



Creative Youth Nurture Fund

State Aid Overview

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State Aid is the term for supports given to Undertakings from state resources on a selective basis, which has the potential to distort competition and affect trade between member states and is therefore deemed incompatible with the common market. In general, State aid is prohibited because of its anti-competitive effects. State Aid is only present when it's provided to an 'Undertaking' which the Court of Justice has defined as entities engaged in economic activity, regardless of their legal status or how they are financed or whether they are generating a profit or not.

Further details are available here: <u>https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/what-we-do/eu-internal-market/eu-state-aid-rules/</u>

2. De Minimis

Funding under this scheme may qualify as State Aid. If applicable, you should download, complete and upload the De Minimis self-declaration in the application process. This De Minimis self-declaration is available to download <u>here</u>.

Under EC Commission Regulation No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty to De Minimis aid ("the Regulation"), there is a ceiling of €200,000 for all De Minimis aid provided to any one recipient over a 3-year period. Any award of grant given under the Regulations will be relevant if the Recipient wishes to apply, or has applied, for any other De Minimis aid.

Using the information provided in the De Minimis self-declaration, we will assess your eligibility to receive assistance. Please note that having received previous aid under the De Minimis Regulation does not automatically disqualify you from receiving further De Minimis aid from the Creative Youth Nurture Fund.

If you have had public sector support, you should have been notified in writing of any De Minimis element when the aid was awarded. You are required to declare any such aid previously provided by a public body to your company or any company that you are linked to.

Should you reach the De Minimis ceiling with this scheme, you will be unable to receive De Minimis aid for three years from any other source. For the purposes of the Regulation, the successful Recipient must retain details of the Grant for 3 years from the date on which the Recipient receives the last instalment of the Grant and produce it on any request by European public authorities.