

Guidance Note: Social Inclusion & Diversity Fund (Experts)

About Tuath Housing Association

Tuath Housing Association was established in 2000 and provides housing and support to over 30,000 tenants across more than 16,000 homes.

The Tuath Social Inclusion & Diversity Fund forms part of Tuaths Foundation and is a dedicated initiative to enhance resident and community engagement by integrating new and existing support programmes provided by Tuath Housing under one umbrella.

The Foundation empowers residents by:

- Facilitating access to opportunities: Assisting individuals in entering education, personal development, employment, and training programs.
- Supporting vulnerable groups: Providing support to vulnerable or under-represented groups within our communities.
- Fostering vibrant communities: Developing inclusive communities that celebrate social inclusion and diversity.

The Tuath Social Inclusion & Diversity Fund is a grant initiative under the Tuath Foundation, designed to support projects that promote community spirit, wellbeing, inclusion and resident participation across Tuath schemes.

Established in 2020, the Fund provides financial support to community groups, residents' associations and voluntary organisations delivering local projects that improve quality of life and strengthen communities.

What is the Social Inclusion & Diversity Fund?

The Social Inclusion & Diversity Fund supports specialist external organisations with recognised expertise in social inclusion and diversity to deliver projects that foster inclusion, celebrate diversity, and ensure active participation of Tuath Housing residents.

Funding Available

Eligible applicants can apply for up to €5,000 per project. The amount awarded will depend on the number of applications and available funds.

Who Can Apply?

Only specialist organisations and service providers with a proven track record in delivering social inclusion and diversity programmes may apply. Applicants must have evidence expertise and previous successful delivery in this field and clearly outline how Tuath Housing residents will be actively involved.

Resident groups, voluntary organisations, informal community groups, and general community organisations are not eligible.

Examples of eligible expert organisations include:

- Recognised equality and diversity expert organisations (e.g., accredited/sector-recognised providers).
- Specialist migrant and cultural support services with proven outcomes.
- Professional organisations supporting older persons, youth services, persons with disabilities, or working in marginalized/disadvantaged communities.
- Inclusion-focused NGOs or agencies with a demonstrated track record.

Funding Criteria

- Projects must directly promote social inclusion and diversity with active involvement of Tuath Housing residents.
- Applications can support new or expansion of existing services already provided.
- Clear outcomes and social impact measures are required.
- Value for money must be demonstrated within the €5,000 cap.
- **All applicants must confirm that:**
 - Safeguarding measures are in place for volunteers and staff, proportionate to the project.
 - The project will comply with all relevant HSE and Government guidelines – see HSE Guidance on Safeguarding and Government Health & Safety Authority guidance. [HSE Safeguarding Guidelines](#)
- If the applicant is a registered charity, you must also confirm that:
 - You have an Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) policy.
 - You have a governing board or committee (trustees/directors legally responsible for the charity).
 - You hold relevant insurance cover (e.g. public liability, employer's liability if applicable)

Only one application per organisation will be accepted.

What the Fund Cannot Support

- Operational or running costs.
- Funding for any individual person.

- Building or capital works.
- Projects that have already taken place (retrospective funding).
- Applications missing the required documentation.

Application Checklist

- Completed Application Form.
- Copy of the organisation's governing documentation (e.g., Constitution).
- Confirmation of an Irish bank or credit union account in the organisation's name (details requested only if approved).

Approval Process

Applications will be assessed by the Tuath Housing Social Inclusion & Diversity Fund panel, comprising members of Tuath Housing.

Monitoring & Evaluation

Successful applicants must submit a post-project evaluation report within three months of receiving funding, including: evidence of outcomes, photographs with appropriate consents, and original invoices as proof of expenditure. Unused funds must be returned to Tuath Housing. Funding must only be used for the project approved.

Application Timeline

Applications open: 9th October 2025

Closing date: 17th October 2025

Maximum fund available per project: €5,000

Further Information

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