

Provide Community Grants – Application Guidance

Provide Community CIC's grant-making approach is based on our values of care, innovation and compassion. Applications for unrestricted grants of up to £5,000 or £30,000 are welcomed from charitable organisations that improve health and wellbeing in local communities.

Please note that you can only apply for one grant in any twelve-month period, so we advise you to think carefully about which grant round to apply to.

Our grants for up to £5,000

The programme opens for applications for grants of up to £5,000 on 2nd December 2024 and closes 19th January 2025 (*this fund may close early if oversubscribed*). Outcomes can be expected by 31st March 2025. Dates for other funding rounds will be publicised in future.

Grants of £5,000 are offered with a duration of one year.

We are keen to support as many charitable organisations as possible and aim to keep the process as simple as we can. The following application guidance details what we are looking for from applicants and how to apply.

Our grants for up to £30,000

This programme is currently closed. We expect this to re-open in 2025.

Grant Criteria

Applications are welcome from registered charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) and Community Interest Companies (CICs) with an annual gross income of less than £5 million.

The aim of the Community Grants scheme is to support charitable organisations that enhance the health of people in their local communities. In particular, applications must align with at least one of the following themes:

- to help people stay healthy in their community
- to provide health education in the community
- to provide technological solutions that support community health and wellbeing

We are seeking applications from charitable organisations working in at least one of the following counties. Organisations operating entirely outside of these areas are not eligible to apply.

- Essex
- Derbyshire
- Cheshire
- Suffolk
- Dorset
- North Yorkshire
- Nottinghamshire
- Lincolnshire
- South Yorkshire

Whilst we value innovation, we also know that it is difficult to sustain effective programmes beyond the start-up phase, we are therefore open to funding both new and continuing projects or ongoing running costs.

The funder will not consider applications:

- outside of the geographical areas stated above
- that do not meet our eligibility criteria
- for individuals
- from organisations that have applied and been rejected in the past 12 months
- from organisations that are not a registered charity, a CIC or a CIO
- for retrospective funding
- from organisations that do not have the required additional documents
- for medical research
- for capital appeals
- for religious or political causes
- for endowment funds
- for one-off events
- from organisations with significant free reserves (more than 12 months running costs)

We aim to be as inclusive as possible through this funding scheme. If you are unsure whether or not your project is eligible, please contact us by email at grants.enquiries@ormistonfamilies.org.uk.

To check whether your charitable organisation is eligible to apply please take our eligibility quiz which can be found at <https://www.ormiston.org/get-involved/grants/>.

Application process

Once you have successfully completed our eligibility quiz, you will then be directed to our application portal, be able to register an account if you don't already have one and be able to start your application.

The application is split into four sections, as follows:

1. About the organisation
2. About your project
3. Funding Information
4. Supporting Documents & Declaration

As part of our due diligence process, you will be required to upload documentation, such as:

- Governing document
- Annual accounts (within the last 12 months)
- Safeguarding policy
- Equal Opportunities policy
- Copy of a bank statement less than 3 months old or a paying-in slip

Please note, your application will not be assessed without receipt of all the required supporting documents.

Once you have submitted your application you will receive an automated receipt and a PDF copy of your application for your records.

Once our team has reviewed all the applications submitted, they will take forward applications to be considered by an independent grants panel.

Only applications that meet the fund criteria and contain all the required additional documents will be considered. If your application is unsuccessful at any stage, you will be notified by email.

The independent grants panel will consider the remaining applications and the final grant awards will be approved by Provide CIC's Board of Trustees. The final outcome will then be communicated to all applicants by email. Please note, there is no right to appeal the outcome of your application.

If you are awarded a grant then you must adhere to the grant terms and conditions, which will be emailed to you along with your award letter. Please take the time to read your grant terms and conditions. If there are any additional conditions specifically for your charitable organisation, these will be in bold at the end of your terms and conditions.

Grants will be paid by BACs after you have been notified of your award.

Monitoring and evaluation will be required for all grant awards 12 months after the grant award date using our standard monitoring form which we will send to you. Interim monitoring will be required for multiyear grants. Please review the outcome monitoring requirements of this grant programme once you receive them, as you may need to collect baseline data at the beginning of the grant period.

