



Irish Hospice Foundation (IHF) works to ensure that everyone receives the best possible care at end of life and in bereavement. We do this by engaging in research, education, advocacy and working collaboratively with organisations involved in bereavement support across Ireland. We work both at a national and regional level and engage with statutory and non-statutory organisations.

Our developmental approach is based on the [Adult framework for bereavement care](#). This framework was developed in 2019 through a national collaborative process with organisations and people who support bereaved people across Ireland at all levels of care. This framework is based on a public health approach to bereavement and aims to guide those working with and supporting bereaved people across the country.

The 2018 report [‘Enhancing Adult Bereavement Care Across Ireland’](#) recommended a collaborative approach to bereavement care, in addition to, developing and supporting regional meetings among bereavement organisations (p33). Regional networks can enable a collaborative approach at a local level – facilitating sharing of knowledge and resources, improving referral pathways, help identify gaps regionally, maintaining an up-to-date regional directory of services etc.

What are the Local Bereavement Development (LBD) Grants?

The grant is a once off award for a group of five or more organisations who provide some level of bereavement support and all operate within a geographical region e.g. county. The grant aims to encourage and support collaborative bereavement developments at a local or regional level. Existing networks and networks formed for the purpose of the grant are welcome to apply.

What types of projects will be considered for a Grant?

The aim of the LBD Grants are to enhance bereavement care provision through local collaboration among organisations providing bereavement care.

Projects will be considered for the Grant that will result in any of the following:

- Promote local bereavement organisations to work together;
- Improve bereavement care provision to the general public (e.g. raise awareness, provide information, improve referral pathways etc.);
- Improve bereavement care provision to a at risk group for complex or prolonged grief;
- Continual development and support of staff and volunteers to deliver excellent bereavement care at the various levels provision (see [adult framework for bereavement care](#) for more details on levels of service provision)

Where does the money for the Grant come from?

This grant scheme is part of Irish Hospice Foundation's bereavement strategy and its commitment to supporting the enhancement of bereavement care across Ireland. ~~Four grants will be awarded in 2024~~

Is there a maximum amount available?

Yes. Grants are given up to a maximum value of €1000.

What if our project budget is over €1000?

If your project budget exceeds €1000, you may apply for a grant of €1000 but must indicate in the application the total budget required and supply information about how your group commits to meet the shortfall.

Is there a deadline for these Grants?

Yes. Applications must be submitted by **5pm on Friday 29th November 2024**

Who can apply for a Grant?

A group of organisations who provide some level of bereavement support to the public and operate in the same geographical region e.g. county, CHO area etc.

Eligibility criteria include:

- There must be a minimum of six organisations in the group
- All organisations must provide some level of bereavement support to adults and/or families (e.g. information, peer support, counselling etc).
- All organisations must operate within the geographical area that is the focus of this application
- At least 50% of the organisations in the group must be non-governmental organisations
- All organisations must demonstrate transparent governance and NGOs must be registered with the Charity Regulator

How do I apply?

The application form is available to download. Completed applications can be submitted via email to bereavementdevelopment@hospicefoundation.ie by 5pm on Friday 29th of November.

What happens after I apply?

The IHF Local Bereavement Development Grant Selection committee will review all applications on closing of the application process. Each application will be scored against the following assessment criteria for the Grant.

- Meet all eligibility criteria
- The project to have one of the following aims:
 - Promote local bereavement organisations to work together
 - Improve bereavement care provision to the general public (e.g. raise awareness, provide information, improve referral pathways etc.)
 - Improve bereavement care provision to a at risk group for complex or prolonged grief
 - Continual development and support of staff and volunteers to deliver excellent bereavement care at the various levels provision (see adult framework for bereavement care for more details on levels of service provision)
- Demonstrate clear and thoughtful planning
- Advanced consideration of any potential risks, resistance and adverse effects.

Applications that score higher on the score sheet will be given priority consideration for a Grant. Consideration will also be given to ensure a balanced geographical spread. All applicants will be informed by mid-December 2024 if their proposal has been accepted for a Grant.

What happens if we are successful in applying for a Grant?

The IHF will be in contact with you to arrange payment of the Grant. A timeline will be agreed for your project which will include start, end and review date.

Your project plan should include a review of the activity or event which is the focus of this grant application. You are required to submit a one-page report on your project after its completion date and include any findings or outcomes of your review.

You and IHF will agree a plan for presenting your project and sharing your experience at a IHF bereavement event.

IHF should be acknowledged in the branding and advertising of your project activity.

What happens if we are unsuccessful in applying for a Grant?

The IHF team will be in contact with you to explain how your proposal was assessed against the selection criteria and the reasons why the Grant was not given.

Is the Grant transferable to another project?

No, any Grant awarded is done so based on the project outlined in the Grant application.