



The Foyle Foundation

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- London based but funds across the UK
- Awards about £9M in grants per year



Grant Programmes

- Main Grants Scheme – Arts and Learning charities (please note that the major capital programme for requests over £75K is currently suspended)
- Small Grants Scheme – for charities with a turnover of up to £150K per annum. Arts charities are also welcome to apply to Small Grants Scheme
- Foyle School Library Scheme

Main Grants Scheme



- Supports charities with a core remit of Arts or Learning operating in the United Kingdom
- This includes registered charities, CIOs, exempt charities, state schools and special needs schools.
- We welcome applications from across the country and particularly encourage applications from all areas outside London and the South East.

What we will consider funding – Main Grants

- Our focus has changed to making one-year grants only (no multi-year grants) to charities that can demonstrate ongoing financial stability for the next 12 months from the date of their application.
- More grants to cover core costs, favouring those with no, or without significant, public funding.
- Grants to cover essential equipment or re-equipping to enable ongoing service provision, delivery of on-line digital services and education work.
- Grants to enable minor works, or fund equipment, to enable social distancing within buildings.
- Projects/schemes that employ or support skilled freelance and independent artists and practitioners.
- Projects/proposals that help reduce fixed or variable costs to promote efficiency savings, or which enable the generation of higher income, or additional revenue streams. This can include environmental efficiency projects to reduce your carbon footprint, energy costs, or which improve internal air circulation systems to improve safety for visitors.
- Majority of grants £10K to £50K.

Small Grants Scheme

- The Foundation's Small Grants Scheme is a responsive and flexible scheme offering grants between £1,000 - £10,000 to charities with a turnover of less than £150K pa.
- The Scheme reopened to applications on 1 June 2020 and we are keen to be as flexible as can be in our support of small charities during this period.
- The focus is on stabilisation and recovery (rather than emergency funding) and those who can demonstrate a clear (usually local) need for their services and financial viability over the twelve months from the date of their application.
- 227 grants were awarded in 2019 and the average grant awarded is £4K

Points to note

- the impact of Coronavirus on your organisation to date
- how you have retrenched, reduced staff and other costs, or cut back your normal services
- what services you can still provide and to whom and by what means
- how you are implementing/or intend to implement social distancing rules
- what your revised Covid 19 affected annual income/expenditure forecast is likely to be
- what income you have raised to date for the current year
- your current shortfall for the year and how you consider that this can be met
- if you have any reserves and how they are being used to support your charity at this time
- what borrowings have you incurred, or are contemplating, for how much and on what terms as to interest and repayment
- if you are able to access any central or local government, public agency or lottery funding
- the details of any other funding sources you are applying for

Overview

- Read the guidelines carefully
- Please ask us questions if unsure
- Ensure that the Trustees and management team are supportive of the application
- Make a clear case for why funding is needed
- Be clear about the expected outcomes from receiving funding
- Ensure you have allowed adequate time for the Foundation to process the request and also allowed sufficient time to use funding effectively if approved
- Be realistic. Unfortunately regardless of how well written an application is, the Foundation receives a high volume of applications and has to make difficult decisions.

- Online application (links on website)
- Rolling programme – no deadlines. Can take up to 4 months to receive a decision.
- If unsuccessful the grants team are happy to provide feedback on the application.



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