



Social Change Grants

at The Community Foundation for Ireland

Mental Health Criteria 2018

Timeline:	Closing Date for applications	28 th September 2018
	Grants will be made by	early December 2018
	Work should begin	December 2018
	1 st Learning and Network event	17 ^h January 2019
	Interim Report due	31 st May 2019
	Outcome Reports due	29 th November 2019
	2 nd Learning and Network event	5 th December 2019

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.

In this year's Social Change Grants Scheme, **grants of up to €7,500** are available to organisations working to address Mental Health issues, in particular for Travellers, victims of Domestic Violence and Refugees. Please see below for details of the type of projects we are seeking for each of these three **Funding Strands**:

1. Travellers

- Projects aimed at suicide prevention, in particular via the reduction of stigma around accessing mental health services

2. Victims of Domestic Violence

- Projects that offer a space and network for peer support and recovery from mental health distress and trauma

3. Refugees

- Projects that support the recovery of people suffering from mental health distress and promote their integration into the local community
- Projects that run targeted and culturally appropriate mental health promotion campaigns

The aim of the grants scheme is to address mental health issues through innovative, community-based approaches that strive to bring about social, behavioural, attitudinal and cultural change and ultimately improve the mental health of beneficiaries in the target groups.

CRITERIA: Grants will support new or pilot projects that address the mental health needs of the target groups of either Travellers, victims of Domestic Violence or Refugees. Applicants must show that service users/beneficiaries are involved or have been consulted in project planning where appropriate. Project activity should ideally be evidence based. Preference will be given to organisations that consult and collaborate with other organisations working in the mental health field and/ or with the beneficiary group.

The Fund Will Not Cover:

Core or ongoing costs (such as rent, salaries), Equipment costs, Promotion of religious causes, Work that has already taken place, Non-charitable activities, General political donations, Sponsorship or fundraising events, Work taking place outside the Republic of Ireland, Projects focusing on the provision of counselling hours.

Applicant Requirements:

- a) You may only apply once per Funding Strand
- b) Applications must be from community and voluntary groups that possess charitable aims and are not for profit
- c) Applicant organisations should have an annual income of not more than €2,000,000
- d) You must submit either your organisation's Annual Accounts or most recent set of Audited Accounts
- e) Applicant organisations must have an organisational bank account
- f) A copy of a recent bank statement must be submitted with your application. This is for account verification only and all financial transactions may be redacted before submission
- g) Proposals must include clear, detailed, realistic costs and timescales
- h) Applicants must be prepared to evaluate and learn from their work as well as to share project learning and outcomes through the participation in two Learning Networks Events
- i) We encourage applicant organisations to consider adopting The Governance Code for charities – see www.governancecode.ie
- j) A commitment to equal opportunities must be demonstrated
- k) Organisations working with cohorts under the age of 18 will be required to produce a copy of their Child Protection Policy

Reporting Requirements:

Successful applicants will be expected to

- a) Please acknowledge the support of The Community Foundation for Ireland on any materials associated with the grant
- b) Submit an Interim Monitoring Report six months after the grant is made and a Final Outcome Report one year after the grant is made
- c) Social Change 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 17th January 2019.

How to Apply:

Once you have ensured that you meet all of the grant criteria above, you can then make an online application by clicking on the **links below**. You may apply once per funding strand.

1. [Travellers](#)
2. [Victims of Domestic Violence](#)
3. [Refugees](#)

Closing Date: 4.00pm on **28th September 2018**

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

