

SMURFIT KAPPA FOUNDATION FUNDING GUIDELINES

If you are a registered charity/not-for-profit working in a community where Smurfit Kappa Group (SKG) has a presence and would like to make an application for funding for a project, please complete the SK Foundation (SKF) application form online at www.smurfitkappafoundation.com. The SK Foundation is a registered charity in Ireland – Registered charity No: 20008963

Note - Only requests received via the online application process will be considered.

Criteria for all projects

- Must be for the benefit of underprivileged people.
- Must be in the areas of Health, Nutrition, Education and General wellbeing.
- Must be a sustainable project.
- Must be for a public benefit.
- Must be in a country where SKG operates.
- Must be supportive of a least one of the below United Nations sustainable development goals that we have set as a priority.



How to apply

Initially, please study our Grant Guidelines to ascertain if your project is eligible for funding.

Please note for ALL applications, the SK Foundation will only be able to consider grant requests submitted using the Grant Application Form online.

Application deadlines

Applications will be accepted at any time and if eligible for funding will be presented at the subsequent SK Foundation Board Meeting. Board meetings will take place in February, May, September and November each year.

Application and review process

1. Complete and submit the online application form available on SK Foundation's website [Apply for funding | Smurfit Kappa Foundation](http://www.smurfitkappafoundation.com).
2. Foundation Manager will review all applications and submit valid projects for second review.
3. Second review performed by three Trustees of SK Foundation, and if valid they go to the full Board for review.
4. The full Board then reviews all projects submitted and final decisions are made.
5. SK Foundation Manager to notify successful and unsuccessful applicant by email.

Who can apply?

SK Foundation welcomes applications from registered charities/not-for-profits in countries where SKG has a presence.

Countries where SKG operate are:

Argentina	Dominican Republic	Mexico	Spain
Austria	Ecuador	Morocco	Sweden
Belgium	El Salvador	Netherlands	Switzerland
Bulgaria	France	Norway	United Kingdom
Canada	Germany	Peru	United States
Chile	Greece	Poland	
Colombia	Ireland	Portugal	
Costa Rica	Italy	Romania	
Czech Republic	Latvia	Serbia	
Denmark	Lithuania	Slovakia	

Activities outside our criteria

Below please find a list of actives outside our criteria, please note this is not an exhaustive list.

- Academic research.
- Activities for which a statutory body is responsible.
- Activity taking place in school time that are a statutory responsibility.
- Professional qualifications.
- Every day running costs and core salaries (sometimes running costs and salaries may form part of a specific project so we would consider these as part of the overall project).
- General fundraising appeals.
- Individuals – we do not donate to an individual raising money for themselves or for a charity.
- Loans or business finance.
- Recurrent funding.
- Religious and political causes.
- Startup costs for new organisations.
- Work that has already taken place.

Grant amounts

All grants are submitted and paid in Euro's. The SK Foundation has a minimum grant size of €10,000. Please note that just because a charity meets all the criteria it does not guarantee funding.

The decision of the Board is final.

Successful applications

We will notify all successful applicants by email after the relevant Board meetings. Charities that have been successful should note that this will be taken into consideration if they make further applications.

Unsuccessful applications

Unfortunately, due to the number of applications we receive, not all applications can be approved for funding. These applicants will receive an email confirming they have not been successful. This can be received at different stages of the process.

We are unable to provide feedback on all applications due to the number we receive and limited resources.

Smurfit Kappa Group contacts

If you know someone who works in SKG, then please include their name in your grant application. We try to help establish a connection between SKG plants and the communities where they operate.

Further information

If you have any questions regarding your application for funding to Smurfit Kappa Foundation, please contact Marie Barrett at Marie.Barrett@smurfitkappa.com



Marie Barrett - Finance Manager for the Foundation

Marie Barrett was appointed Finance Manager for the Smurfit Kappa Foundation in March 2022. She joined Smurfit Kappa in 2006 as Treasury Accountant before joining the Group Finance team in 2012 as Group Accountant at the Company's Head Quarters in Dublin. She is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has a B.Sc. in Business Studies and Finance from Dublin City University. Marie first began working with the Foundation in 2013, when she took on the voluntary role of Director of Smurfit Kappa Foundation.