



Grant Applications

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RESEARCH YOUR AREA.
USE POPAL MAPS, CSO DATA TO
STRENGTHEN YOUR CASE



DEVISE A 10YEAR PLAN FOR YOUR
AREA, SURVEY THE COMMUNITY FOR
THEIR NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS
MOVING FORWARD.



DRAW UP A LIST OF REQUIREMENTS
FOR YOUR GROUP AND HAVE THEM ON
HAND FOR GRANTS AS THEY COME IN.



What do we mean by impact?

The word impact can be replaced with words like 'change', 'effect', 'outcome', 'benefit' and 'result', but they all largely mean the same thing.

You'll hear people talking about demonstrating and measuring impact, which means taking a step back and thinking about the difference you make through the work you do and collecting data to show this.

Your impact may be the difference that you make to those who directly use your service, to those in the local community more generally, or to wider society. The impact you highlight can be wide ranging and can affect many aspects of people's lives.

If someone asked you right now "What does your project achieve?", what would you say to them? How do you know how it's going, what works well and what doesn't?

Why is it important to show impact?

Collecting data on the difference your project is making has many benefits:

Helps you think through the problem you're tackling

See how you are doing and how you can improve

Helps plan what you are going to do next

Tell your story and inspire others

Attracts further funding and investment

Raises awareness in the local community

QUESTIONS TO ASK:



What need is your project meeting? *For example, some young people have nothing to do in the evening on the estate so we are running street football and street cricket sessions for them*

What's the problem you're trying to tackle? *Because some young people have nothing to do, they are littering, breaking windows, fighting and getting into trouble*

Who benefits from what you're doing? *Young people on the estate aged 12 - 19, parents, residents, local businesses , sports clubs*

What do you **(and others)** do that makes a real difference? *The young people learn sports skills and we help them get along better with each other. We help them see that team work can be positive and that there are adults that care about them.*

What **is your projects'** specific goals? *We want young people to feel better about themselves, grow in confidence and wanting to explore their future options.*

How will you know if you've achieved them? *More young people asking us about coaching qualifications and wanting more information about sports or educational qualifications, more confidence, fewer reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and other low level criminal activity on the estate.*

Good Governance

These documents may seem mundane or technical at first glance, but they hold the key to ensuring transparency, accountability, and efficiency within our organization. They provide the framework within which we operate and set the stage for our collective achievements.

Let us start by understanding what good governance documents entail. They include our constitution or bylaws, codes of conduct, policies, and procedures that guide our decision-making, operations, and interactions within the group. These documents outline our values, define roles and responsibilities, and establish the processes by which we make critical decisions.

Good Governance

Good governance documents also promote transparency. They lay out how our organization operates, how decisions are made, and how resources are managed. This transparency builds trust among our members, stakeholders, and the wider community. When people have confidence in our organization and understand how we function, they are more likely to engage, support, and collaborate with us.

When we have robust governance structures in place, we can attract and retain dedicated volunteers, secure funding, and effectively utilize resources. We can navigate challenges and overcome obstacles with confidence, knowing that we are operating within an ethical, transparent, and accountable framework.

Good Governance

Constitution	Aims, Principals, benefactor, number of Directors
Articles and Memorandum of Association	Sets company's purpose, registered office, liability, and authorized capital. Articles of Association: Internal rules governing company's management, operations, and relationships.
Tax Clearance Cert	You will have to apply for a Tax Reference number first then once you receive that you have to fill out form TC1 to get a TAX Clearance cert
Charity Number	Apply to the charity Regulator
End of Year Accounts, Bank Statement	Accounts by Accountant/Auditor, Current Bank Statements
Minutes, AGM Reports	Minutes recorded, End of year Report
Conflict of Interest	How you as a group deal with this
Child first actions	Tulsa Child First program online
VAT Number (if required)	Revenue.ie
Development Plan/Five year plan	Figure out your goals for the next 5 years

