



COMMUNITY €1 MILLION FUND

The 2023 AIB Community €1 Million Fund will open on 10 May 2023

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

F.A.Qs

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 will be open 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. The charities that receive the highest number of nominations are shortlisted and invited to present to a Judging panel made up of AIB representatives and independent adjudicators.

Nominations will open on 10 May 2023 for five weeks, the reviewing process will take place over the Summer and the top six charities in each region are announced in Autumn 2023.

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 staff member nor a customer, can I still nominate a charity that I would like AIB to support in my community?

Yes, anyone can nominate up to 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 and click on AIB Community €1 Million Fund 'submit here'. Please see 'how to nominate' below on how you can fill out the nomination form – you'll find this guide on aib.ie/community

What do I do next?

Once the nomination deadline is closed, the reviewing process will commence, and you will hear who the top four charities are once they are announced at the end of the process. The top four charities in each region will be posted to our website aib.ie/community

The top six 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. The top 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.

What Charities in Ireland are eligible for this fund?

All registered charitable organisations that have a charity registration number and that are registered in Ireland. You will need to supply this registration number on the nomination form, using this link: www.charitiesregulator.ie

HOW TO NOMINATE

How you can submit your local charity

Visit aib.ie/community and click on the link under AIB Community €1 Million Fund 'nominate here'.

1. Fill out the nomination form with the following details:
 - ✓ your name and email address
 - ✓ the charity name and charity registration number
 - ✓ a maximum of 200 words 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 Charites that received funding are not eligible for nomination this year*

Six charities in each region will be shortlisted based on number of public nominations in that charity name. These top six nominated charities in each region will present locally 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 who is registered in the Republic of Ireland.

Can charities from last year be nominated again?

2022 Charites that received funding are not eligible for nomination this year. If any charities from 2022 are nominated this year, the nomination will not be counted. Please see the list of 2022 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 etc, costs to cover trips abroad
- 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 are the criteria against which the nominations will be judged?

The top 6 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 2023.

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