

NEW Grant Call

2026 Creative Ireland

Health and Wellbeing
In the Community

Creative Health & Wellbeing in *the Community*



Photograph by Julie Forrester

IMPORTANT DATES

1st December 2025 Applications Open

In-person Grant Information and Networking Sessions

Belfast: **14th January 2026**, The MAC (register by Jan 7th Jan 5pm)

Dublin: **22nd January 2026**, Radisson Blu Royal Hotel (register by Jan 15th 5pm)

Closed for Applications: **27th February 2026, 1pm**

Evaluation of Applications **March 2026**

Applicants notified of outcome **April 2026**



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FUNDING

Strand A
Creative
Ireland &
Healthy
Ireland
2026-27

**€700,000 funding with a maximum
of €70,000 per project***

*Further allocations in 2027, subject to budgetary allocations

Strand B
Shared
Island
2026-28

**€250,000 funding with a maximum
of €90,000 per project annually**

Partnerships

Strand A

- Partnerships of at least two local authorities (aligned with Regional Health Authority)
- Settings: Community, HSE community or hospital
- The lead applicants are local authorities, working with HSE and local or National Health Organisations
- Projects should be developed and delivered by the Creative Ireland and Healthy Ireland teams in local authorities, working with cultural and creative partners



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Strand B Partnerships

Shared Island

- The lead applicant is a local authority in Republic of Ireland
- Arts and Health Projects either North/South or East/West basis aligned to the objectives of the Shared Island initiative
- The projects should enable quality, in-person, engagement between people from both Ireland and Northern Ireland or the wider UK, with at least one project partner based in each of the relevant jurisdictions



Key Policy Guidance:

We are seeking projects that support objectives of:

- Strategic Action Plan for Creative Arts & Health 2025 (CreativeIreland.gov.ie)
- The Healthy Ireland Framework,
- For Strand A , at least one Major Health Strategy or Plan in Ireland
- For Strand B, also Northern Irish strategies or plans

Also, where possible please leverage the Irish Social Prescribing services to support equity of access and participation



Projects Sought

Projects that support relevant health strategies such as:

- The Healthy Ireland Framework
- Pathways to Wellbeing: The National Mental Health Promotion Plan 2024-2030
- Stronger Together: The HSE Mental Health Promotion Plan 2022–27
- National Traveller Health Action Plan 2022–27
- The National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025–30

Project Aims

Contribute to at least one of the following

- The core determinants of health
- Playing a critical role in health promotion and improvement
- Supporting positive mental health
- Promoting positive ageing
- Building an inclusive society where every disability is understood and supported
- Prevention and management of chronic disease
- Supporting end of life and bereavement care



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