

John Moores Foundation

Reg. Charity: 253481

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NORTHERN IRELAND

WHO WE ARE

John Moores Foundation is a registered charity, established in 1964, that gives money to charitable community organisations. We focus on funding projects based in Merseyside (including Skelmersdale, Halton, and Ellesmere Port) and Northern Ireland.

We aim to enable people who face barriers, as a result of social, educational, physical, economic, cultural, geographical or other disadvantage, to improve their social conditions and quality of life.

We do this by making grants to local groups with charitable aims that are providing services or activities that fall within our areas of interest.

Priority is given to small, grass-roots and volunteer driven organisations and new rather than long-established groups. We are particularly interested in supporting those groups that find it more than usually difficult to raise money.

In line with our commitment to equal opportunities, we support projects which aim to counter racism, sexism or discrimination of any kind.

We support projects which aim to break down barriers, to encourage co-operation and joint working between different community and voluntary groups and across local boundaries. Grants may be given for work involving local trust-building initiatives where there may be tensions or misunderstandings within or between communities.

We are an enabling funder and would like to help groups achieve their targets and outcomes in their own way. Groups can be given help with setting up monitoring and evaluation systems that best meet their needs, capacity etc. In Northern Ireland, if a group receives a grant from the Foundation, additional support and/or signposting may be available from the Trust Officer for Northern Ireland. See back page for contact details.

WHAT WE SUPPORT

We make grants towards:

- ✓ programme costs
- ✓ start up and running costs
- ✓ volunteer out of pocket expenses
- ✓ education and training costs
- ✓ venue and travel costs
- ✓ one-off project costs
- ✓ Small items of equipment

No grants are made to individuals. Nor are grants made for capital building projects or for work that clearly falls under statutory responsibility. For a complete list of our exclusions please see page 6.

The size of grant varies, but we prefer to give smaller grants to a larger number of projects.

Applications may be refused where we feel that the organisation concerned is already well funded or has large reserves.

See our website (www.jmf.org.uk) for examples of recent funding.

WORK THAT WE WILL

Please read through all sections as your project may be included under more than one heading.

Local community groups

Local community groups/projects working with disadvantaged beneficiaries, run by and for local people, including support and self-help groups, tenants' associations, and community action. Where there are unmet needs in the community we can support fresh approaches and new ideas for tackling them. We also encourage networking with groups doing similar work either locally or in other regions.

Black and minority ethnic organisations

Projects run by and for people from black and minority ethnic communities, including travellers and migrant workers, especially those which work towards redressing the disadvantage faced by such groups. We also support non-black community groups who are developing and implementing culturally sensitive policies, and cross-community trust-building initiatives.

Promotion of equal opportunities

Projects which promote, or provide training or education in, equal opportunities including race, disability or gender awareness, or which aim to counter racism, sectarianism, sexism or discrimination of any kind. Projects would be expected to have participation from the discriminated groups concerned.

Women including girls

Projects which work towards redressing the disadvantages faced by women in society, including women's health and support groups, victims of abuse and/or violence, literacy and second chance learning.

CONSIDER FUNDING

Second chance learning

Projects run by non-statutory organisations which enable adults who have little or no education to return to learning. Grants may be given to organisations towards the cost of courses (including tutors), childcare, advice and information services etc.

Advice & information to alleviate poverty

Projects providing welfare rights, or other advice and information services, to alleviate poverty or mitigate debt. Priority will be given to funding local independent advice projects. Groups will be encouraged to hold or to be working towards a nationally-recognised quality standard in advice-giving.

Grassroots Social Health Initiatives

Projects run by local non-statutory organisations which aim to improve people's physical and/or mental health. Priority will be given to projects in disadvantaged areas where health problems arise from social and environmental factors and which work with vulnerable groups. Issues might include stress, HIV/AIDS, self-harm, substance misuse etc.

Training for voluntary organisations

Training for voluntary and community organisations to enhance the skills particularly of management committee members, but also of staff, to enable them to operate more effectively and improve the quality of the service they offer. Funding is also available for capacity building, networking and the recruitment and training of volunteers.

Unsolicited applications which fall outside our policy criteria are not considered.

GENERALLY WE DO NOT FUND

- × Academic or medical research
- × Animal charities
- × Arts, crafts, heritage, or local history projects
- × Capital building costs
- × Children and young people, **except** under the headings listed on pages 4 and 5
- × Conferences
- × Conservation and environmental projects
- × Employment and enterprise schemes
- × Faith-based projects exclusively for members of that faith, or for the promotion of religion
- × Festivals, carnivals and fêtes
- × Gifts, parties etc.
- × Holidays and expeditions
- × Individuals
- × Mainstream education (schools, colleges, universities)
- × Medicine
- × National or regional (i.e. province-wide) organisations or groups based outside Northern Ireland even where some of the service users come from the area
- × Playgroups, **except** those which directly address marginalisation and focus on real social disadvantage
- × Sponsorship, advertising or fund-raising events
- × Sport
- × Statutory bodies or work that is their responsibility
- × Uniformed groups (e.g. scouts, cadets and majorettes)
- × Vehicles

HOW TO APPLY

If your group is not a registered charity you may apply for funding as long as the work you do is charitable in law.

Your group must:

- ✓ produce annual accounts (if it has been operating for more than one year),
- ✓ have a written set of rules or constitution,
- ✓ have a bank account in the name of the group which requires at least two signatories by unrelated members.

Please make sure your project falls within the criteria.

If you are unsure, or if you would like to discuss your application before submitting it, just telephone the office and we will advise.

Application should be made on an application form accompanied by no more than four A4 sides of information. Application forms are obtainable from us by letter, phone, or email or may have been enclosed with this leaflet. Please refer to the guidance notes provided with the form and enclose copies of all the documentation requested.

We welcome handwritten applications, but please use black ink as they are photocopied. For this reason please do not send stapled or bound copies. All applications are acknowledged.

Many groups who apply for funding are visited by us, but we may simply phone for more information.

Decisions about which projects to fund are made by the Trustees. As a general rule, you should allow up to six months for a decision to be made. Applicants are welcome to contact the office at any time to find out the status of their application. Contact details are on the back page of this leaflet. E-mail is preferred.

Unfortunately we cannot help every group which applies for a grant even though the project may fall within the criteria.

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