

SMALL GRANTS GUIDANCE



JOHN LYON'S CHARITY

About the fund:

John Lyon's Charity has provided the Young Ealing Foundation £100,000 to distribute as small grants to children and young people's organisations in Ealing. The core purpose of the fund is to support groups that cannot access funding directly from larger funders, such as John Lyon's Charity. The small grants will provide funding at a micro-level where it is most needed, helping small groups to grow and develop.

This fund is specifically targeting the Third sector beyond the reach of the Charity's [Main/Open Grants Programme](#).

Registered Charities that have been in receipt of one of these grants **in the previous three years** are not eligible. Registered Charities that have only received a smaller grant (for example a SHAF) are eligible to apply.

Community Interest Companies constitution should have an asset lock and there must be a minimum of three unrelated directors and two bank signatories, which are indicators of good governance.

Unincorporated groups must have a constitution, two unrelated bank signatories and a management committee.

Schools should be referred to JLC for funding and are **not eligible**.

Supplementary Schools should be engaged in their local forum and can only receive funding for additional activities not the core subjects or mother tongue lessons.

Eligibility Criteria:

In addition to the aforementioned conditions, your organisation must meet the following criteria:

- Have an annual income under £250,000.*
- You have two unrelated signatories.
- Have a Constitution.

- Not currently in receipt of John Lyons Charity funding *AND* did not get funding from JLC in the last 3 years.

***You can still apply if your annual income is over £250,000, however your application will end up in lower priority group.**

Available Funding

Eligible organisations can apply for grants up to £8,000 (£10,000 if project supports young people with Additional Needs) for either;

- Projects working with children and young people

OR

- Core costs – if your organisation **exclusively** supports children and young people.

How to Apply:

You must complete the Small Grants Application form which is available **from our website** – www.youngailingfoundation.org.uk/grants. In addition, you must also complete the budget template provided.

Top Tips for a Good Application Form:

Eligible applications will be put to two separate panels, one of young people and the other of local sector leaders. With this in mind, when completing your application form please remember these tips:

- Describe the work you do, its importance and the people you support in a way which is clear and understandable. Avoid using jargon and let your passion for your work shine through.
- Tell us the operational aspects of your project. The panel will want to know how many young people, how many sessions and how you will deliver the project and with what staff.
- Ask for what you need – make sure you are asking for an appropriate amount of money for the size/scale of the work you are doing.
- Use your young people! Youth voice in an application adds depth and essential perspective to any funding application.
- Be clear in your budget – make sure you elaborate on costs. For example include the salary and hours of any staff costs. Do not just put Youth Worker £X Amount.

Deadlines and Decisions:

Detailed below are the upcoming deadlines and decision dates for the fund. Please note being unsuccessful in a previous round **does not** prevent you from applying in subsequent rounds.

8th September 2024

12th January 2025

20th April 2025

October Meeting

February Meeting

May Meeting

Talk to Us:

If you have any further questions about the fund or the application fund please feel free to get in touch on Yevgeni@youngealingfoundation.org.uk