

APPLICATIONS FOR THE ANN RYLANDS SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAMME

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

The Ann Rylands Small Donations programme makes grants to support eligible charities' core costs or to support a specific project. The maximum award was increased to £2,500 from June 2021. Our funding criteria are deliberately broad to enable the Trust to support a range of charities working in areas that align with our mission. We nevertheless prioritise applications from charities which offer practical support for:

- Older people
- People with disabilities or living with serious illness, or
- People facing challenges with mental health, social exclusion, homelessness or other difficulties in their lives.

Examples of previous grants can be found on the Trust's [website](#).

All applications must be submitted using the online application form. Applications sent by letter or email 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.

While the funding criteria for the Ann Rylands programme are broad, potential applicants should note that it is **not** possible for the Trust to make donations under this programme to:

- a. individuals or community groups which are not registered charities
- b. charities that have been registered in the UK for less than 2 years
- c. charities whose annual income exceeds £5 million
- d. Organisations which work principally to support members of a particular faith community or whose charitable objects refer to a particular faith
- e. village and community halls, uniformed groups (such as Scouts and Guides), carnivals and arts festivals, ammunising charities (i.e., those that give grants to others) and charities that are engaged in political activism
- f. overseas organisations, or to organisations based in the UK who use their funds for charitable purposes overseas
- g. charities which have fee reserves equivalent to 12 months or more of annual expenditure
- h. charities which have received funding from the Trust within the previous 12 months
- i. community interest companies

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.

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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.

Applications

As part of the application process applicants will be asked to:

- submit a copy of the charity's most recent signed accounts (Trustees' Report and Balance Sheet should both be signed)
- a bank statement dated within the last 3 months
- and a budget if applying for funding for a specific project

Unfortunately, we cannot consider applications without this supporting information.

If successful, we ask grant recipients to confirm receipt of the donation by email. To minimise the workload for recipients, there are no reporting requirements for awards made under this programme. For the same reason, we ask charities not to add the Trust to mailing lists for newsletters or marketing materials.

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.

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:

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

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- the application must be submitted by the applicant charity itself.

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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.

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.