The Colmcille Small Grants Scheme
for promoting projects or a partnership with Scotland

Maximum funding available €1,800/£1,566

Deadline: An application can be made at any time up to the 30 September 2017, there is no particular deadline.

Background

Colmcille has three funding schemes:

1. The small grants scheme for carrying out research and for planning joint initiatives
2. The grants scheme for funding projects (the main Colmcille scheme)
3. The bursaries scheme to help people learn Scottish Gaelic

If you want to develop an initiative with a partner in Scotland, or which is connected to Scottish Gaelic, this small grants scheme (scheme 1 above) is here to help develop joint initiatives and partnership. When the partnership and an initiative plan have been agreed under this small grants scheme, an application may be made to the Colmcille Grants Scheme (scheme 2 above, the main Colmcille grants scheme), which gives a higher level of support, if that is needed.

If you are interested in making an application speak with Colmcille officers in Foras na Gaeilge before you fill in the form below.

Guidelines for applicants

Colmcille is a partnership between Foras na Gaeilge in Ireland and Bòrd na Gàidhlig in Scotland. Colmcille aims to foster interaction and cooperation between speakers of Irish and speakers of Scottish Gaelic, and to strengthen the two language communities.
The Small Grants Scheme

1. Can I apply to the scheme?

The scheme is open to:

1. organisations in Ireland or in Scotland wishing to develop a project with a partner in the other country
2. organisations seeking a partner or wishing to create a partnership
3. lone traders who are in a position to implement a partnership project between Ireland and Scotland with a partner in the other country:
   a. which will have a long-term outcome
   b. which will be of benefit to the general Irish language/Scottish Gaelic community

2. Do I have to receive a small grant before applying for the main Colmcille grants scheme?

No. This is an opportunity to establish a strong partnership before applying to the main Colmcille grants scheme, if that is considered worthwhile.

3. What kind of costs can be included?

   a. Travel, accommodation and subsistence necessary to put together a partnership plan demonstrating value for money and agreed in advance with Foras na Gaeilge
   b. Workshops or training to develop the project
   c. Any other activity which would be necessary in the opinion of Foras na Gaeilge and agreed in advance with Foras na Gaeilge

4. What work is to be done?

   a. Essential research
   b. Agree an initiative plan with a partner in Scotland, or in Ireland if the applicant is a partner in Scotland
   c. Agree a plan for language use so that Irish and Scottish Gaelic can be used

5. When can an application be made?

An application can be made at any time up to the 30 September 2017.

6. When should the money be spent?

The money should be spent before the 15 November 2017, and a report and evidence of expenditure should be submitted before the end of November 2017.
7. **When will a decision be available?**

We hope that a decision will be available within six weeks after we have received an application. In the case of organisations which already have substantial funding in 2017, there may be a longer process.