

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](#).

Please note that from organisations on Companies House, only **Community Interest Companies (CICs)** are eligible for this funding.

Registered Charities that have been in receipt of John Lyons Charity's Main/Open 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.

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

Supplementary Schools can only receive funding for additional activities not the core subjects or mother tongue lessons.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible to apply your organisation must meet the following criteria:

- A Young Ealing Foundation member
- You have two unrelated signatories
- Have a Constitution
- Have a Complaints Policy

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

Funding is NOT available for:

- Statutory obligations
- General charitable appeals
- Lobbying and campaigning
- Endowment funds
- Mother tongue teaching
- Promotion of religion or politics
- Feasibility studies
- Research
- Medical care (including rehab) and resources
- Telephone helplines
- The School Journey or trips abroad
- IT equipment for mainstream education providers (primary, secondary, FE colleges)
- Bursaries for higher education (including postgraduate)
- Foodbanks and projects that aim to teach healthy eating and reduce obesity
- Therapeutic gardens or school vegetable gardens
- Breakfast clubs run by schools
- Salaries of posts employed by local authorities
- Staff salaries in schools for teachers or core school staff
- Projects that focus on teacher training rather than direct delivery for children
- Hardship appeals

How to Apply:

You must complete the Small Grants Application form which is available **on our website** – www.youngearingfoundation.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.

28th September 2025

1st February 2026

26th April 2026

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