

# APPLYING FOR A GRANT

John Moores Foundation



Reg. Charity: 253481

# NORTHERN IRELAND

# WHO WE ARE

John Moores Foundation is a registered charity, established in 1964, that gives money to community organisations doing charitable work. We focus on funding projects based in Merseyside 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 that fall within our areas of interest as set out in this leaflet. Priority is given to small, grassroots and volunteer driven organisations.

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.

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).



John Moores Junior CBE, DL, pictured above with his wife Jane, died in 2012, aged 83.

His legacy as a highly personal benefactor and promoter of equality lives on in his Foundation, which continues to make grants under the Trusteeship of his sons.

# WHAT WE SUPPORT

## We make grants towards:

- × core running costs
- × volunteer out of pocket expenses
- × education and training costs
- × venue and travel costs
- × one-off project costs
- × small items of equipment (if part of a wider project)

**We do not make grants to individuals, for capital building projects or for work that clearly falls under statutory responsibility.**

For a list of exclusions please see page 6.

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

Between 2000 and 2020, JMF funded 781 groups in Northern Ireland to a total of over £3m.

The average grant was £3,732 and the average income of these groups was under £50k.

**The maximum grant available in Northern Ireland is £5,000 p.a.**

Applications from groups with a turnover of £250,000 or above are unlikely to be considered.

Applicants **must** be registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland or waiting to be called forward (have received a password).

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

Visit our website at:

***[www.jmf.org.uk](http://www.jmf.org.uk)***

# WORK THAT WE WILL

## The types of organisations / projects that we like to support

Those that are:

- ✓ trying to build and strengthen communities
- ✓ working in partnership with others
- ✓ carrying out trust building initiatives
- ✓ addressing previously unmet needs
- ✓ providing advice and support
- ✓ trying to change attitudes and broaden horizons

## Example recent grants include

- £ 762 to a rural community group for running costs
- £ 3,000 to an older people's group for venue hire and tutor costs
- £ 4,000 to a cancer support group for therapy sessions
- £ 2,000 to a housing advice group for running costs
- £ 5,000 to a dementia support group for volunteer training, volunteer expenses and running costs
- £ 2,601 to a therapy centre for volunteer training and expenses
- £ 3,300 to a child contact service for running costs
- £ 5,000 to a community counselling centre for sessional therapists' fees
- £ 1,600 to a rural community group to install a PA system in their hall
- £ 3,000 to a support group for activities and trips for disabled adults

# CONSIDER FUNDING

## Who we would like your organisation / project to support

- ✓ Adults with few or no educational qualifications
- ✓ Black, Asian and minority ethnic people
- ✓ Carers
- ✓ Children and young people aged 5 to 25
- ✓ Families needing support
- ✓ Homeless people
- ✓ Refugees
- ✓ Those in poor physical or mental health
- ✓ Those suffering discrimination
- ✓ Those suffering from poverty and financial crisis
- ✓ Women including girls

## Transparency in grant making

John Moores Foundation is committed to transparency and we work with 360Giving to publish information about our grants.

Using the 360Giving data standard, our awarded grants since June 2016 in Merseyside are available as .xlsx [here](#) and Northern Ireland grants are available as 'xlsx [here](#)

or view online at <http://data.threesixtygiving.org>.

# WE DO NOT FUND

- × Academic or medical research
- × Animal charities
- × Arts and the creative industries
- × Capital building costs
- × Conferences
- × Counsellors not accredited by IACP or BACP
- × Education (schools, colleges, universities, supplementary schools)
- × Employability and enterprise schemes
- × Faith-based projects exclusively for members of that faith or for the promotion of religion
- × Festivals, carnivals and fêtes
- × Heritage and local history projects
- × Holidays and expeditions
- × Individuals
- × Medicine or medical equipment
- × National or regional organisations and groups based outside Northern Ireland even where some of the service users come from the area
- × Projects not substantially influenced by their target beneficiaries
- × 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)
- × Universities, colleges and schools or work done with children in school time
- × Vehicles
- × Veterans
- × Victims support

# HOW TO APPLY

## **Please make sure your project falls within our criteria.**

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

John Moores Foundation application and monitoring processes went on-line on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

To confirm your eligibility and to obtain a link to your unique online application form, you must first contact us by phone, email or letter. We will need the name, address and contact details of your organisation AND the name, address and contact details of a named person, who will be responsible for dealing with JMF during the assessment process.

Contact details are on the back of this leaflet. **E-mail is preferred as the office is part-time.**

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.

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

## **The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland**

An organisation **must** apply for registration as a charity in Northern Ireland, regardless of its income, size or whether or not it has received charitable tax status from HMRC.

However, as the Commission is managing registration in stages, John Moores Foundation will continue to accept applications from groups, which have applied for registration but have not yet been called forward.

[www.charitycommissionni.org.uk](http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk)

# John Moores Foundation

In line with GDPR regulations, John Moores Foundation has updated its data retention and privacy policies.

To see more, please visit our website.

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