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Spring 2024 Community Grants Guidance

We are pleased to share with you our guidance for applicants to the Spring 2024 Community Grants Programme. We know that the process of applying for funding can be time-consuming, at times frustrating and a bit of a rollercoaster, so we have done the best we can to reduce friction, cut down paperwork, and turn our programme round quickly and efficiently.

To try and save you (and us) some time, we've put together some simple guidance below. Please take a few minutes to read this through, and you can contact us, if you have any further questions.

1. Are you eligible?

- a. You must be a registered charity, community group with constitution or Community Interest Company working in England, Scotland or Wales with a turnover under £250,000 p.a. as evidenced in your recent annual report. We also consider exempt charities, but do not make grants to individuals. If you are a CIC, you must be limited by guarantee.
- b. You must be working with adults over 65 years of age and providing DIRECT person-centred interventions e.g., Befriending to address loneliness. This funding does not cover connector or infrastructure services, such as Citizens Advice or Community Transport.
- c. You must be working in an area of high deprivation affecting older people. See appendix a. for our listed areas.

If you can answer YES to the above, then we would love to see an application from you. To do that you will need to complete our online application, which can be found here. [Application Form - McCarthy Stone Foundation](#)

- a. Most of the questions are self-explanatory, but please check you have entered your details correctly. I know you have 10 other applications to do before the end of the day, but it slows everything down if details are entered incorrectly.
- b. For your address, please use that of your registered office. If you don't have an office, please use your primary postal address. We do not publish addresses in full, only postcodes are used on our grant map.
- c. Please reference our divisional map to identify your region of operations. You can find a link for this on the application form.
- d. The term 'free reserves' can sometimes be confusing. We define this as your unrestricted funds, minus any tangible fixed assets, programme-related investments or designations. As our funding is relatively small, you must have less than 12 months of running costs in your reserves and a clear reserves policy in place. For any organisation holding more than 3 months, but less than 12 months, we will ask to see this (it should be in your annual report).
- e. Whether a project or core costs will not affect the outcome of the application, it simply allows us to better understand demand and where funding is used. Project funding is where all the funds applied for are used for the direct costs of a particular charitable activity, while core costs are those that are shared across a number of activities or programmes.
- f. If you are applying for project funding, we encourage a 'full cost recovery' approach. Please contact us if you are not familiar with this budgeting format.
- g. We understand you may want to use information from other grant applications, which is absolutely fine, but please don't just cut and paste your governing documents into the answer fields.

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- h. Please give us enough information to understand what you do and how our funding would help. Bullet points can really help to present information concisely and clearly. We read hundreds of applications, so it really helps when key information is presented clearly.
- i. Funding for this programme is a maximum of £7,500. There is no minimum, but we would suggest not submitting a request for less than £3,000.
- j. If you are shortlisted for funding, we will ask for a recent bank statement and if you are not a registered charity, either your constitution and/or articles of association. You will also be asked to supply your policy for safeguarding.

Further information can be found in our Grant Policy, or by contacting our team through the website.

2. Timescale

- a. Grant applications open on February 16th 2024 and close on March 22nd 2024.
- b. Foundation team carries out initial shortlisting.
- c. Our sub-committee meets on April 8th to review shortlisted applications.
- d. Recommendations are agreed by the Trustees on April 26th 2024.
- e. All applicants informed within 2 working days of the trustee meeting.

3. Target Locations

To help ensure an equitable allocation of funds and to help with selection of grant applicants, we have taken the decision this year to adopt a place-based approach. Funding will be prioritised to organisations able to demonstrate they are working in specified locations across our six grant-award regions.

Locations have been selected based on data from the ONS, Age UK, and the Centre for Ageing Better, with a key focus on areas where income deprivation and loneliness affecting older people is most acute.

Please check the list and ensure you are operating in these locations prior to applying. These areas are defined by Lower-layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) and you can check if you are in the nominated areas by using the map at this link: [Indices of Deprivation 2015 and 2019 \(communities.gov.uk\)](https://www.communities.gov.uk/indices-of-deprivation-2015-and-2019).

The list below indicates the town/nearest town. Please note that we will ask you to supply either a ward/s or town your services cover, applications not including this information will automatically be rejected. Areas with an * please contact us for further details as to the specific areas of the town/city you work in.

