



The Community Foundation for Ireland

The Older Persons' Fund 2019

Round 7 Criteria

Timeline:	Closing Date for applications:	14th March 2019
	Grants will be made by:	Mid-June 2019
	Work should begin	July 2019
	1st Networking Event:	September 2019 (TBC)
	Progress Report due:	1 st December 2019
	Final Outcome Report due:	1 st June 2020
	2nd Learning and Networking Event	2020 (TBC)

Sub -categories:

- A. Inclusion of older people in active citizenship roles
- B. Supporting older people's voices at local & national level

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. **On-going, core or capital costs will not be considered.**

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

OBJECTIVES

(A) INCLUSION OF OLDER PEOPLE IN ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP ROLES

Grants of up to €7,500 are available to organisations working towards inclusion of older people in active citizenship roles.

Grants will support community based and national activities that promote older people as active citizens and build older people's capacity and potential **to take on roles in their community**. Social trips, parties or other primarily social activities will **not** be funded.

This year we are asking applicants to link the activities being undertaken by the projects within this category of the fund to the National Positive Aging Strategy's Goals, so that successful applicant's projects can garner political strength in terms of the goals they are addressing.

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Reference: <https://hapaidotnet.files.wordpress.com/2018/10/national-indicators-report-single-w.pdf>

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 two **Learning Networks of Grantees (see timeline above)**.

When applying online you will be asked to demonstrate the following:

- How does your project fit with the Fund's objectives in this particular category?
- Are there opportunities for collaboration? – by this we would like to see applicants reflecting on their involvement of the persons who are the target of the project's activities, where the work fits in your organisation as well as potential collaboration with other organisations
- Demonstrate your organisation's capacity for the undertaking
- Provide a clear and realistic budget for the proposal
- Provide a timeline for the work
- Provide 3 key outcomes by which you will demonstrate impact/change at the end of the project and how will you measure the impact/change you want to see?

(B) SUPPORTING OLDER PEOPLE'S VOICES AT A LOCAL & NATIONAL LEVEL

Grants of up to €7,500 are available to organisations working towards supporting older peoples' engagement in advocacy. Please note for the purposes of this Fund we mean advocacy to be 'advocacy by older persons for older persons'

Grants will support projects that empower older people to **become advocates on issues that affect them**; please note it should be advocacy by older persons' for older persons; this can include training to influence policy, developing community decision-making processes, building leadership or negotiation skills and other innovative projects to give greater "voice" to older people.

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APPLICATION CRITERIA:

All applications will be judged on the following criteria:

Strategic Fit

The proposed project must serve an identified need, work with the target group and fit with the Fund's objectives. Applicants must demonstrate why their organisation is best placed to lead the project

Realistic Budget

The proposed project must include clear, detailed, realistic costs and timescales

Reach

The proposed project is not internal to the organisation but has a wider community reach and potential for wider impact within the sector

Measurable Results

Applicants must be prepared to **track project activity** throughout the duration of the project and will be asked when applying to demonstrate **how this will be done** (i.e. what indicators/means will you use to track/measure progress, successes, challenges on your three key projected outcomes (change) throughout the duration of the project). How will you measure the change you want to see?

Where possible indicate **estimated numbers** (e.g. number of participants on course, increase in participation in an activity/course/group/representation - **by how many**) for your outcomes.

Applicants must be prepared to evaluate and learn from their work.

Collaboration

Commitment to involve the persons who are the target of the project's actions as well as any potential collaboration with other organisation and a willingness to share project learning and outcomes must be demonstrated.

Commitment to working in partnership with other organisations and a willingness to share project learning and outcomes must be demonstrated.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- a) Applicant organisations should have an annual income of **not more than €2,000,000**. Documentary evidence may be requested
- b) All applicant organisations must declare their organisations annual income on the online application form. Depending on your organisation's income you must submit either your organisation's Annual Accounts or most recent set of Audited Accounts ***See Annual Accounting Requirements below**

- c) Applicant organisations should have an organisational bank account or access to one. A copy of a recent bank statement must be submitted with your application. This is for account verification purposes only and you can block out any financial or transactional details.
- d) Multiple applications by one organisation may not be made
- e) A willingness to share learning with others
- f) Commitment to working in partnership with other organisations should be demonstrated where possible
- g) Proposals must include clear, detailed, realistic costs and timescales
- 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

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) As a condition of receiving a grant from The Community Foundation **Interim** and **Final Outcome Reports** will be required. Report Guidelines will be supplied in due course

The 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 in **September 2019 (exact date tbc)**. The second in 2020 (TBC).

HOW TO APPLY/PROCESS

1. Check you meet the Criteria and can fulfil the Applicant and Reporting Requirements as above
2. Ensure that the timing of your project is suitable
3. Use the online application form from our website
4. If you have any questions please contact us on info@foundation.ie or 01 874 7354

Closing Date: Thursday 4.30pm. 14th March 2019

NOTE: Your application will be acknowledged. If you do not receive an acknowledgement please contact us info@foundation.ie or on 01 874 7354.

***Annual Accounting Requirements The Older Persons' Fund 2019**

Note: based on annual accounting regulations from the Charities Regulatory Authority 2017

Band A
Organisations with Gross Annual Income of Less than €10,000

It is optional for a charity in this income bracket to provide a profit and loss account (or income and expenditure account and statement of assets and liabilities) for the reporting period

Band B
Organisations with Gross Annual Income of €10,001 - €100,000

Must provide a **profit and loss account** (or income and expenditure account and statement of assets and liabilities) for the reporting period.

Band C
Organisations with Gross Annual Income of more than €100,001

Must provide a full set of **audited accounts** for the reporting period - including directors and auditors reports.

Organisations not legally obliged to provide Annual Accounts:

Charities with a gross income of less than €10,000.

Education Bodies.