

1. Eligibility

Applicants must be a registered charity, exempt charity, not-for-profit social enterprise or community interest company benefitting communities in the Greater Bristol area.

CICs must have been established for at least three years and have an annual income of at least £50,000 with at least 25% of income from trading.

Sectors supported:

- Social welfare prioritising disadvantaged young people and homelessness
- Education including advancement of skills and employability
- The Arts

Exclusions

The following are not eligible:

- Medical research
- Single condition medical charities
- Grants for Individuals
- Animal welfare charities
- Sponsorship

Trustees strongly favour applications from Bristol based organisations. National charities applying for support for work in Bristol are less likely to be supported.

CICs whose core business model is substantially grant-reliant are unlikely to be successful.

2. How to Apply

Please apply using our **application form**.

There are three levels of grant:

- Small – up to £5,000
- Medium – £5,001 to £30,000
- Large – over £30,000

We know it takes time and resource to apply for grants. If you plan to apply for a medium or large grant, we recommend you make contact with the Director (via email in the first instance), to check that your proposal is a good fit with the Trust's priorities and that the grant request level is appropriate.

Applicants may suggest a preference for any level of grant, but the final amount may vary at the discretion of the trustees.

Applications for Small and Medium grants may be for project costs, capital costs or core costs. Project costs may include a reasonable proportion of core costs relevant to the project.

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