

The Lake District Foundation Fund

Round 1 - Guidance for Applicants

Our Vision

'The Lake District will be an example of sustainable development in action. A place where its prosperous economy, world class visitor experiences and vibrant communities come together to sustain the spectacular landscape, its wildlife and cultural heritage.

We will see this being actively delivered with support from all who love, visit and value Cumbria.'

The Fund

We want to fund work that helps us to achieve this vision.

Cumbrian Businesses and Visitors have kindly donated money to the Lake District Foundation for us to distribute.

For this first round, we are open to creative and innovative ideas that have a measurable and sustainable impact.

At present, we will make grants of between £500-£5,000.

This funding can be for up to 2 years. Depending on the size of the award, we may fund in stages to be agreed with the applicant.

Our funding will be directed towards 3 areas- The Landscape, Wildlife and Cultural Heritage of the Lake District and Cumbria. We may fund a project in each category or we may fund all one strand, depending on the strength of the projects shortlisted. To be eligible for funding, you must demonstrate how your project supports at least one of these strands.

We may ask applicants with similar projects to explore collaboration.

We also want to see that communities benefit from our funding and would expect some element of community involvement in the work.

We are particularly keen to see projects that link to our World Heritage Inscription.

Eligibility Criteria

Applications are accepted from (please note this list is not exhaustive):

- Charities
- Community Interest Companies
- Not for profit organisations
- Social enterprises
- Unincorporated associations
- Voluntary or community groups (incorporated or unincorporated)

For this round of funding we will **not** accept applications from:

- Individuals
- Religious bodies where the funding will be for religious purposes.
- Political organisations where the funding will be used for political purposes.
- For Profit Organisations who cannot evidence social/environmental value.

Applications will be accepted for new projects and initiatives that meet the criteria above. We are open to ideas about how this is interpreted.

We welcome the opportunity to match fund other income, increasing the impact of our fund.

- Applications for project and resource funding will be considered.
- Applications for capital funding are accepted but only for the purchase of equipment and for refurbishment.
- Extensions will be considered based on results and the current priorities of the Fund.

We will not fund:

- Work that has already taken place.
- Projects which do not demonstrate sufficient public benefit and in which private benefit is more than incidental.

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THE GRANTS PANEL

All applications that meet the criteria will be reviewed by the grants panel. Shortlisted applicants may be invited to meet the panel and discuss their project further.

The panel is made up of a representative of the Lake District Foundation, a trustee from the board and a representative from Lake District National Park Partnership. The panel will consider the applications and decide which projects to approve and the size of the grant to be awarded if applicable.

Funding decisions

Applications for funding must be made through the Lake District Foundations online portal.

Funding will be conditional upon the recipient agreeing to the Fund's grant conditions as amended from time to time. These will include a requirement for the applicant to provide details of progress against set targets.

Funding will not be provided if doing so would damage the name or reputation of the Fund or if the Trustees have other good grounds for refusing funding.

Successful applicants will also be required to share the results and lessons learned from their work with others, so that successful projects may be replicated elsewhere. These results will also be communicated by the Fund, to demonstrate the impact that the charitable funding has had and to help grow donations to the fund in the future.

Successful applicants will be required to help communicate and promote The Lake District Foundation's support.

Funding decisions are final. We will provide individual feedback where possible but this may not happen if a large volume of applications is received.

If you require further information please email grants@lakedistrictfoundation.org

We will attempt to reply to all enquiries and may post FAQs on our website.

Good Luck!