

APPLICATIONS FOR THE ANN RYLANDS SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAMME

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Eligible charities may apply for a grant of up to £1,500 towards their charity's core costs or for a specific project. This programme does not award multi-year funding or provide substantial sums for capital appeals.

All applications must be submitted using the online application form. We would therefore ask charities not to send us appeals by letter or e-mail as these will not be considered.

Please note that due to the high demand on the Trust's finite resources, submission of an application form does not guarantee the award of funding.

General information and [examples of previous grants](#) are available on the Trust's website.

Eligibility

Applications will only be accepted from charities registered in the UK. Applications are not accepted from faith-based charities, charities operating outside the UK or for multi-year funding.

Potential applicants should note that it is **not** possible for the Trust to make donations under this programme to:

- a. organisations which are not registered as a charity in the UK. Regrettably the Trust cannot consider requests for financial help from community groups which are not registered charities or from, or on behalf of, individuals
- b. charities that have been registered in the UK for less than 2 years
- c. overseas organisations, or to organisations based in the UK who use their funds for charitable purposes overseas
- d. faith-based charities
- e. hospices (as these are able to apply to the Trust's [Hospice Fund](#))
- f. ammonising charities (i.e. those that give grants to others), village and community halls, uniformed groups (such as Scouts and Guides), carnivals and arts festivals, and charities engaged in political activism
- g. charities which have received funding from the Trust within the previous 12 months.

The Trust does not normally fund charities whose most recent published accounts show free reserves equivalent to more than 12 months' expenditure. We recognise that charities' income can fluctuate, however, and that some charities may have drawn down funds from their reserves since their accounts were published. If so, you will need to explain the current position in your application.

The Trust does not fund medical or medically-related research under the Ann Rylands programme, as we make substantial donations to support research through [other programmes](#). Charities working to support people with disabilities or serious illness may have their own research programmes and so should make clear in their application that any donation received under the Ann Rylands programme will be used to support their services for beneficiaries rather than their research.

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Use of Professional Fundraisers

The Trust will only accept applications directly from eligible charities. It will not accept applications submitted on their behalf by professional fundraisers or individuals.

When completing the online application form:

- a. sections 1 & 2 of the form must provide contact details for the applicant charity.
- b. contact details must be of an employee of the charity who is aware of the application and can be contacted.
- c. the application must be submitted by the applicant charity itself.

Definitions

Please note:

- the Trust defines free reserves as unrestricted reserves less fixed assets. Unrestricted reserves include designated funds.
- tangible assets are defined as the value of buildings and equipment used for your charitable purposes less depreciation.
- faith-based charities are those which refer to the promotion of a particular faith within their charitable objects, or which work principally to support members of a particular faith community.

Timing

There are no specific deadlines for submitting applications. Appeals may be made whenever the online application system is open, and will be considered by the Trustees as soon as possible, depending on the volume of applications.

Outcome and Payments to Successful Applicants

Should an award be made, the normal method of payment is by electronic payment direct to bank. Applicants will be required to provide bank details and a scanned copy of the most recent bank statement (not more than 3 months old) for the account to which they would want any payment to be made. Failure to provide a copy of a bank statement may result in a delay in processing your application.

Provision of incorrect bank details may result in the loss of an award. The Trust bears no responsibility for payments made using incorrect bank details provided by charities. Charities should contact the Trust if an award is not received or has been lost due to incorrect details.

Further Information

If you have any questions regarding the Ann Rylands programme, please contact the Trust. In line with Government advice on Covid-19, Trust staff are currently working flexibly, so please email at donations@julesthornttrust.org.uk rather than contacting us by phone. We will respond as promptly as we can.