



EU Funding for Minority Organisations

Funding Opportunities | Black, Irish and the EU

Overview

The European Union provides significant funding to support civil society organisations, community groups and non-profits working on equality, anti-racism, inclusion and social cohesion. Below is a guide to the main funding streams relevant to Black and minority communities in Ireland.

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV)

CERV is the EU's main funding programme for promoting EU values, equality and citizens' rights. It runs from 2021 to 2027 with a budget of €1.55 billion. It funds projects that promote equality and the rights of persons belonging to minorities, combat racism and discrimination, support civil society organisations, and strengthen democratic participation.

- Who can apply: Non-profit organisations, public bodies, universities and civil society groups
- Grant size: Varies by call, typically €75,000 to €500,000+
- More info: ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal

European Social Fund+ (ESF+)

ESF+ is the EU's main tool for investing in people. In Ireland it is managed by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science. It supports employment, education, social inclusion and combating poverty.

- Funds projects tackling disadvantage and supporting marginalised communities
- Supports skills development, employment pathways and social integration
- More info: eufunds.ie

Ireland Against Racism Fund



Funded by the Irish Government with EU support, this fund offers grants of up to €100,000 to organisations working to combat racism and promote racial equality in Ireland.

- Open to community and voluntary organisations
- Supports awareness-raising, advocacy and community engagement projects
- More info: pobal.ie

Communicating Europe Initiative (CEI)

Run by Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs, the CEI funds projects that improve public understanding of the EU and Ireland's role in it. Black and Irish's Black, Irish and the EU project is funded through this initiative.

- Maximum grant: €10,000 per project
- Open to civil society organisations and community groups in Ireland
- More info: dfa.ie

How to find funding opportunities

- EU Funding and Tenders Portal: ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders
- EU Funds Ireland: eufunds.ie
- Pobal (manages many Irish Government and EU funds): pobal.ie
- Wheel (supports non-profits in Ireland with funding guidance): wheel.ie