



Naomh Breandan
CREDIT UNION LIMITED

Building Communities Fund Application Form

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The Building Communities Fund supports projects in the common bond. €30,000 is available to community initiatives in 2026.

Introduction

Please submit your completed application by Friday 30th of October 2026.

For any questions about this application, please contact Annalisa Murphy, Community Development Manager, at annalisa@naomhbreandancu.ie or 087 3899883.

Naomh Breandan Credit Union's Building Communities Fund supports initiatives by community groups in Loughrea and the surrounding areas that benefit our local communities. We are particularly interested in projects that:

- identify and respond to the needs of people in the community – especially more vulnerable community members;
- collaborate with other local groups to achieve greater impact; and
- work towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Contact Details

Please enter the details of your organisation and a contact person for the application.

1. Organisation/group name

2. Contact name and position

3. Organisation/group address (or contact person's address, if the organisation does not have a premises)*

4. Organisation/group email address or contact person's email address*

5. Contact number(s) for the group/organisation and contact person

6. Is the organisation/group a member of Naomh Breandan Credit Union?

If yes, please provide the group's NBCU Account Number. If not, please write 'No'

7. Is the organisation/group a not-for-profit /voluntary/community/charity group?

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Yes

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No

8. Number of people in organisation/group?

Please provide any relevant information on group members, such as age, gender, ability, etc.

9. Is your organisation/group operating in the common bond area?

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Yes

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No

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Not Sure

Naomh Breandan Credit Union operates in a common bond geographical area in Loughrea and surrounding communities. Anyone living, working, attending school, college or training courses in the common bond area, and anyone living in a member's household, is eligible to become a member

10. How much funding is the group applying for?

Please give breakdown of costs if possible

Information about the Initiative and the Community Group

Please provide some information about your group, why you are applying for funding and the changes you are working towards in your community.

11. Please give us a detailed description of your organisation/group and your proposed initiative. What do you plan to do?

You could include here: objectives of the group, location of initiative, who will be involved and what they will do, timeline for the initiative, who will benefit, group capacity/experience to undertake the initiative, does it work towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – if so, please specify relevant goal(s)

12. Please explain in detail: what are the strengths of your community, what challenges is the community facing and what motivates your group?

Note: a community can be in a geographical area or a group of people with shared interests.

13. Please explain in detail how your group works with others (or could work with others) to achieve a wider impact

Name three positive changes in your community that your group is (or could be) working towards, with the support of other community members, other community groups or local services. What do you hope will be the impact of these actions?

14. If your application is successful, please tell us how you will acknowledge the support of Naomh Breandan Credit Union?

15. Organisations/clubs that receive funding are requested to include the Naomh Breandan Credit Union logo/banner and/or related materials during a photoshoot/event and to agree that Naomh Breandan Credit Union can publicise material relating to the use of the funds awarded on our social media, website, email and in local press

☐ I agree ☐ I do not agree

16. Please provide your organisation's website and/or social media accounts (if applicable).

17. Declaration of applicant

☐ I declare that the information provided in this form is correct.

☐ I permit to have my personal data processed for the purpose of applying for this funding.

18. Date of submission

19. Name of person submitting the application

How will Naomh Breandan Credit Union assess your application?

Your application will be reviewed by a committee of Naomh Breandan Credit Union Board and staff members. The information on the proposed initiative(s) will be assessed using the following criteria:

Proposed community initiative(s): 50%

Community strengths and challenges, group motivation: 20%

Working with others and intended impact: 30%

Thank you for your application to Naomh Breandan Credit Union's Building Communities Fund. We will contact you in November or early December. Contributions to projects that are awarded funding from the Building Communities Fund will be paid into groups' credit union accounts or paid by cheque in late December 2026 or January 2027.