

# The Reach Fund

The Reach Fund delivers funding to improve access and supports for educationally disadvantaged learners who participate in community education programmes across Ireland.

The overarching aim of this fund is to assist community education providers to widen and increase their capacity to deliver, support and encourage participation of educationally disadvantaged learners, particularly those on accredited programmes at NFQ Levels 1 to 3. Those who are funded support community education for adult learners who have the highest level of need.

Community Education providers can apply for funding across four categories; Widen and increase participation of key target groups or other priority target groups, learner supports, climate and sustainability and supporting marginalised groups (outreach/pre-development) For compliance with CL 13/2014 all applications must be accompanied by :

- Current Tax Clearance Certificate
- End of Year Accounts detailing any previous funding from WWETB
- If involved in a multiple co-funding arrangement, inform WWETB if exchequer funding exceeds 50% of income
- If application includes capital expenditure the required number of quotes must be submitted with the application. Capital expenditure cannot exceed €1000 excl VAT per item.
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**Note:**

- There will be a cap of €30,000 on individual applications and a cap of €45,000 if a grantee has multiple distinct location of delivery, with payment in instalments
- Applications may be subject to a Financial Robustness test (bankruptcy status/companies registration/financial status) If the application does not pass the test the application will not proceed
- Applications will be subject to a double funding check by WWETB with other State Agencies
- **Applicants must link with local CEF** before submitting an application. If there is no consultation before submission of an application the application will not be processed. Applicants may have a site visit by WWETB Community Education Team.
- An evaluation scoring criteria will be applied to all applications
- All paperwork from previous Reach must be submitted before Reach 2026 application will be considered
- Monitoring of the grant is through Monthly Reports/Financial Monitoring/Site Visits
- **Submission of an application is not a guarantee of funding. Overall funding is subject to Solas approval.**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS FRIDAY 13th February 2026**