<u>Rethink Ireland: Connected Communities Fund 2025-2028</u> (https://www.activelink.ie/node/114104)



Fund Overview

The Connected Communities Fund is a three-year fund that aims to build inclusive and resilient communities and strengthen social cohesion across Ireland.

This €1.5 million fund is created by Rethink Ireland in partnership with Mason Hayes & Curran LLP and the Department of Rural and Community Development via the Dormant Accounts Fund.

The new fund is open to organisations dedicated to scaling innovations that strengthen civil society, build community cohesion and empower communities to develop solutions that work for all.

The fund aims to promote equity and inclusion, encourage media literacy and community awareness initiatives, and empower communities to develop meaningful connections across diverse groups.

The fund will offer a package of cash grants and non-financial supports to a maximum value of €220,800 each for up to five projects, to help them expand and increase their social impact.

This includes:

- Cash grants of up to €204,000 (up to €68,000 per project per year over three years)*
- The non-financial supports will include:
 - a place on Rethink Ireland's Accelerator Programme
 - Bespoke business and capacity-building supports designed in consultation with the successful projects on topics
 - such as strategic planning, maximising your impact, communications, storytelling and fundraising
 - Access to Rethink Ireland's networks

*The Rethink Ireland Board will decide the level of funding to award, which may be less than the amount requested. The final amount of each award will depend on how many organisations are selected.

You can apply to the Connected Communities Fund via the <u>online portal</u> <u>(https://socialinnov.my.site.com/fundingportal/s/)</u> from Wednesday, 19 February to Friday, 11 April at 1pm.

Want more information? Join one of our application clinics on Thursday, 6 March or Thursday, 20 March 2025.

These one-hour webinars will provide more details on fund eligibility and the application process, plus an opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

- Thursday, 6 March at 1pm: <u>REGISTER</u> (https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/D11hBsCCQZOJ6lVMomfuYw#/registration)
- Thursday, 20 March at 1pm: <u>REGISTER</u> (<u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Xvs392vvRWWmf5L5CiQ5XA#/registration</u>)

For any queries, please contact us at <u>connectedcommunities@rethinkireland.ie</u> (mailto:connectedcommunities@rethinkireland.ie)

Region Nationwide More Information (https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/connected-communities-fund-2025-2028/)

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