Southern Region:

- Bournemouth and Poole
- Brighton and Hove
- Bristol*
- Cornwall *
- Exeter
- Havant
- Oxford
- Plymouth
- Portsmouth
- Rushmoor
- Sedgemoor
- Southampton
- Swindon
- Torbay
- Weston Super-mare
- Weymouth and Portland

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Midlands Region:

- Birmingham
- Boston
- Cannock Chase
- Charnwood
- Cheltenham
- Cherwell
- Coventry
- Derby
- Dudley
- East Lindsey
- East Staffordshire
- East Suffolk/Waveney
- Gloucester
- Great Yarmouth
- Ipswich *
- Kettering
- Kings Lynn
- Leicester
- Lincoln
- Luton
- North and North-East Lincolnshire
- Northampton
- Norwich
- Nottingham
- Nuneaton and Bedworth
- Peterborough
- Redditch
- Sandwell
- Solihull
- Stoke on Trent
- Tamworth
- Telford and Wrekin
- Walsall
- Wellingborough
- Wolverhampton
- Worcester
- Wyre Forest

London and South-East Region:

- Ashford
- Aylesbury Vale
- Barking and Dagenham
- Barnet
- Basildon
- Bedford
- Bexley
- Brent
- Bromley
- Broxbourne
- Camden
- Colchester *
- Croydon
- Dover
- Ealing
- Eastbourne *
- Enfield
- Folkestone and Hythe
- Gravesham
- Greenwich
- Hackney
- Hammersmith and Fulham
- Haringey
- Harrow
- Hastings
- Havering
- Hertsmere*
- Hillingdon
- Hounslow
- Islington
- Kensington and Chelsea
- Kingston upon Thames
- Lambeth
- Lewisham

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- Medway
- Merton
- Milton Keynes
- Newham
- Reading
- Redbridge
- Slough
- Southend on Sea
- Southwark
- Sutton
- Swale
- Tendring
- Thanet
- Thurrock
- Tower Hamlets
- Waltham Forest
- Wandsworth
- Westminster
- Windsor and Maidenhead *
- Woking
- Wycombe

Northern Region:

- Ashfield
- Barnsley
- Barrow in Furness
- Bassetlaw
- Blackburn with Darwen
- Blackpool
- Bolton
- Bradford
- Burnley
- Bury
- Calderdale
- Cheshire West and Chester
- County Durham
- Darlington
- Doncaster
- East Riding of Yorkshire *
- Gateshead
- Halton
- Hartlepool
- High Peak
- Hyndburn
- Kingston upon Hull
- Kirklees
- Knowsley
- Lancaster
- Leeds
- Liverpool
- Manchester
- Mansfield
- Middlesbrough
- Newcastle upon Tyne
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- Oldham
- Pendle
- Preston
- Redcar and Cleveland
- Rochdale
- Rotherham
- Salford
- Scarborough
- Sefton
- Sheffield
- South Ribble
- South Tyneside
- St Helens
- Stockport
- Stockton on Tees
- Sunderland
- Tameside
- Trafford
- Wakefield
- Warrington
- West Lancashire
- Wigan
- Wirral
- Workington – Moss Bay
- Wyre
- York

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Wales:

- Abercynon
- Aberteifi/Cardigan
- Bridgend
- Cardiff *
- Cwn Clydach
- Darren Valley
- Ebbw Vale
- Newport *
- Gilfach Goch
- Glyncoch
- Gurnos
- Hirwaun
- Holywell Central
- Maerdy
- Merthyr Vale
- Moriah
- Nantyglo
- Peblig (Caernarfon)
- Pen-y-graig
- Pen-y-waun
- Rhydyfelin
- Rhyl West
- Sealand
- Swansea *
- Tredegar Central and West
- Treherbert
- Tylorstown
- Ynshir
- Ystrad

Data source: <https://datamap.gov.wales/maps/welsh-index-of-multiple-deprivation-wimd-2019/view#/>

Scotland:

Please note that funding available for Scotland is very limited and only available to organisations working in the following areas:

- Alloa South and East
- Altonhill Kilmarnock
- Ayr North Harbour
- Barlanark and Easterhouse
- Bingham, Magdalene and the Christians
- Carntyne West
- Cowlares and Port Dundas
- Craigneuk Wishaw
- Cranhill, Lightburn and Queenslie South
- Dalkeith
- Drumchapel
- Drumry
- Dundee, Linlathen and Midcraigie
- Dundee, The Glens
- Dundee, Whitfield
- Glenwood
- Govan and Linthouse
- Greenock
- Irvine Central and Fullarton
- Keppocchill
- Methil
- Motherwell South
- Murrayburn and Wester Hailes North
- Muirhouse Paisley Ferguslie
- Paisley Northwest
- Parkhead
- Pollock
- Port Glasgow
- Possil Park
- Raploch, Stirling

Data Source: https://simd.scot/#/simd2020_5pc/BTTTTT/8/-4.1224/56.0093/