



## Applegreen Blossom Fund 2021

***The fund opens for applications on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 12pm and closes on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October at midnight***

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Applegreen, in partnership with the Irish Youth Foundation, is providing €100,000 to fund not for profit voluntary and charitable organisations supporting children and young people experiencing disadvantage nationwide.

### **Fund Objective**

The Applegreen Blossom Fund will offer grants to projects and programmes that support **successful transitions through education** for children and young people at risk of early school leaving.

We are looking to fund programmes that promote positive transitions throughout a young persons' school life; from primary to secondary school and/or completion of secondary cycle

The Fund will support organisations working with children and young people in the Republic of Ireland aged between 6-18 years.

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### **Who is eligible to apply for funding?**

#### **To be eligible the applying organisation must;**

1. Work with young people aged between 6-18 years old
  2. Be a registered not-for-profit or charitable organisation
  3. The organisation must have a bank account set up in the name of the organisation
  4. Be registered in the Republic of Ireland and active in Ireland for the past 12 months
  5. The organisation must have a child protection policy in place
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### **What funding opportunities are available?**

***There are two funding opportunities available;***

**Option 1:** Awards of up to €10,000

**Option 2:** Awards of up to €5,000

Organisations applying for funding will be asked to submit a **detailed budget breakdown** of expenditure for both of the above options. The final allocation of awards will be determined after all applications have been reviewed.

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## Evaluation

Organisations applying for funding will have to show how their proposed project will show **measurable impact** in one of the following three areas;

- Transition from Primary school to Secondary School
- Transition through Junior cycle of Secondary School and completion of Junior Certificate
- Transition through Senior cycle of Secondary School and completion of Leaving Certificate

As part of your application you will be asked to detail how you plan to measure this impact and report on it

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## How can projects apply for the funding?

All applications will be made online via [www.iyf.ie/grants](http://www.iyf.ie/grants)

The application forms will be live online from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 12pm

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## How will applications be assessed?

- The IYF will assess all applications received using a scoring sheet to assess their suitability against the fund criteria
- A longlist of applications that meet all the criteria will be prepared by IYF, and these will be presented to the Applegreen CSR committee for evaluation
- The committee will meet to review and will agree the shortlist
- IYF will conduct due diligence on the shortlist
- The final decision on awarding grants rests with the Applegreen CSR committee
- Successful applicants will be notified and contracts issued by IYF
- Once signed contracts are received, the funds will be transferred

## Criteria used to assess projects will include;

1. An assessment of impact, both in terms of the measurable outcomes for young people highlighted above and the numbers reached
2. The sustainability of the project beyond this funding
3. Any opportunities the funding from Applegreen might unleash e.g other funding opportunities or pro bono support



#### **Timeline for use of funding;**

- If your project/programme is successful in securing funding, we would request that funding is spent by 31 December 2022

#### **Reporting;**

- Awardees will be asked to submit two progress reports as part of the contract - one at the halfway stage of the programme and one on completion of the programme. IYF will provide full progress reports for completion.
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#### **Term and conditions of funding**

In addition to the funding eligibility criteria as outlined above all applicants must meet the following criteria.

- The organisation must provide a copy of their annual audited accounts/end of year accounts (via link to benefacts on the online application)
- The organisation must provide a reference where requested
- Successful awardees must be willing to share photos of their project, be willing to do media interviews and speak at events

#### **GDPR**

- IYF will hold the organisation and project details which you submit with your application form so that we may inform you of future funding applications. We will only share this information with the third parties administering the application and selection process, unless we agree otherwise with you

#### **Please note**

- Late applications will not be accepted
- By sending in your application, you accept these terms and conditions. If you do not comply with these terms and conditions, you may be disqualified and may have to return any award granted. In the event that an award is not accepted, or an award is revoked, the Directors may select an alternative awardee

#### **Note on Costs eligible for funding**

- The fund **will** cover costs associated with running the programme, such as buying materials, venue hire etc
- **The fund will not cover salary costs**
- The fund **will not** support research costs

**IYF reserves the right to disqualify any entrant, to change the terms and conditions without notice, or to cancel the application process at any stage**