



# Foras na Gaeilge

## Professional and Amateur Drama Companies' Scheme 2022

### Guidelines and funding criteria

An electronic copy of the completed application form and all supporting documents must be sent to: [feilte@forasnagaeilge.ie](mailto:feilte@forasnagaeilge.ie) before 12 midday on Monday 10 January 2022.

Note that an application will be disqualified if it is not completed correctly or if documents are missing. We will not accept any applications after the above deadline. All questions must be answered. The application form must be completed in typescript. **Only applications submitted electronically will be accepted.**

#### **Funding area**

Professional and amateur companies, the public sector and the arts.

#### **Rational for the scheme**

The Professional and Amateur Drama Companies' Scheme will be open to drama groups established legally as a drama company, both amateur and professional, including newly established groups, who wish to produce Irish language or bilingual plays around the country.

#### **Basic aim of the scheme**

This scheme focuses on Irish language drama companies which aim to foster, develop and provide Irish language drama to the arts sector, the Irish language community, the general public and the education sector. As well as that, this scheme focuses on the development of community, attendance and audience.

#### **Criteria of the scheme**

1. (a) The subject of the plays, number of those attending, number of productions and venues of the productions, imagination and innovation of the company's programme of work is to the satisfaction of Foras na Gaeilge.

(b) High artistic standards have been achieved in scripts, in acting and in productions.

(c) Participation and creativity in Irish are increased through the medium of the arts.

2. The company's programme publicity material is in Irish or completely bilingual, with Irish in first position, to the satisfaction of Foras na Gaeilge.
3. The company has management and administration capacity, which will include the company's experience and expertise.
4. The company has provided information on other funding or support, e.g. sponsorship, funding in kind and estimated income.
5. There is value for money in regard to the number of people who will be participating, including members of the company, those involved in production and attendees.

#### **Administration and approach of the scheme**

- The company must demonstrate that promotion of the Irish language and the provision of opportunities for the use of Irish are the main aims of the aspects of the project for which funding is sought .
- The company must demonstrate that there is a need for the project and that value for money is available to Foras na Gaeilge. The company must have an improvement strategy in regard to the number of people who will be participating, including members of the company, production personnel and attendees.

#### **Types of funding available**

<b>Professional groups</b>	<b>Amateur groups</b>	<b>New professional groups</b>
Maximum €50,000/£30,000 Costs of the company's programme of work will not be 100% funded	€12,000/£8,000 Permission to apply for 100% of the year's programme costs	€24,000/£16,000 Permission to apply for 100% of the year's programme costs

#### **Particular requirements:**

- The company has a constitution
- Public liability insurance policy
- Appropriate safeguarding checklist must be completed
- A bank account in the name of the company
- Valid ROS tax number
- Current tax clearance certificate

#### **Who is ineligible to be an applicant?**

- Legislative organisations and lead organisations
- Any company canvassing in respect of an application any board member or any employee of Foras na Gaeilge

#### **Activities eligible for funding through the scheme**

- Productions through the medium of Irish or bilingual but with Irish in first position
- Development of new scripts
- Development of new plays

#### **Activities not eligible for funding through the scheme**

- Productions through the medium of English
- Productions within the programme for which funding has already been secured or sought from Foras na Gaeilge

#### **Management and grant payment**

- Applications will only be accepted on Foras na Gaeilge's application form. **Only applications submitted electronically will be accepted.** The form must be completed in totality, each question must be answered and any other information requested on the form must be provided. See check list.
- Each application will be assessed based on the information provided on the application form. Arising from the assessment further information may be requested.
- Any applicant providing incorrect information will be disqualified.

#### **Payment and monitoring**

1. The board of Foras na Gaeilge is responsible for each decision on each project to be funded. The management and executives of Foras na Gaeilge will carry out each funding decision.
2. All Foras na Gaeilge funding will be in the form of a legal contract and the conditions laid down in that contract must be adhered to. Part or all of the grant may be rescinded/recalled if any of the conditions are infringed on.
3. Funding sanctioned under the application form will be paid as will be agreed. If the grant will be paid in instalments an application for each instalment must be made within the agreed period.
4. Foras na Gaeilge itself, or its agents, will monitor each project at every level-finance, operation, progress etc.
5. Foras na Gaeilge, its officers and/or agents may visit a project at any time during the funding period.
6. Foras na Gaeilge can ask for a report on targets concerning expenditure or the results of work at any time. This must be provided within an agreed period.

7. A current tax clearance certificate must be provided, if applicable.
8. Audited accounts must be provided , if applicable at the end of each year.
9. Foras na Gaeilge wishes to make applicants aware that it could happen that under Foras's obligations in accordance with the Freedom of Information Code of Practice for North South Implementation Bodies which came into force on 20 June 2005, information provided on an application form could be made available.
10. Foras na Gaeilge may contact government department and other funders, north and south, to discuss applications.