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An introduction to grants

Grants are a form of restricted funding. So the funding must be spent on a specified programme of activity or an agreed set of resources. Depending on the size of the grant, you may have to provide a detailed budget to the funder, as well as evidence of expenditure, a programme evaluation, and regular progress updates. You may also have to sign a grant agreement or contract.

Grants are subsidies and offer organisations the opportunity to undertake activities which can't generate enough income to cover their costs, often running projects that make a real difference to people's lives. Grants can be used in a wide number of ways, to support research and development, help build capacity or establish new activities which over time could become self-financing.

Key things to know about grants

- Grant funding tends to be short-term, so you'll need to build in from the start your exit strategy
- Many funders have specific priorities for types of activity they want to fund – and this doesn't always match up with what you want to do
- Funders may have terms and conditions to manage the project – such as new financial procedures or systems
- The application process can take time, each funder has their own criteria, priorities and processes which means every application has to be tailored. It then takes time to get a decision and receive the grant.

Explore grants

This section will help you explore grants in more depth with information and practical tools to help you improve your applications. Work your way through:

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Good starting article and another useful national support organisation.

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One of our expert researchers, Scott Mason, shares his top ten tips for completing trust funding applications.

By Scott Mason, Researcher, DSC
Published on 24 January, 2019

1. Do your research

Across the UK there are literally thousands of grant-makers big and small, supporting all kinds of charitable projects. As such, no matter how niche your organisation may be, it is likely that somewhere, there will be a grant-maker willing to support you. In order to ensure that you maximise your chances of securing funding, therefore, it is important to invest sufficient time in identifying those funders who will be most likely to fund your proposed project. Often this may involve looking beyond the larger and more well-known grant-makers to smaller issue-specific funders. While these local and regional grant-makers may lack the resources of their national counterparts, they are also likely to receive far fewer applications.

Funding Central's search engine is Free to join if your groups income is under £100K and only about £140 a year if your income is above that.

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1. Who and your organisation 2. What do you want funding for?

3. Where 4. How much 5. How long 6. How often 7. How to apply 8. How to contact

9. Refine your search

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GOV.UK Organising a voluntary event: a 'can do' guide

Guidance

Organising a voluntary event: a 'can do' guide

Updated 23 February 2019

GOV.UK Charity fundraising: a guide to trustee duties (CC20)

Guidance

Charity fundraising: a guide to trustee duties

Published 7 June 2016

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