Risk Assessment

Risk Register – [BALLYCANEW BALLYOUGHTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION]									
Risk No	Description of Potential Risk	Description of Potential Impact	Risk Owner	Steps to Mitigate	Monitoring Frequency	Likelihood (1-5)	Impact (1-5)	Controls (1-3)	Risk Rating
Risk Category: Governance									
1	ALL DOCUMENTS NOT IN PLACE		DIRECTORS	ENSURE DOCUMENTATION IS UPDATED	YEARLY	1	2	1	LOW
2									
Risk Category: Strategic									
1	LACK OF COUNCIL INTERACTION	NO INPUT INTO FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANS	ALL	CLOSE RELEATIONS WITH COUNCIL AND COUNCILLORS	MONTHLY	1	2	1	LOW
2									
Risk Category: Compliance (Legal or Regulatory)									
1	DOCUMENTS NOT KEPT UP TO DATE	LEAGAL	DIRECTORS	REVIEW	YEARLY	1	2	1	LOW
2	INDEMNITY TO GROUP FROM OTHERS	INSURANCE CLAIM	ALL	INDEMNITY GIVEN BY ALL GROUPS USING CENTER	WEEKLY	2	5	2	MEDIUM
Risk Category: <u>Operationa</u>									
1	LACK OF VOLUNTEERS	NON COMPLIANT	DIRECTORS	ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT	YEARLY	2	4	2	LOW

GETTING STARTED:



START

Grant Applications are usually divided into sections :

Section 1 is usually

Organisation Name and Address

Organisation Telephone

Email

Website

Organisation's Charity Number

Year organisation was established

What are the charitable objectives of your organisation as defined in your constitution? And what are the day-to-day activities of your organisation

Section 2 & 3

Applicant Details

Bank Details

Your Project:

Some Sample Questions:

What is the overarching goal of your proposed project?

(Provide ? In the community (Education, social aspect, combat Poverty, Create ?)

Please describe your project/programme and how it meets the objectives of this strand

(aims to enhance development, resilience and wellness for disadvantaged)

What are the three main objectives of this project? Your objectives should be measurable

(To develop skills, to foster change, to educate, to bring a service to a disadvantaged area)

What is the need for this project? Please support your answer with research or evidence from your beneficiary group(s)

(Use the data gathered from Pobal Maps, and CSO figures (Disadvantaged, high rate of unemployment, large amount of young people/old people, lack of transport, early school leavers etc)

What unique value does your organisation and this project bring to your beneficiaries??

(support policy initiatives in the areas of education, enterprise, training and the development of community based social enterprises, support education not normally available)

Your Project

What is the need, problem, challenge or opportunity that your organisation addresses?

(use stats gathered or info from your 10 year plan)

Please tell us about your organisation's approach to addressing whatever need, problem, challenge or opportunity you have identified

(The reason for applying for the grant, what are the benefits, who will it service the gender age,)

What outcomes does your organisation aim to achieve?

(To develop essential service in the area which is not available due to Transport, skills etc)

Please outline any evidence that supports your approach, including details about work that has already demonstrated promise of positive impact. Include any quantitative statistics that highlight some successes you've achieved to date.

(list the work you have already completed, how you got through COVID what you have achieved in your community to date, what would be here if your group was not here to fight for your community)

Provide the names of the organisation(s) you are working with and how the collaboration will bring about increased impact.

(who your working with etc WLD, Wexford County Council, Wexford LCDC, local Community Groups list them, local School, local Business and how you all work together to achieve a common goal in your community)

Get to know your audience

One of the most important considerations for any application is knowing who your audience is. When you're clear on whom you're speaking to and why you can design your application to resonate with your target audience.

So, step one of your application planning process is to understand the grant funder's perspective.

What are their stated goals?

What types of projects have they funded in the past?

What aspects of their mission align with your mission and goals?

Build a streamlined application

Provide background information on your Group

Explain your need and how you plan to use the funding

Use data and research to build credibility.

Wrap up with a compelling final appeal.

Tell your story, add some humour wit

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GRANTS**



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Grants Available

The Irelands Fund

The ESB Recognition Fund

Amenity Grant

Leader Funding

The Toy Show Appeal

The Coke a cola Fund

SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition	10 May 2023
The Arts Council - Arts Grant Funding	11 May 2023
ESF+ Programme	11 May 2023
Oakfield Trust - Social Enterprise Funding	12 May 2023
Irish Youth Foundation - Vhi Health & Wellbeing Fund 2023	12 May 2023

Links:

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[Deprivation Indices \(pobal.ie\)](#)

[Statistics - CSO - Central Statistics Office](#)