

Social Impact Fund – Stakeholder Information Summary

Background

The Social Impact Fund is being established under the Gambling Regulation Act 2024 to provide sustained investment in responses to gambling-related harm.

Earlier consultation with over 200 stakeholders identified urgent needs across the four legislative domains:

- 1. Prevention & Education
- 2. Treatment & Recovery Supports
- 3. Awareness & Harm Reduction
- 4. Research & Evaluation

These findings informed the draft funding strategy.

Why We Are Consulting Again

We are now moving to the next stage of consultation. The Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland (GRAI) is seeking information to understand:

- The capacity and interest of services and organisation in delivering initiatives supported by the fund.
- High-level estimates of operational and capital costs, timelines and potential reach for services.
- Ideas and proposals that could inform programme design in the coming years.

This consultation will ensure that the fund is designed to reflect sector priorities, readiness and innovation.

What We Are Asking You to Do

- Attend a short online information session
 - Monday 15 September 12:00 to 12:45pm

OR

- Wednesday 17 September 2:30pm to 3:15pm
- Complete a short questionnaire (10 15 minutes) between September 18 and October 3, 2025.

The questionnaire will ask for:

- Indicative annual operational costs
- Any potential capital costs needed
- Timelines for services to become operational
- Scale of reach (e.g. number of people served, communities covered)
- Your ideas for how the fund could best support innovative projects and initiatives

Timeline

- Information sessions September 15 & 17
- Questionnaire launch September 8
- Deadline for responses October 3
- Findings to influence GRAI funding strategy

Next Steps

Your input is essential in ensuring that the Social Impact Fund is both practical and ambitious. By providing this information you will help shape the fund's priorities and the design of future programmes.

You can find the survey at https://forms.office.com/e/G1LRK1PrgW