Provide Community CIC is keen to visit your work so that we can understand your work better and the impact you are having. You will describe what such a visit might look like in your application. A visit will be included in the terms of any grant award.

[Click here to check your eligibility and apply](https://www.ormiston.org/get-involved/grants/) which can be found at <https://www.ormiston.org/get-involved/grants/>.

Application scoring

All criteria are scored out of 5. Key: 5 = exceeded, 3 = met, 1 = partially met,
0 = not met

Assessment criteria	Questions that assess these criteria	What we are looking for
Reach and scope	<p>Area of operation Which of these areas does your organisation operate in?</p> <p>Proportion of your beneficiaries in the areas Please tell us what proportion of the total number of people you support are in each of the counties you indicated above. Note that these might not add up to 100% if you also operate in other areas.</p> <p>Number of people that will benefit How many people in our funding area do you anticipate would benefit as a result of this funding?</p> <p>Reach Please tell us how you have calculated how many people will benefit.</p>	<p>This criterion is about your reach and alignment with our geographical areas. You should demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A significant proportion (50%+) of the people who benefit from your organisation are in one or more of our priority areas. You have robust understanding of your reach, regardless of beneficiary numbers. <p>Applications which demonstrate a good understanding of where their beneficiaries are, and whose work is more concentrated within the counties we support will be prioritised.</p>
Fit with Provide Community priorities & values	<p>Grant-giving priorities Which of our grant-giving priorities does your work contribute to? (select all that apply)</p> <p>About you Please give a brief summary of your organisation (aims, activities etc).</p> <p>Funding request summary Please tell us what you would like to use the grant for.</p> <p>What would the grant enable you to achieve State clearly what a grant would enable you to achieve and how this fits with our grant theme(s) and ambition of transforming people's lives?</p>	<p>This criterion is about your alignment with grant-giving themes and organisational values. You should demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your work is closely aligned with at least one of the following themes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To help people stay healthy in their community To provide health education in the community To provide technological solutions that support community health & wellbeing You have a clear and cohesive vision for your organisation and what it would like to achieve through this funding. You can articulate why it makes sense for your organisation to apply for funding from Provide Community Foundation. You have real-world examples of how your approach supports Provide's values of care, innovation & compassion.
Meeting community need	<p>About the need Please explain the needs that you are addressing.</p> <p>Meeting the needs How are you best placed to meet these needs?</p>	<p>This criterion is about your organisation understanding and meeting the needs of our priority communities. You should demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have an evidence-based understanding of the need you are addressing.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your work is informed by voices of people in the geographical or thematic community that your work is related to. You can articulate a clear rationale as to how the work that you do effectively addresses the need that has been identified. The skills and experience of your organisation will enable you to deliver against this need over the life of the grant
<p>Making a real difference</p>	<p>How do you know you have made a difference Please tell us how you will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of your work.</p> <p>The difference you have made If your project/work is already running, what impact have you seen in the past 12 months? If this is a new area of work, what impact do you expect to see?</p> <p>Visit description We value visits to the organisations we fund, what do you anticipate a visit to your organisation could look like?</p>	<p>This criterion is about the impact your organisation makes. You should demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have a proportionate, evidence-based approach to impact measurement. You use a variety of methods to understand the difference you make. You have a proven track record of making an impact OR a robust theory of change for any new initiative.
<p>Financial planning and management</p>	<p>Funding requested What grant amount are you requesting for your work?</p> <p>Total organisational budget What is your total organisational budget for this year?</p> <p>Fundraising to date Please give details of your fundraising to date for this work – funding secured and sources, pending applications etc. and your plans to raise any shortfall.</p> <p>Current level of your free reserves What is the current level of your free reserves?</p> <p>Operational timescale How many months would your free reserves allow the organisation to operate?</p> <p>Income from commissioned/statutory contracts What proportion of your income comes from commissioned/statutory contracts?</p>	<p>This criterion is about how you plan to spend your grant. You should demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your projected spend fits with and is proportionate to your plans. Your budget adequately covers the time and resource you will need to successfully, deliver your vision for the funding period, and your proposed draw-down schedule reflects this. Your organisational financial health is sufficient to pose a low risk through the course of the funded period.