

THE DULVERTON TRUST

Guidelines

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About Us

The Dulverton Trust is an independent grant-making charity and company limited by guarantee. We award grants directly to UK registered charities including those registered as a company limited by guarantee and CIOs (Charitable Incorporated Organisations). We do not provide support for individuals.

Single year grants are normally in the range of **£25,000 to £35,000** and Trustees prefer to support medium sized charities (with an income of £200,000 to £5 million) where our grant can make a difference. We will also consider applications from newly registered charities. Dulverton grants to local UK charities with an income below £200,000 (Minor Grants) are administered on our behalf by Community Foundations ([more information](#)). Please note that multi-year grants are not normally awarded to charities unless they have previously received a major grant from the Trust.

While the Trust has a broadly Christian ethos, we welcome applications from other faith and non-faith charities. Priority will be given to projects which are open to all members of the community. Trustees regularly review our grant-making policy and any changes will be posted on our website.

The Trust currently supports a wide range of activities in the following categories:

- **Youth Opportunities**

This is our largest category and aims to support charities that help disadvantaged children and young people to adopt a more positive attitude to their lives, raise their aspirations and realise their full potential. We support a wide range of charities working in this area, including those providing advice and skills training, help with finding employment, engagement with local communities and volunteering opportunities. We are particularly interested in those charities using early-intervention initiatives to ensure children from significantly disadvantaged backgrounds are given a fairer chance to develop their social, employment and life skills. We also believe in the character-building value of challenging outdoor activities, such as adventure training, that encourage leadership and team spirit and we have long supported charities that give children from deprived urban areas the opportunity to experience and value the countryside.

- **General Welfare**

We support a wide range of activities that benefit disadvantaged people and communities, with particular interest in:

- strengthening and supporting family relationships
- early intervention to support the welfare of children in disadvantaged families and looked-after children
- helping young homeless people to move forward

- maintaining active living and independence for older people (Note: this does not include help with medical and mental health problems or disability)
- the welfare of those who care for others
- developing tolerance and understanding between faiths and communities
- the promotion of social cohesion

- **Conservation**

The Trust is keen to support the general conservation and protection of wildlife habitats within the United Kingdom. We also encourage projects concerning the protection and sympathetic management of trees and native woodlands. Projects concerned with single species are rarely considered.

- **Preservation**

We encourage the development of craftsmanship in the traditional techniques of repair and restoration. Because we give annual grants to the National Churches Trust and the Scottish Churches Architectural Heritage Trust for churches in the United Kingdom, we are very rarely able to consider applications from individual churches.

- **Peace and Humanitarian Support**

This is a restricted category concerned with:

- peace intervention
- charities that provide support facilities or expertise to organisations engaged in disaster relief

- **Africa**

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, we will support only a very small number of organisations operating in Kenya or Uganda, which already have a long association with the Trust. These usually operate in the fields of community development and conservation.

Eligibility

We provide single year grants over a one-year period and occasionally longer-term support (usually up to 3 years) to registered charities, including those registered as a company limited by guarantee and CIOs (Charitable Incorporated Organisations) that

- ⊗ as a minimum operate at city or county level.¹
- ⊗ have an annual income greater than £200,000 and less than £10 million, though the Trustees give preference to charities with an annual income below £5 million. Newly established charities (usually founded within the last eighteen months) and preservation charities are exempt from the minimum income rule.
- ⊗ meet one of our priority areas, listed above, and do not fall into our exclusions, listed below.

Please note that we will not normally award grants to charities that receive the overwhelming majority of their income from contracts to deliver public services, whether contracted directly by central or local government, or via private sector primes.

¹ Our Minor Grants of up to £5,000 for locally operating charities with an income of below £200,000 are administered for us by selected Community Foundations. Charities operating locally in the following regions should apply directly to the relevant Community Foundation:

- ⊗ Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire or Lincolnshire (www.norfolkfoundation.com)
- ⊗ Cumbria (<http://www.cumbriafoundation.org>)

Applications should be made directly to the relevant Community Foundation and not to us.

