that yours is one of many competing for limited resources. It is helpful if your application is:

- Clear, concise and to the point - say what it is you do or propose to do, how much it will cost and how it will impact on your clients.
- Be transparent, open, direct. Do not try to hide what you want funds for in the guise of something else.
- Be realistic - don't just pick a figure out of the air and work your programme around it.
- Start with need, justify the need and outline a tangible response to meeting the need that makes sense.
- We have found that projects are very strong in telling us about their aims and objectives, but weak in telling us how they do what they do and how it impacts on young people and children.
- Please restrict your answers to the requested word limits where appropriate.

N.B. Applications which are incomplete or refer to attached documentation, without answering the questions on the form will not be considered. Applications received after the closing date of **Monday 28 July 2025** will not be considered.

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