



## CGN Community Benefit Fund 2024

### About Community Foundation Ireland

Community Foundation Ireland and its partners believe in equality for all in thriving communities. We work with individuals, families, corporates and other trusts and foundations as well as Government to translate giving in the moment to giving that is strategic, sustainable and impactful. We use our skills and knowledge developed over 24 years to help donors turn aspirations into effective investments.

Community Foundation Ireland, its network of 5,000 partner organisations and donors share a mission of equality for all in thriving communities.

The Foundation works with partners to achieve solutions for both long-standing and emerging challenges. The work is built upon four pillars: Empowering Generations, Sustainable Futures, Inclusive Communities and Accelerating Change.

As a philanthropic hub we offer support, expertise and insights allowing us to deliver for communities and organisations across Ireland. Through our many partnerships we are working towards an Ireland where barriers are broken down and communities are empowered to thrive. Working with you, other non-profits, and donors we are committed to making this vision a reality.

### About the Fund

The CGN Community Benefit Fund is a beacon of support specifically designed for community, voluntary, and not-for-profit organisations in the vicinity of the windfarms. Our mission is to endorse a culture of inclusion and to dismantle the barriers that lead to isolation.

The five windfarm locations are:

1. Skrine, Knockmeane, Roscommon
2. Roosky, Co. Roscommon
3. Leabeg, Ferbane, Co. Offaly
4. Faughary, Manorhamilton, Co Leitrim
5. Cloghboola, Knocknagashel, Co. Kerry

The Fund aims to unify the community, stimulate active achievement, and foster an environment where every member can participate and thrive. In addition to fostering community development and inclusivity, we also endorse local initiatives that promote environmental sustainability, climate action, and biodiversity preservation.

Grants of up to €2,000 are available to encourage local initiatives that focus on bolstering community development and inclusivity. We're actively seeking applications for initiatives that underline the following objectives:

1. Amplifying opportunities that inspire engagement in community life,

thereby strengthening integration and social unity.

2. Extending support to various groups to enhance connectivity within the community, fostering a sense of belonging.
3. Championing activities that help cultivate a shared sense of community identity and connectedness.

Together, let's build a community that's more connected, more inclusive, and more vibrant for all its members.

### Grant Round Timeline

Grant round opens	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August
Grant round closes	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September, 4pm.
Grants awarded	End of October
Projects will begin	November 2024
Interim Report Due	May 2025
Final Outcome Report Due	November 2025

### Residency Requirements:

Applications are welcome from organisations that:

- Are based within the local area.
- Primarily operate within this area.

Please note that only one application per organisation will be accepted.

### Priority Areas:

We're especially looking for initiatives that benefit these groups:

- Environmental initiatives focusing on climate action, biodiversity, and enhancement of the local environment.
- Older adults
- Lone parents
- Heritage and arts enthusiasts
- Children and young people
- Disabled people / People with disabilities
- Members of new communities
- Those in rural isolation

A portion of our grants is dedicated to projects that target climate action, biodiversity preservation, and enhancement of the local environment.

**Eligibility:**

Eligible organisations...	Eligible projects...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be a registered charity or a local community / voluntary group.</li> <li>• Have up to date and sufficient governing documents, annual accounts and a dedicated bank account</li> <li>• Have charitable aims and operate with a not-for-profit model.</li> <li>• Must be situated or primarily active within the local area surrounding the windfarm.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target one or more of our identified priority areas.</li> <li>• Will include clear, detailed, realistic costs and timescales.</li> <li>• Align with the fund's mission of supporting community development and social inclusion.</li> <li>• Agree to our terms, including reporting and potential site visits.</li> </ul>

Ineligible organisations include...	Ineligible projects include...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory bodies</li> <li>• For-profit companies</li> <li>• Organisations outside the Republic of Ireland</li> <li>• Individual people who are not part of an organisation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing core costs such as insurance, rent, bills etc.</li> <li>• Religious, political, or animal welfare activities.</li> <li>• Projects that have already happened or any activities that will happen before the grants are awarded.</li> <li>• Projects taking place outside of the Republic of Ireland</li> </ul>

**All successful applicants must:**

Sign a Grant Agreement confirming the grant will be used for the purposes outlined in the application.

- Collaborate with The Community Foundation for Ireland (on behalf of the Fund) in providing feedback on the supported initiatives:
  - Submit a Progress Report after 6 months informing us of your progress.
  - Submit a Final Outcome Report to the Foundation after 12 months.
  - Guidelines for completion of reports will be supplied by the Foundation.

Please note that your project may be selected for a site visit by Community Foundation Ireland. Selected projects will be notified in advance.



### **How to apply**

The Fund is open for applications on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August and will close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm.

Applicants can apply for up to €2,000.

All applications must meet the criteria above, any organisation or project that does not meet the eligibility criteria will not be successful in this grant round.

To apply to the Grant Round, you must first register your organisation on the Community Foundation Ireland Portal. For information on how to register and log in, please read the instructions in the Application Guide [here](#).

Should you have any further questions, please contact the Grants Team at [info@foundation.ie](mailto:info@foundation.ie)