

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	IDA Training Grants Programme
Name of the instrument - English translation	IDA Training Grants Programme
Scheme ID	112
Country	 Ireland
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for companies
Sub-type of instrument	Support for direct costs
Type of entry	Single instrument

Short description	Companies may apply for the grant in the context of improving their long term competitiveness and transformation. The instrument is administered by the Industrial Development Agency (IDA). The eligible education and training activities include specific work-related training (with IDA co-funding up to 25% of the eligible costs) and general skills training (up to 60% of the eligible costs). Eligible costs include fees and other costs related to education and training. There is no preferential treatment.
Short description of the related instruments	Not applicable

Level of operation	National
Name of a part of the country	Not applicable
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	Not applicable
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	Not applicable
Relevance	Key instrument
Legal basis	Industrial Development Acts 1986 and 2019.

Objective(s) and target(s)	To provide foreign-owned companies with support for training provision in their companies; facilitate a significant upgrading of the skills base in the context of improving the company's long term competitiveness and transformation. Training grants have been a consistent part of IDA Ireland's suite of grant supports for many decades, albeit a relatively small one.
Year of implementation	1952
Operation/management	The instrument is administered by the Industrial Development Agency (IDA).
Eligible group(s)	Foreign-owned companies operating in Ireland.
Group(s) with preferential treatment	No preferential treatment
Education and training eligible	Specific work-related training and general skills training.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	Industrial Development Authority (via Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation) matching: company
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	The maximum level of grant for companies for specific training is 25% of eligible costs and for general training it is 60%. The money is transferred to employers in the form of advance payment; companies that best meet pre-determined criteria (specified through top down procedures) are funded.
Eligible costs	Fees and other costs related to education and training
Volumes of funding	Training grant expenditure: 2019: EUR 110 848 000 2018: EUR 10 690 000 2017: EUR 12 702 000
Beneficiaries/take up	Not available
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (parent department).
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	No
Most relevant webpage - in English	http://www.idaireland.com/
Most relevant webpage - local language	http://www.idaireland.com/
Recent changes	Recent changes in response to COVID-19 No
Sources	http://www.djei.ie/publications/strategicpolicy/2015/3.4_PL_M_IDA_Traini...