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Grant Guidelines

About The DWF Charitable Foundation

The DWF Foundation was founded by DWF LLP. Our vision is to encourage all of our people to work together as a catalyst for change. The DWF Foundation will provide funds, resources and support to help communities achieve their full potential.

The DWF Charitable Foundation is a registered charity number 1157229.

Themes

To help focus our work, measure our impact and support the efforts of the business the DWF Foundation will focus our work in the following areas. These complement our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) work.

Education

Employability

Homelessness

Health and Wellbeing

How to apply

In the first instance please study our Grant Guidelines to ascertain if your project is eligible for funding.

The [Online Application Form](#) is available to download from our website. If you wish to discuss your proposal at any stage, you are welcome to contact us at clare.beavan@dwf.law

Please note that the DWF Foundation will only be able to consider grant requests submitted using the [Online Application Form](#).

Application deadlines

Applications will be accepted at any time and if eligible for funding will be presented at the next Grants Committee meeting. Please see below guidelines on timescales for applications.

Grant Round	Submission Deadline	Response by
January 2019	30 November 2018	End January 2019
May 2019	Sunday 31 March 2019	End May 2019
September 2019	Wednesday 31 July 2019	End September 2019

Who can apply

The DWF Foundation will welcome applications from Registered Charities only.

Activities outside our criteria

The DWF Foundation will only fund charitable causes. We are not able to fund the following areas of work:

- Academic research
- Activities for which a statutory body is responsible
- Activity taking place in school time that is a statutory responsibility
- Animal welfare
- Evaluation which is not related to the funded work
- Every day running costs and core salaries
- General fundraising appeals
- Individuals
- Loans or business finance
- Other grant making bodies
- Professional fundraisers or bid writers
- Professional qualifications
- Recurrent funding
- Redundancy payments
- Religious and political causes
- Sponsorship/marketing appeals/fundraising costs
- Startup costs for new organisations
- The advancement of religion
- Universities/HE facilities
- Vehicles and minibuses
- Work that has already taken place

Size of grants

The Foundation does not have a minimum grant size but the majority of our grants will fall under £5,000.

Due to the funds we have available The DWF Foundation will not fund multiyear grants.

Making an application

To make an application for a grant, please complete our [Online Application Form](#)

References

We want to make sure that the DWF Foundation is supporting the interests of our people. If you know someone who works in DWF LLP then please include them as your reference on your grant application. If you do not know someone from within the business, then please supply us with the contact details of someone who is independent of your organisation and can talk about the work you do.

Successful applications

You will be notified within one month of the Grant Committee meeting at which your application was to be considered.

Charities receiving funding from us should allow 12 months to elapse from our last grant award before making a new application.

Unsuccessful applications

Due to the volume of applications we receive unfortunately the DWF Foundation is not able to fund everyone. We have limited resources available and are therefore unable to notify unsuccessful applicants. If you have not heard from us within four months of making your application then please assume you have been unsuccessful. Please allow at least 12 months before re-applying.

Further information

If you have any questions regarding applying for a grant from the DWF Foundation please contact us at clare.beavan@dwf.law