



COMMUNITY €1 MILLION FUND

AIB NI - How to nominate and Frequently Asked Questions

How-to-Nominate

Visit aibni.co.uk/community and click on the link under AIB Community €1 Million Fund 'nominate here'.

1. Fill out the nomination form with the following details:
 - your name and email address
 - the charity name and charity registration number
 - You can check for the charity registration number on the following links:
England and Wales [here](#)
Northern Ireland [here](#)
Scotland [here](#)
 - a maximum of 200 words on why your charity should receive support from the fund
2. Select the region your charity is based in
3. Select the social theme under which your charity fits
4. Click submit! That's it, you have now nominated your local charity to the review process

Ten charities in the UK will be shortlisted and invited to present an overview of their charity to the judging panel. The judging panel will be made up of AIB staff and an independent reviewer.

In the UK, there will be four awardees who will each receive £15,000 and six runners up who will each receive £5,000

Who can nominate?

Anyone can nominate one charity who is registered in either England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland

What is the AIB Community €1 Million Fund?

AIB supports communities across the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Great Britain. AIB has supported and is committed to making a positive contribution to society and the communities in which we live and work.

This year, we have launched the AIB Community €1 Million Fund where people can nominate their local charity to receive financial support from the fund.

Charities funded will be nominated by the public and employees to connect with the causes and organisations that matter to them.

How does it work?

The AIB Community €1 Million Fund will be open annually, each Summer. The general public nominate an organisation with a registered charity number by filling out the nomination form on aibni.co.uk/community. Nominated charities will be shortlisted and will be invited to present to a Judging panel made up of AIB staff and an independent reviewer.

Nominations are open from 23 June 2022 and will close on 14 July 2022, the judging process will take place over the Summer and the awardees will be announced in Autumn 2022.

The AIB Community €1 Million Fund is available for charitable organisations and funds will be awarded proportionally across Ireland and the UK based on population spread and branch network. €700,000 will be allocated to charities chosen by its customers and the public while €300,000 will be allocated to charities chosen by its employees. All nominated charities are subject to due diligence review, and AIB reserves the right to monitor beneficiaries' use of funds.

Who can nominate?

Anyone can nominate a charity that matters most to them to receive support from the fund. Only one charity per person will be accepted

I am neither an AIB staff member nor a customer, can I still nominate a charity that I would like AIB to support in my community?

Anyone can nominate one charity that is registered in either England and Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland.

How do I nominate a Charity to the AIB Community €1 Million Fund?

Visit aibni.co.uk/community and click on AIB Community €1 Million Fund 'submit here'. Please see 'how to nominate' at the top of this form on how you can fill out the nomination form

What do I do next?

Once the nomination deadline is closed, the reviewing process will commence. The awarded charities will be announced on our website aibni.co.uk/community in Autumn 2022.

What Charities are eligible for this fund?

All registered charitable organisations that have a charity registration number and that are registered in England and Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland. You will need to supply this registration number on the nomination form.

You can check for the charity registration number on:

England and Wales [here](#)

Northern Ireland [here](#)

Scotland [here](#)

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?

Organisations with a charity registration number, including but not limited to:

- Charitable organisations or not-for-profits registered in England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland
- Voluntary Community Groups or Clubs

What we cannot support

Nominations for the following applicants and projects are excluded:

- a. Organisations that relate to religious or political activities
- b. Non-charitable activities
- c. Animal charities where animals are the primary beneficiaries (exceptions include projects that involve animals where the primary beneficiaries are individuals i.e. Autism assistance dogs or similar examples.)
- d. Nominations that involve covering core costs such as rent, salaries etc., costs to cover trips abroad
- e. General running or ongoing costs of an organisation
- f. Retrospective funding (work that has already taken place)
- g. Nominations for projects with the purpose of promoting sport/ competitive sport

Additionally, AIB's current core charity partners cannot be nominated for this fund, including our current charity arrangements with Cancer Research UK, Age NI and Age UK

What initiatives does the fund support?

The social themes on the nomination form represent the areas where the funding is focused however, we are open to supporting any project/activity that works with our local communities, enabling them to thrive and grow. The research-based social themes which AIB supports are:

- Education & Opportunities
- Sustainability
- Digital Innovation & Financial Inclusion