

Mitigating against Educational Disadvantage Fund 2021



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*Cork Education and
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Information Session for Prospective Applicants



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Aim of the Scheme..

- Mitigating Against Educational Disadvantage Fund (MAEDF) aim is to provide funding to support educationally disadvantaged learners in accessing and participating in community education.
- In 2020 over 500 community education projects
- Cork ETB secured the largest allocation of funding for project submissions in its area

Overarching principles of the fund..

- To assist Education and Training Boards to increase their capacity and that of community education providers to address the decline in participation of disadvantaged learners particularly those on literacy and basic skills programmes at NFQ levels 1 to 3.
- Strong focus on community education as a mechanism to continue to support and engage with disadvantaged learners.
- focus on investment in building the digital infrastructure of providers and their capability to ensure that online learning/blended learning can be delivered in a way that meets the complex needs of learners.
- Proposed projects should have no adverse impact on existing services or provision funded through the ETB.
- Duplication of funding must be avoided

Conditions of funding..

- ETBs responsible for the administration and management of funding allocated under MAED Fund 2021.
- Grants must comply with all statutory, European Union and SOLAS requirements (**see appendix 4**)
- Application documentation must be completed in full and retained by ETB for audit

Conditions of funding..

- Approved funding allocation for any project under the MAEDF 2021 must;
 - Be used for specific purpose intended/indicated in approved application
 - Be expended for by 2021 year-end.
 - May not be used for any pay costs or costs of a recurring nature.

Funding Criteria/areas..

- Applications can be in relation to any one or more than one of the following
 - Digital Technologies
 - Learner Assistance Fund
 - Reach-out and/or Mentoring
 - COVID-19 Recovery Exceptional Circumstances

Funding Criteria/areas..

- **Digital Technologies**
- This can include:
 - laptop loan scheme
 - A managed device service to support providers in maximising the mitigation of barriers and ICT resourcing at local level.
 - Purchasing relevant software and systems to facilitate high quality learning and delivery.
 - Provide CPD training as required.

Note: Items over €1000 in value are deemed Capital items and cannot be purchased/funded under the scheme

Funding Criteria/areas..

- **Learner Assistance Fund**
 - A Learner Assistance Fund can be used to help where appropriate with costs accruing to a learner such as:
 - books and class materials
 - rent and other utility bills
 - food
 - essential travel
 - childcare costs
 - medical costs

The nature and appropriateness of the expenditure for which assistance is being proposed must be clearly identified.

Funding Criteria/areas..

- **COVID-19 Recovery Exceptional Circumstances**
 - COVID-19 Recovery Exceptional Circumstances Fund for Community Education to address educationally disadvantaged learners.

Funding Criteria/areas..

- Out-reach and/or Mentoring
 - Re-engagement with Learners through Outreach, Engagement and Mentoring Fund is designed to assist with costs associated with activities such as:
 - Awareness raising
 - Services to promote re-engagement
 - **The nature and appropriateness of the expenditure for which assistance is being proposed must be clearly identified.**

Applications..

- Applications must be on the correct form and be fully completed (appendix 1)
- Applications must be received in CETB by Friday 17th September 2021 @ 3.00pm.
- Applications can only be accepted electronically
- Email applications to:
maedf2021@corketb.ie
- (SOLAS deadline is 24th September)

Key Points..

- Ensure that CETB has up to date details regarding your tax clearance and Bank Account
- Purchasing of Goods/Services must be undertaken in accordance with CETB Procurement requirements and Procedures (see document)
- All documentation (RFQ's, quotations, etc to be sent to CETB prior to payment of grant)
- No orders/commitments can be made until approval is confirmed to the applicant organisation

Key Points..

- All payment requests to CETB by submission of a single invoice from the funded organisation detailing the payment requested.
- Grant payment to the level of approved funding or the actual cost of goods/services, whichever is the lesser
- On single item costing more than €1000
- SOLAS, DFHERIS and CETB to be acknowledged by funded organisations in publicity articles

Key Points..

- All applications are assessed by CETB prior to submission
- Priority of the scheme is for learners at Levs 1-3
- Avoid duplication, possibility for joint/collaborative proposals to maximise outcomes
- Be creative, consider how application might have lasting impact
- If applying for learner supports, details of appropriate management/sanctioning/approval mechanisms must be provided

Support..

- **North Cork-**
 - Nuala Glanton AEO
 - Sadie Allen Area Coordinator
- **South Cork-**
 - Ciaran Lynch AEO
 - Darragh McNamara Area Coordinator
- **West Cork-**
 - Teresa O'Sullivan AEO
 - Michael Crowley Area Coordinator
- **Cork City-**
 - Ger Canning/Ruth Griffin AEO
 - Phil Heffernan Area Coordinator
 - Nuala White Area Coordinator
 - Ronán O'Caoimh Area Coordinator

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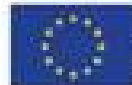
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Questions

