

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).

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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

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.

From January 2006 to June 2017, JMF funded 535 groups in Northern Ireland to a total value of £2.1m. The average grant was £3,432 and the average income of these groups was £48k.

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

or scan this QR code to go there for examples of recent funding.



WORK THAT WE WILL

PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL SECTIONS AS YOUR PROJECT

Local community groups

Local community groups working with disadvantaged beneficiaries, run by and for local people, including support and self-help groups, tenants' associations, local initiatives to improve the environment 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.

Training for voluntary organisations

Training for voluntary and community organisations to enhance the skills of management committee members, but also in some cases 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.

Black Asian and Minority Ethnic organisations

Projects run by and for people from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities, including Travellers and migrant workers, especially those working towards redressing disadvantages faced by such groups. We also support non-BAME community groups who are developing and implementing culturally sensitive policies, and cross-community trust-building initiatives.

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.

UNSOLICITED APPLICATIONS WHICH FALL OUTSIDE

CONSIDER FUNDING

IT MAY BE INCLUDED UNDER MORE THAN ONE HEADING

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 must be affiliated to, or a member of, a regional advice organisation.

Second chance learning

Projects run by organisations which enable adults who have limited formal education to return to learning. Grants may be given to organisations towards the cost of courses (including tutors), accreditation, childcare, advice and information.

Equality and Diversity

Services and activities which aim to counter prejudice and discrimination of any kind against disadvantaged groups, e.g. on grounds of disability, race,

religion, sex, sexuality or gender identity. Projects would be expected to be substantially led by people from the groups concerned.

Joint working and trust building initiatives

Projects which aim to break down barriers, to encourage co-operation and joint working between different communities 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.

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.

THESE OUR POLICY CRITERIA ARE NOT CONSIDERED

WE DO NOT FUND

- × Academic or medical research
- × Animal charities
- × Capital building costs
- × Children and young people, **except** under the headings listed on pages 4 and 5
- × Conferences
- × Counsellors not accredited by IACP or BACP
- × Creative industries
- × 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)
- × 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 submitting it, just telephone the office and we will advise.

Applications should be made using our organisational details form accompanied by no more than four A4 sides of information.

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 as the office is part-time.**

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

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 HMRC recognised groups, who have not yet been called forward.

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