

THE DULVERTON TRUST

Charity registered in England and Wales No. 206426

The Dulverton Trust is an independent grant-making charity.

We give money to UK registered charities and to organisations with charitable status. We do not provide support for individuals.

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

Youth Opportunities
General Welfare
Conservation
Preservation
Peace and Humanitarian Support*
Africa*

** Note: the last two categories are currently closed to applicants who have not previously received a Dulverton grant*

You are welcome to apply to us for a grant if you represent a charity working in these areas, and have checked our funding policy to ensure that none of our exclusions apply to your charity or project.

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Eligibility

We are able to consider applications only from registered charities or those with officially recognised charitable status. We cannot under any circumstances give grants directly to individuals. 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.

Geographical scope

We support national, regional and local* charities operating in England, Scotland and Wales, especially in areas where there is a significant amount of deprivation, and particularly where a grant would make a real difference to the recipients.

We are rarely able to support charities in Northern Ireland, or those operating within Greater London if the main beneficiaries are Londoners.

We give grants to a small number of charities in East Africa, or occasionally Southern Africa, which already have a long association with the Trust. This category is currently closed to applicants who have not previously received a Dulverton grant.

Under the Peace and Humanitarian Support category we will occasionally consider projects concerned with other parts of the world. This category is currently closed to applicants who have not previously received a Dulverton grant.

Our grants

We normally award grants to charities that operate nationally, or across the wider geographical regions of the UK, whose annual income is below £25 million. Although most of our grants are single payments over a one-year period, we will consider longer-term support (usually up to 3 years) for grant applications that are deemed by our Trustees to have particular merit.

*Minor grants up to £5,000 are now administered for us by selected Community Foundations. These are intended for smaller charities working at local or county level, usually with an income below £400,000. For the next three years, our Minor grants will only be available for charities working locally in the North East of England (www.communityfoundation.org.uk), Cornwall (www.cornwallfoundation.com), Devon (www.devoncf.com) or Wales (www.cfiw.org.uk). Applications should be made directly to the relevant Community Foundation and not to us.

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Funding policy

We support the following areas of activity:

Youth Opportunities

This is our largest category and aims to support charities that help disadvantaged children and young people, including offenders, 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
- prevention of re-offending, the rehabilitation of prisoners and ex-offenders and help for their families to rebuild their lives
- developing tolerance and understanding between faiths and communities

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 are interested in the preservation of outstanding historic artefacts and buildings of national importance. 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
- infrastructure for disaster relief

Africa*

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, we will support only a very small number of organisations operating in East Africa, or occasionally Southern Africa, which already have a long association with the Trust. These usually operate in the fields of education and conservation.

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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 scope (see [Funding policy](#))

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 projects 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 research projects
- individuals volunteering overseas
- conferences, cultural festivals, exhibitions and events
- salaries for specific posts (but we will 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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Applying for a grant

First of all, please read our Guidelines carefully, making sure that none of the exclusions apply to your charity or project.

If you believe that your application falls within the funding policy of the Trust, you are advised to **apply online**. This will lead to a faster response.

Application process

1. Click on the 'Apply Online' button
2. Initially you will be asked to **set up an online account** using your email address and a password. Please choose the address most commonly used by the person who will be the primary contact for your application because all automatically generated emails will be sent to this address.
3. When you start a new application you will be asked to complete an **Eligibility Quiz**. This enables us to check whether your organisation and your application fall within our funding priorities.
4. Proceed to the **Application Form**. Guidance is given within the form itself.

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 to six months so it is advisable to apply in plenty of time, especially if funding is required by a certain date.

Assessment 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 letter. 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 below to see if your question is answered there.

Frequently Asked Questions

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 procedure 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 of 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 we provided when the grant was confirmed.

Why do you not support charities in London?

The Trustees feel that since there are a number of other grant-makers which 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.

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.

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 under 'Funding Policy'.