

## ABOUT SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND IRELAND

Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) was set up by the Government in 2013 to find and back innovative solutions to critical issues in Ireland. Their mission is to provide growth capital and supports to the best social innovations in Ireland, enabling them to scale and maximise their impact. Their vision is to create the world's best ecosystem for supporting social innovation. The Department of Rural and Community Development provides match funding for all SIFI's philanthropic funds.

SIFI has partnered with IPB Insurance, an Irish owned general insurance company, who protects and supports their local authority members and their communities across the length and breadth of Ireland.

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ENTERPRISE  
+ SOCIAL CAPITAL  
= IMPACT

APPLY BY  
28 MARCH 2018

Pictured left to right: Paul Reid, Chief Executive, Fingal County Council; Minister of State Seán Kyne for Natural Resources, Community Development & T.D. George Jones, Chairman of IPB Insurance, Deirdre Mortell, CEO of Social Innovation Fund Ireland

APPLY TO OUR  
**€1.6M**  
SOCIAL ENTERPRISE  
DEVELOPMENT FUND

CASH GRANTS  
—  
ACCELERATOR  
PROGRAMME  
—  
NATIONWIDE  
PEER NETWORK

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## WHAT IS THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FUND?

The Social Enterprise Development Fund is a €1.6 million fund which will be delivered over two years; 2018 – 2020. The fund was created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) in partnership with Local Authorities Ireland and is funded by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Department of Rural and Community Development provides match funding for all funds raised by Social

Innovation Fund Ireland, through the Dormant Accounts Fund.

The objective of the fund is to find and back social enterprises that have developed a project that will add to the social and economic fabric of their community by way of social impact. The fund will provide critical support to the most innovative and impactful projects proposed by social enterprises across Ireland.

THE FUND WILL FIND AND BACK SOCIAL ENTERPRISES THAT ADD TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FABRIC OF THEIR COMMUNITY – CREATING A NATIONAL PIPELINE OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

## WHAT DOES THE FUND OFFER?

### CASH GRANTS

Up to eight social enterprises will receive a cash grant of €50,000. At least two grants will be awarded to support the most innovative and impactful projects proposed by social enterprises in each of the following categories:

- **Best Social Enterprise Project *Urban***
- **Best Social Enterprise Project *Town***
- **Best Social Enterprise Project *Rural***

### ACCELERATOR PROGRAMME

Awardees will also receive a place on Social Innovation Fund Ireland's Accelerator Programme – designed to help social enterprises improve their effectiveness. By joining the programme, organisations will gain access to a peer network of the best social enterprises around the country. There will be a number of additional places reserved for the most promising applicants across the 31 Local Authorities in Ireland.

UP TO EIGHT SOCIAL ENTERPRISES EACH YEAR WILL RECEIVE A CASH GRANT OF €50,000

## WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE FUND?

You must be a social enterprise with a not-for-profit legal form. Social enterprises are defined as organisations that:

- have a clear social mission and make a social impact
- generate income from goods or services
- reinvest any surplus into achieving their mission
- are separate from Government or state agencies.

The project must:

- be up and running or tested in a minimum way
- address a critical social issue
- be innovative in an Irish context
- have potential to be rolled out or replicated in Ireland
- be based on the island of Ireland and have its main impact in the Republic of Ireland.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 28 MARCH 2018. APPLY ONLINE AT [SOCIALINNOVATION.IE/SOCIAL-ENTERPRISE-DEVELOPMENT/](http://SOCIALINNOVATION.IE/SOCIAL-ENTERPRISE-DEVELOPMENT/)