

What we do

Lloyds Bank Foundation for the Channel Islands gives grants to charities helping disadvantaged people play a fuller role in the community. The Foundation also provides developmental support including mentoring, to help charities to improve their resilience and sustainability.

In 36 years, we have given over £21m to Channel Islands charities.

Our strategy is determined by our Board of Trustees, who meet three times each year to discuss and agree grant applications.

We support charities which demonstrate good governance and sustainable activities measured against identifiable outcomes.

Lloyds Bank Foundation for the Channel Islands is an independently registered charity funded by the profits of Lloyds Banking Group.

Who we like to fund

Health including mental health issues or a disability

We support charities which create opportunities for people with health issues including mental health or a physical or learning disability to live and work independently.

Homelessness

We help charities which provide accommodation and support for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and support their return into society.

People leaving institutional care to live independently

We help charities providing support and accommodation for people who are getting back into society after leaving care or prison.

Addiction and dependency

We support charities providing education and recovery for people who misuse alcohol and drugs and have gambling problems.

Loneliness and isolation

We help charities providing support to people who are vulnerable, people experiencing loneliness and people with carer responsibilities.

Employment, literacy, financial literacy and debt problems

We support employment and learning programmes for people disadvantaged by poor education and literacy including financial literacy and debt problems.

Domestic violence

We support charities who help prevent and protect people from abusive relationships.

Human Rights

We help charities who promote and protect human rights issues (from modern slavery to sexual exploitation), and charities who challenge discrimination and promote equality, diversity and inclusion.

What we can't fund

- Organisations which are not registered charities
- Individual requests
- Sponsorship request
- Animal welfare
- Environmental charities
- International appeals
- Expeditions or overseas travel
- The promotion of religion. We might not exclude charities which have a religious element, if their objectives demonstrate a wider benefit to people experiencing disadvantage

- Schools and colleges (except for projects that will benefit disadvantaged students and are clearly additional to statutory responsibilities)
- Large capital projects (small capital projects e.g. renovations, improvements will be considered)
- Purchase of vehicles
- Activities which are the responsibility of a statutory body or the islands' governments
- Activities which duplicate or overlap a service already provided
- Applications for salaries which would apply to the applicant
- Charities which have received one of our grants in the previous 12 months or have received three years continuous funding

What we fund

We fund projects which will improve the lives of disadvantaged people.

We will also help strengthen charities by supporting operating costs and salaries.

In considering applications, the trustees are influenced by evidence of: sound governance, good service delivery, good financial management, sustainable activities measured against identifiable outcomes. On that basis, decisions have to be made on an increasing volume of applications to allocate funds to organisations which can demonstrate good practice, particular merit, or need.

If we feel it would benefit a charity we will, when possible, provide a mentor who will help to build the capacity of the organisation.

If a grant is allocated for a new appointment or programme we will normally release funds only when the appointment has been made or immediately prior to the programme start date.

When to apply

Applications can be submitted at any time during the year but first, contact our Executive Director, Jo Le Poidevin, who will advise on eligibility, process, time-scales and deadline dates. She will visit each applicant in order to make a full report to the trustees.

All applicants are informed of the outcome of their application and the reasons for the decision.

Applicants are advised to leave at least one year between applications (one year from the date of our grant offer letter).

Monitoring and Evaluation

It is important that we understand how our grant money has been spent and how it has benefited the people we want to help.

Each grant recipient should expect a monitoring visit from the Foundation's Executive Director and / or a Trustee of the Board during the grant period.

We will expect each grant recipient to complete a Grant Report and return it to us at the end of the grant period which provides us with measurable outcomes.

How to apply

Please first contact our Executive Director to discuss the eligibility of your charity and project.

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The grant application form, advice note on completing the application form, and terms and conditions are on the Foundation website under 'Apply for Funding' www.lloydsbankfoundationci.org.uk