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Proposals for the initiative, designed by its Foundation in Spain, can be submitted until 22 September

Iberdrola launches its call for applications for over a million euros in Social Grants to support groups that are vulnerable due to the Covid-19 pandemic

- **The projects must focus on combating child poverty, social exclusion and providing aid for inclusive education, healthcare and women**
- **For over a decade, Fundación Iberdrola España has sponsored over 400 initiatives and given support to a total of 375,000 people in Spain**

Iberdrola has put out a call for applications to its 2021 Social Programme, to be received before 21 September. This year it is focusing on helping to lessen the negative effects of Covid-19 on the most vulnerable, prioritising support for children and women, and the families most affected by the economic crisis brought on by the pandemic.

This call, with a budget of more than one million euros, is addressed to private charitable institutions that are declared to be in the public interest, have goals that are of social interest and carry out their activities in Spain.

Given the unprecedented and exceptional circumstances, and following the recommendations made by Covid-19 experts, the call for applications made by Fundación Iberdrola España covers five lines of work to promote joint projects with social entities:

- ✓ **Child poverty:** comprehensive support for homes with low incomes or unemployment to cover the basic aspects of everyday life and, in particular, ensure essential healthy nutrition;
- ✓ **Inclusive education:** to help to narrow the education gap and promote online tutoring or safe educational models and to promote alternatives for leisure and safe free time, which include awareness-raising promoting proper hygiene and social distancing measures for children and adults.
- ✓ **Social inclusion:** special support for children and young people with disabilities, through innovation in occupational centres and the promotion of abilities, to ensure their personal autonomy and alleviate the burden on their families.
- ✓ **Health and well-being:** to help the most vulnerable families and offer support to seriously ill vulnerable people and young people undergoing treatment for addiction.
- ✓ **Support for women:** to contribute to ending all forms of discrimination against women (of all ages) based on opportunities for access to education and the labour market. Care for women who are suffering harassment and serious gender violence in the current healthcare, economic and social crisis.



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Fundación Iberdrola España will select some 30 projects, which must be in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the 2030 Agenda, following the collaborative example proposed by the United Nations in Goal 17 to encourage multi-player alliances.

Applicants must submit their proposals by 22 September using the form available from the foundation website (www.fundacioniberdrolaespana.org), where they can also consult the terms and conditions of the call for applications. It is planned that selection will take place in November and the projects will be implemented during the 12 months of 2021.

Committed to society

Through its Foundation's Social Programme in Spain, Iberdrola has already allocated over 10 million euros to social initiatives in Spain, benefiting a total of 375,000 people. Since this programme was launched in 2010, the company has fostered over 400 joint projects with nearly a hundred social entities that have contributed to combating child poverty, tutoring and the social inclusion of children, young people and women in vulnerable situations. This Social Programme has led to the creation of 1,300 jobs and the participation of 2,250 volunteers.

The Iberdrola foundation also focuses its activities on training and research in the field of energy, through scholarship programmes; on biodiversity, with projects protecting the environment; and on cultural development, by caring for and maintaining cultural and artistic treasures.

About Iberdrola

[Iberdrola](#) is a global energy leader, the number one producer of wind power, and one of the world's biggest electricity utilities by market capitalisation. The group supplies energy to almost 100 million people in dozens of countries including Spain, the United Kingdom (ScottishPower), the United States (AVANGRID), Brazil (Neoenergia), Mexico, Germany, Portugal, Italy and France. With a workforce of more than 35,000 and assets in excess of €122 billion, it achieved a turnover of over €36.4 billion and a net profit of more than €3.4 billion in 2019. Iberdrola is leading the transition towards a sustainable energy model through its investments in renewable energy, smart grids, large-scale energy storage and digital transformation, to offer the most advanced products and services to its customers. Firmly committed to clean energy, Iberdrola is one of the companies with the lowest emissions and an international benchmark for its contribution to sustainability and the fight against climate change.