Exclusions

We will not usually give grants for the following:

- individuals (we give grants only to registered charities or organisations with officially recognised charitable status)
- museums, galleries, libraries, exhibition centres and heritage attractions
- individual churches, cathedrals and other historic buildings (except for limited support under the preservation category)
- individual schools, colleges, universities or other educational establishments
- hospices, hospitals, nursing or residential care homes
- activities outside the stated geographical areas

We are rarely able to support charities whose main beneficiaries live within GREATER LONDON or in NORTHERN IRELAND

We will not normally support the following areas of activity:

- health, medicine and medical conditions including drug and alcohol addiction
- therapy and counselling
- specific support for people with disabilities
- the arts*, including theatre, music and drama
- sport*, including sports centres and individual playing field projects
- animal welfare or projects concerning the protection of single species
- expeditions and individuals volunteering overseas
- research, unless it is linked to a project that meets our priorities
- conferences, cultural festivals, exhibitions and events
- salaries for specific posts (but we may consider funding salaries in the context of a Multi-Year Grant)
- major building projects, including the purchase of property or land
- endowments
- work that has already taken place (retrospective funding)

* except where used as a means of achieving one of our funding priorities

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How to Apply

The Dulverton Trust application process is as follows:

1. First of all, please read this guidelines document carefully, making sure that none of the exclusions apply to your charity or project
2. Complete the eligibility quiz on our website www.dulverton.org/quiz. Note: you will only be able to submit an application if the eligibility quiz determines that your organisation is eligible.
3. If your organisation passes the eligibility quiz, you will be provided with a link to the e-application form. Simply click on this link and fill in the form.

When to apply

Our Trustees meet three times a year to consider grant proposals: in February, June and October. There are no deadlines or closing dates. The selection procedure can take between three and six months so it is advisable to apply in plenty of time, especially if funding is required by a certain date

Application process

Each application is considered on its merits and all will receive a reply as soon as possible, although research and consultation may delay a response from time to time.

All rejected applications will receive notification and an outline explanation for the rejection will usually be given.

Applications under consideration for a grant will normally receive a visit from one of the Trust's staff who will subsequently report to the Trustees.

Following the Trustees' Meeting, we will notify successful applicants by email. The Trustees' decisions are final.

Further information

If you wish to make initial enquiries, establish eligibility, discuss time scales or need to seek further guidance about an application, please telephone the Trust's office on 020 7495 7852. Please also check our [FAQs](#) (page 6) to see if your question is answered there.

FAQs

What do you mean by 'officially recognised charitable status'?

This comprises charities in the UK that:

- are registered in England and Wales with the Charity Commission
- are registered in Scotland with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)
- have exempt or excepted status (e.g. Scouts and Guides groups, churches, armed forces charities or Industrial & Provident Societies that are founded under charitable rules).

We also support a very limited number of organisations in other parts of the world that have official charitable status in their own countries.

Do you have application deadlines?

We have no deadlines or closing dates. Our Trustees award grants three times a year in February, June and October. Please remember to apply in plenty of time, especially if funding is required by a certain date, because the selection process can take between three to six months.

Is my application likely to be successful?

We give very careful consideration to all applications that fall within our guidelines. Unfortunately, requests for grants always exceed the funds available and many will be unsuccessful, particularly where there are several similar applications within the same area of activity.

What size grants do you give?

The amount you request should be the amount you need (i.e. the cost of the project or activity, less funds already raised or pledged towards it). Please see our Annual Report for details of grants we have awarded in the past year.

How soon can we re-apply?

We no longer insist on a gap between applications from the same charity.

How long are your grants awarded for?

Most of our awards are single payments over a one-year period, but we will consider longer-term support for applications that are deemed by our Trustees to have particular merit.

What reporting do you require?

Our monitoring is straightforward. We simply ask our grant holders to report their progress to us no later than one year after their grant was awarded, using the reporting guidelines provided on our website, <http://www.dulverton.org/granteezone.htm>.

Why do you not support charities in London?

The Trustees feel that since there are many other grant-makers that support charities operating in Greater London, the Trust's limited funds can be put to better use elsewhere. But note that it is sometimes possible to consider charities operating in London if their work is not primarily of benefit to those living in the capital. Trustees regularly review our grant-making policy and any changes will be posted on our website.

Why do you not support charities in Northern Ireland?

Because there continues to be a higher level of government funding available for charitable work in Northern Ireland. Trustees regularly review our grant-making policy and any changes will be posted on our website.

Do you give grants for projects concerned with disabilities?

For many years, projects concerning disabilities have generally been excluded from the Trust's activities, although exceptions were made from time to time for young people with physical disabilities. Following a strategic review, our Trustees have determined that no further applications relating to disabilities will generally be considered because of the widespread support available elsewhere. People with disabilities can, of course, benefit from projects which fall under the areas of activity listed on pages 1 and 2. Trustees regularly review our grant-making policy and any changes will be posted on our website.

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