

# AIB Community €1 Million Fund



The 2024 AIB Community €1 Million Fund opens on 8 May 2024

## Public Nominations

F.A.Qs; How to nominate; and Who can be nominated:

### **What is the AIB Community €1 Million Fund?**

We recognise that our success depends on the success and advancement of our customers, employees, suppliers and the economy and **communities** we serve. Given our scale and impact in the Irish economy, our role comes with significant responsibility to the people of Ireland. We strive to help **communities and society** flourish.

The AIB Community €1 Million Fund is open again this year, where people can nominate their local charities to receive financial support from the fund.

Charities funded will be nominated and selected by **AIB customers, the public and employees** to connect with the causes and organisations **that matter to them**.

### **How does it work?**

The AIB Community €1 Million Fund opens annually, each Summer. AIB customers and the general public can nominate an organisation with a registered charity number by filling out the nomination form on [aib.ie/community-fund](http://aib.ie/community-fund). The charities that receive the highest number of nominations are shortlisted and invited to present to a Reviewing panel made up of AIB representatives and independent reviewers. AIB employees can also nominate charities to receive funding and the top six employee-nominated charities are invited to submit a short and simple brief to our panel of reviewers.

Nominations open on 8 May 2024 for five weeks and will close on 12 June 2024. The reviewing process will take place over the Summer and the top twelve charities in each region are announced in Autumn 2024.

The AIB Community €1 Million Fund is available for charitable organisations and funds will be awarded proportionally across Ireland based on population spread and branch network. €700,000 will be allocated to charities chosen by its customers and the public while €300,000 will be allocated to charities chosen by its employees. All nominated charities are subject to due diligence review, and AIB reserves the right to monitor beneficiaries' use of funds.

### **Who can nominate?**

Anyone can nominate a charity that matters most to them to receive support from the fund. We encourage our customers and employees in particular to nominate a charity in the Republic of Ireland. One nomination per individual will be accepted.

### **I am neither an AIB employee nor a customer, can I still nominate a charity that I would like AIB to support in my community?**

Yes, anyone can nominate one charity that is registered in the Republic of Ireland.

### **How do I nominate my local charity to the AIB Community €1 Million Fund?**

Visit [aib.ie/community-fund](https://aib.ie/community-fund) and click on AIB Community €1 Million Fund 'nominate here'. Please see 'how to nominate' below, on how you can fill out the nomination form.

### **What do I do next?**

Once the nomination deadline is closed, the reviewing process will commence, and you will hear who the top twelve charities are once they are announced at the end of the process. The top twelve charities in each region will be posted to our website [aib.ie/community-fund](https://aib.ie/community-fund)

The top six public-nominated charities in each region will be given the opportunity to present to a panel of reviewers. Each charity who presents will receive financial support from the fund. Four charities in Greater Dublin; Rest of Leinster; Munster; Connaught and Ulster (ROI) will receive €28,000 –and the other two charities in each region will receive €4,000.

AIB employees also nominate six charities who submit a short brief to the same panel of reviewers and will receive either €6,500 or €3,500 in each region.

### **What charities in Ireland are eligible for this fund?**

All registered charitable organisations that have a charity registration number in Ireland. You will need to supply this registration number on the nomination form, using this link: [www.charitiesregulator.ie](https://www.charitiesregulator.ie)

## NOMINATION DETAILS

### How you can nominate your local charity

Visit [aib.ie/community-fund](https://aib.ie/community-fund) and click on the link on the link to the nomination form.

1. Fill out the nomination form with the following details:
  - ✓ your name and email address
  - ✓ the charity name and charity registration number
  - ✓ one sentence on why your charity should receive support from the fund
2. Select the region your local charity is based in
3. Select the social theme under which your charity fits
4. Click submit! That's it, you have now nominated your local charity\*

***\*please note: 2022 and 2023 Charities that received funding are not eligible for nomination this year***

Six charities in each region will be shortlisted based on the number of public nominations for that charity. The top six nominated charities in each region will present online to a panel of independent reviewers.

The top four charities in Munster; Connaught; Greater Dublin; Rest of Leinster and Ulster (ROI) will receive €28,000. The other two in each region will receive €4,000. The funds are awarded proportionally across Ireland based on population spread and branch network.

You can search here to find the registration number of your chosen charity [here](#).

### **Who can nominate?**

Anyone can nominate one charity registered in the Republic of Ireland.

### **Can charities who received funding from this initiative previously be nominated again?**

No, 2022 and 2023 charities that received funding are not eligible for nomination this year. If any charities from 2022 and 2023 are nominated this year, the nomination will not be counted. Please see the list of 2022 and 2023 charities [here](#).

### **WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?**

Organisations with a charity registration number, including but not limited to:

- Charitable organisations or not-for-profits registered in Ireland
- Voluntary Community Groups or Clubs

### **What we cannot support**

Nominations for the following applicants and projects are excluded:

- a. Organisations that relate to religious or political activities
- b. Non-charitable activities
- c. Animal charities where animals are the primary beneficiaries (exceptions include projects that involve animals where the primary beneficiaries are individuals i.e. Autism assistance dogs or similar examples)
- d. Nominations that involve covering core costs such as rent, salaries, costs to cover trips abroad etc.
- e. General running or ongoing costs of an organisation
- f. Retrospective funding (work that has already taken place)
- g. Nominations for projects with the purpose of promoting sport/ competitive sport
- h. Do not directly benefit the community at large
- i. Ongoing programme delivery or core organisation costs such as rent, insurance etc.
- j. Projects taking place outside of the Republic of Ireland

### **What is the criteria against which the nominations will be judged?**

The top six charities in each region will be selected based on the number of nominations they receive.

### **When will the top six charities be announced?**

The top six charities in each region will be announced in the Autumn of 2024.

### **What initiatives does the fund support?**

The social themes on the nomination form represent the areas where the funding is focused however, we are open to supporting any project/activity that works with our local communities, enabling them to thrive and grow. The research-based social themes which AIB supports are:

- Education & Opportunities
- Sustainability
- Digital Innovation & Financial Inclusion