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Applying for a grant Merseyside

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Registered Charity 253481

APPLYING FOR A GRANT

Who we are

John Moores Foundation is a registered charity, established in 1964, that gives money to local community organisations doing charitable work. 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 that fall within our areas of interest as set out in this leaflet. Priority is given to small, grass-roots and volunteer-driven organisations.

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We are an enabling funder and would like to help groups achieve their targets and outcomes in their own way. If a group receives a grant from the Foundation, additional support may be offered to the group by our Community Groups Development Worker in areas such as fundraising, strategic planning and trustee development and by our Monitoring & Evaluation Worker to set up systems that best meet their needs, capacity, etc.

How to apply

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, please telephone and we will be happy to advise you.

To confirm your eligibility and to obtain an application pack, you must first contact us by phone, email or letter. Application should be made by letter of no more than four A4 sides accompanied by a completed organisational details form. Please refer to the Required Information provided with the form.

Applications may be handwritten, but please use black ink as these are photocopied.

If our trustees shortlist your application, we will ask you to provide additional documentation as specified on the organisational details form. 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 who meet 5-6 times a year. As a general rule, you should allow **3 to 5 months** for a decision to be made.

All applications are acknowledged.

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

Exceptions/Generally we don't fund

- Individuals
- Projects that are not substantially influenced by their target beneficiaries
- National organisations or groups based outside the Merseyside region even where some of the service users come from the area
- Statutory work
- Universities, colleges and schools or work done with children in school time
- Faith-based projects exclusively for members of that faith, or for the promotion of religion
- Capital building costs
- Festivals, carnivals and fêtes
- Medicine or medical equipment
- Holidays and expeditions
- Gifts, parties etc.
- Conferences
- Sport
- Vehicles
- Animal charities
- Arts and the creative industries
- Academic or medical research
- Veterans
- Uniformed groups (e.g. scouts, cadets, majorettes)
- Sponsorship, advertising or fund-raising events
- Counsellors not registered with BACP or UKCP

John Moores' wishes for the Foundation (1977):

- *The trust is an instrument for helping people to value themselves and gain self-confidence in order to achieve a greater measure of control over their environment and the direction that their lives take. Some groups hold themselves in low esteem and have poor standards of achievement.*
- *Any scheme which will help people achieve something important to them and therefore build up the confidence to go further should be considered.*
- *As a broad general rule, small schemes are preferred because capacity and ambition are likely to be better matched and people are more likely to be stimulated to further effort. Large schemes tend to remove control and management from the people they are meant to benefit, and vest it in people whose ambitions may be very different.*
- *The object of the Trust is not to alleviate current special needs but rather to promote self-esteem and a sense of personal value amongst our less-privileged fellow-citizens.*

What we make grants towards

- Running costs
- Salaries
- Capacity building
- Volunteer training and out-of-pocket expenses
- One-off projects
- Equipment (if part of a wider project)

No grants are made to **individuals**, nor are grants made for **capital building projects** or for work that clearly falls under **statutory** responsibility. Please see below for a complete list of our exclusions.

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.

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

- **produce annual accounts (if over one year old)**
- **have a written set of rules**
- **have a bank account in the name of the group, which requires at least two unrelated signatories.**

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

Who we would like the organisation/project to support

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