

# Lloyds TSB Foundation for Northern Ireland

## STANDARD GRANT PROGRAMME



### GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

The scope of work needing support within the community is such that guidelines for giving are necessary.

### WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION?

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for Northern Ireland is a grant-giving Foundation whose income is derived from a shareholding in Lloyds TSB Group. The Foundation is independent of the Group. Its policies are determined by a Board of Trustees.

The Lloyds TSB Foundations are four independent grant-making trusts, covering England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands. They are shareholders in Lloyds TSB Group and together receive one percent of the Group's pre-tax profits.

### WHERE DO THE FOUNDATION'S INTERESTS LIE?

The overall policy of the Trustees is to support underfunded charities that enable people, especially disadvantaged or people with special needs, to play a fuller role in the community.

The Trustees are also keen to encourage the infrastructure of the Voluntary Sector and welcome applications for operational costs. This may include a contribution toward salary costs, and training and education for managers and staff, with the exception of the pre-school sector. The Trustees are also keen to support sector self-rationalisation.

The average grant awarded within the Standard Grant Programme is in the region of £5,000 and grants are awarded for one year only. Requests for funding must be made on the Standard Grant Application Form.

### WHAT ARE THE FOUNDATION'S GUIDELINES?

The Foundation has two main target areas to which it seeks to allocate funds:

#### SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEEDS

A wide range of activities are supported and the following are meant as a guide only;

- **COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
Family Centres, Youth Clubs, Older People's Clubs, After Schools Clubs, Play Schemes, Self-help Groups, Childcare Provision (where no other support is available).
- **ADVICE SERVICES**  
Homelessness, Addictions, Bereavement, Family Guidance, Money Advice, Helplines.
- **PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**  
Residences, Day Centres, Transport, Carers, Information and Advice, Advocacy.
- **PROMOTION OF HEALTH**  
Information and Advice, Mental Health, Hospices, Day Care, Home Nursing, Independent Living for Older People.
- **CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY**  
Young People at Risk, Crime Prevention, Promotion of Volunteering, Victim Support, Mediation, Rehabilitation of Offenders.
- **CULTURAL ENRICHMENT**  
Improving participation in, and access to the arts and national heritage for disadvantaged people and those with special needs.

#### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The objective is to enhance educational opportunities for disadvantaged people and those with special needs;

- **TOWARDS EMPLOYMENT**  
Projects which help socially excluded people develop their potential and secure employment. Employment Training (for disadvantaged people and those with special needs).
- **LIFE SKILLS**  
Promotion of life skills, independent living skills for people with special needs.
- **EARLY YEARS**  
Enhancing education for pre-school children and young people (where no other support is available).

## WHAT LIES OUTSIDE THE GUIDELINES?

The main areas of concern normally considered outside the Foundation's guidelines are:

- Organisations that are not recognised as a charity by HM Revenue & Customs.
- Individuals, including students.
- Animal welfare.
- Environmental projects including those that deal with geographic and scenic issues. However, the Trustees may consider projects that improve the living conditions of disadvantaged individuals and groups.
- Activities that are normally the responsibility of central or local government or some other responsible body.
- Schools, universities and colleges (except for projects specifically to benefit students with special needs).
- Hospitals and Medical Centres.
- Sponsorship or marketing appeals.
- Fabric appeals for places of worship.
- Promotion of religion.
- Activities that collect funds for subsequent redistribution to others.
- Endowment funds.
- Fundraising events or activities.
- Corporate affiliation or membership of a charity.
- Loans or business finance.
- Expeditions or overseas travel.
- Construction of and extension to buildings.
- Salary or training costs for the pre-school sector.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

- The Standard Grant Programme is open to any organisation who is registered as a charity with HM Revenue and Customs.
- Constituted groups with charitable purpose, but not registered as a charity and have an annual income of less than £2,000, may apply for a grant of up to £1,000.

## HOW TO APPLY?

The Application Pack should be downloaded from the Foundation website. The downloaded Application Form is in Microsoft WORD Format to enable it to be completed on screen before printing off a hard copy. The Application Form should then be signed and dated by the three required signatories, before attaching copies of the required supporting documents.

## WHEN TO APPLY?

- The closing dates for applications are normally the second Friday of January, April, July and October. Always check the website for the latest closing dates, as they may change due to statutory holidays. Applications will be accepted until 5pm on each closing date.
- Applicants are required to leave one year between applications whether they are successful or unsuccessful.
- Organisations who have received three years consecutive funding must leave two years before reapplying.
- All applicants will be informed in writing of the Trustees decisions approximately 10 weeks from the closing date for applications.

**Unfortunately, demands made on the Foundation always out-strip the funds available, and this means that many good applications, whilst meeting the criteria, will still be unsuccessful.**

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