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AIB's third annual Community €1 Million Fund launches supporting over 70 local charities in communities across Ireland

- Customers and public can nominate charities that connect with them from 8th May
- 150 charities supported by AIB Community €1 Million Fund so far

AIB has launched its third annual AIB Community €1 Million Fund, which will support over 70 local charities in communities across Ireland, with Síle Seoige on hand along with 2023 nominated charity CanTeen Ireland. The fund, which opens for nominations on Wednesday 8th May has supported over 150 charities across Ireland including Lough Ree Access for All, Cuan Soar Women's Refuge Support Services, Spraoi agus Spórt Family Centre Limited and St. Francis National School since its initial launch in 2022.

This year, the fund will support a further 70 charitable organisations in communities across Ireland. AIB is asking its customers, employees and the wider public to nominate registered charities that connect with causes that matter most to them and their communities.

This year's AIB Community €1 Million Fund will be distributed following an online nomination process, one for customers and one for employees, and will be split across five regions in Ireland – Munster, Ulster, Greater Dublin, the rest of Leinster, and Connacht. AIB will once again allocate €700,000 to charities chosen by its customers and the public, while €300,000 will be donated to charities chosen by employees.

Nominations open from 8th May for five weeks. The nomination form and full details on the AIB Community €1 Million Fund are available on <u>aib.ie/community</u>. Customers, and the public, are required to submit the registration number of the charity they are nominating to complete the form.

AlB Managing Director Retail Banking Geraldine Casey said: "At AIB our purpose is empowering people to build a sustainable future. We are committed to the communities we serve and are delighted to announce the return of the AIB Community €1 Million Fund for the third year. Over the last two years, we have seen first-hand the incredible support the fund offers charitable organisations that matter most to our customers, our colleagues and the wider public across the country. Today, we are asking our customers and the public to nominate the charities they would like to be supported by this fund."

Nominations will open on 8th May and will close on 12th June. The nomination form and full details on the AIB Community €1 Million Fund will be available at aib.ie/community/community-fund.

The employee nomination process for AIB employees wishing to nominate charities in their communities will launch in line with the public fund and is open to all AIB employees across the island of Ireland.

Once nominations are confirmed, the top six nominees for each of the five regions will be asked to present to an AIB regional panel. Four charities in each region will each receive €28,000, while two will each receive €4,000. The selected charities will be announced in early Autumn of this year.



The AIB Community €1 Million Fund follows other charitable initiatives already undertaken by AIB including the bank's ongoing partnerships with GOAL, FoodCloud, AsIAm and Junior Achievement Ireland, as well as AIB's ongoing support of local charities.

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