

## Early Childhood Ireland National Pyjama Day Fund 2019

National Pyjama Day is Early Childhood Ireland's national fundraising day and this year their members all over Ireland organised Pyjama Days in their communities. The funds raised will now go to support children aged from birth to six years through grants distributed from the fund.

Interested organisations are invited to complete the online Expression of Interest (EOI) form on or before 4pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019. EOIs will then be shortlisted and a number of organisations invited to make full applications to the fund. Grants are up to €60,000 and they can be for projects taking place over one to three years.

### CRITERIA

Grants amounts: Between €20,000 and €60,000 per annum

Grant period: 1 to 3 years

Early Childhood Ireland will be supported by The Community Foundation for Ireland to assess and administer the grants.

**Criteria: Innovative Projects for Children under 6 with Additional Needs: Indoors and Outdoors**

Grants will support:

- Organisations with a national remit only
- projects addressing the needs of children with additional needs;
- projects which are innovative and creative in design; and
- projects which have a plan for mainstreaming over the duration of the proposal
- multiannual projects taking place over one to three years will be considered, subject to there being evidence of sustainability beyond the three year period.

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) REQUIREMENTS

EOIs for the ECI Pyjama Day Fund will only be accepted from charities and community and voluntary organisations that possess charitable aims, are not for profit, and are based in the Republic of Ireland.

Applicant organisations must have a National Remit within the Republic of Ireland.

Applicants should demonstrate:

- an identified need that can be addressed with this funding;
- a clear plan over 1 to 3 years and accompanying funding request;
- the intended outcomes including who will be the beneficiaries;
- a clear budget including any management costs to support project;

## PUBLICITY REQUIREMENTS

Successful grantees must partner with Early Childhood Ireland and The Community Foundation for Ireland to tell the story of the grant.

You will be required to take part in a media photo call announcing the grants, to supply photo and simple video content frequently, to engage in sharing the story on social media (with client consent etc.).

A media pack with tips and hints will be supplied to you for this purpose.

**Full consent to use video footage/images is required, please consider this element when planning content for distribution.**

Grants will not support:

- Animal charities
- Overseas travel
- Political activity
- Capital project contributions

The Application process:

### Stage 1

- An Expression of Interest (EOI) can be completed online at [www.communityfoundation.ie](http://www.communityfoundation.ie) from 13<sup>th</sup> September and must be submitted before 4pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- If your application does not get shortlisted you will be informed in mid-October 2019.

### Stage 2

- EOI's will be shortlisted in mid-October and a maximum of 20 organisations will be invited to submit a Full Application, to be submitted by the end of October 2019.
- Being invited to submit a Full Application does not imply that an organisation will be successful in their grant application
- A grants panel will assess the Full Applications and you will be informed of the outcome in late November 2019.
- The successful grant recipients will be announced in early September 2019.  
**If shortlisted to make a Full Application, please mark Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December in your diary for a photo call in Dublin, to announce the grant recipients. Details are to be finalised and confirmed.**
- An Interim Progress report will be due in July 2020.
- Successful grant recipients will be invited to a learning roundtable event in August 2020.
- Final Reports for Once-off grants will be due in December 2020.
- Interim Reports for multiannual grants will be required at regular intervals and Final Reports will be due upon conclusion.

## QUESTIONS?

You can contact The Community Foundation for Ireland with any questions regarding the EOI process.

See [www.communityfoundation.ie](http://www.communityfoundation.ie).

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