



N E Lincolnshire Virtual Funding and Information Fair

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Bernard Sunley Foundation

Who we are

We are a family grant making foundation which supports charities in England and Wales working to raise the quality of life and provide greater opportunities for the young, the elderly, the disabled and the disadvantaged.

The Foundation has awarded over £118 million in grants since it was established in 1960.

Each year we give just over £3.5 million to capital projects that deliver a real community focus or provide facilities to support those in need.

What we fund

- **Capital projects** which include freehold purchases, new buildings, extensions, refurbishments and recreational spaces.
- New minibuses and other vehicles that provide a vital service to those most in need in their local community.
- Churches and other places of worship with a strong, secular community focus.
- Charities or CIOs (Charitable Incorporated Organisations) registered in England and Wales.
- Certain organisations with 'exempt' and 'excepted' status such as places of worship, specialist schools, scout and guide groups, housing associations and community benefit societies.

What we don't fund

Types of ineligible applicants

- Charities registered outside England or Wales.
- Community amateur sports clubs (CASCs), community interest companies (CICs) or unregistered community groups.
- Local authorities such as town or parish councils.
- Churches or other religious bodies with no or limited secular activity.
- NHS hospitals or charities fundraising on their behalf.
- Mainstream schools, colleges or universities, or charities fundraising on their behalf.
- Charities with an annual income of £10 million and over.
- Newly established charities with no previous annual accounts.
- Charities that have applied to us unsuccessfully within the previous 12 months.
- Charities applying for a new grant before an existing pledged grant has been paid.
- Individuals.

What we don't fund

Types of ineligible projects

- Projects with total costs of £10 million and over. Projects between £5m and £10m must contact the office to get permission to apply.
- Projects with total costs of less than £5,000.
- Capital fees – building surveys, planning applications or feasibility studies.
- Core costs – salaries, running and repair costs, websites and other IT, programmes, rent, utility bills.
- Medical or research medical equipment.
- Fittings such as electrical appliances and furniture.
- Equipment such as IT infrastructure and AV systems, work tools, sports gear, musical instruments etc.
- Second hand vehicles
- Heritage or conservation projects with no or limited community benefit.

How we fund

- We do not fully fund projects.
- Three levels of grants:
 - Large grants of £20,000+ and medium grants of £10,000 up to £20,000, considered and agreed upon at our Trustees' meetings. Large and medium grants are normally awarded for projects costing over £100,000. Results usually in 6 months.
 - Small grants of £2,000 to £5,000, agreed by Trustees on a monthly basis, form the majority of our grants. Small grants are normally awarded to projects costing £100,000 and under. Results usually within 3 months.
- We pledge grants for 2 years from date of grant offer. Payments are made when funds are raised for the capital project to begin.
- Four categories: Community, Education, Health and Social Welfare

Community

We give grants towards the building or refurbishment of scout huts, village halls, community centres, youth clubs, boxing clubs, outdoor activity centres, farm and outdoor learning centres, sports centres and pavilions, playing fields and playgrounds.

We also fund the purchase of new minibuses and other vehicles that assist those most in need in their local communities.

BSF granted £2k in 2018 to St John the Evangelist Church, Brigg towards upgrading the disabled toilet in the church hall.



Education

The Foundation supports improvements and new facilities at special needs schools and the purchase of new, adapted minibuses that benefit children with special needs and disabilities.

We also award grants to educational nature centres and to new education and learning centres at museums, galleries and other arts organisations.

BSF granted £2.5k in 2018 to Woodlands Academy, Spilsby to build a parkour circuit.



Health

The Foundation supports building and refurbishment projects, specialist new transport and the creation of outdoor or recreational spaces for care homes, hospices, day centres and other facilities that provide relief and sanctuary for patients, their families and those with special needs.

The emphasis is on helping charities that are providing an excellent standard of care and support within their communities.

BSF granted £10,000 in 2015 to St Andrew's Hospice towards a new health and wellbeing centre.



Social Welfare

We support projects for veterans, the elderly, ex-offenders and those in prison and schemes that enable people with mental and physical disabilities to live fuller lives in the community.

BSF granted £3k in 2018 to YMCA Humber to refurbish the kitchen facilities at Community House.



How to apply

- We recommend contacting us if you are unsure your charity or project is eligible (read our online guidance first).
- We do not accept applications by email or post.
- There is a 2 step online process via our website:
 - Step 1 - Eligibility Check
 - Step 2 - Application form
- We will contact applicants for further information if necessary.
- We welcome major project updates by email, using your grant reference number.

Our funding in N E Lincolnshire

- 7 grant holders out of 10 applicants overall from 2000-2021
- 25 applications submitted
- 9 small grants and 1 medium grant offered
- £37,000 awarded in total
- Funded categories: Community, Health, Social Welfare