

Guidance for COP26 Small Grant Applicants

Opens 9am 31st Oct 2021 until 5pm Fri, 26th Nov 2021

Our Vision

Our vision is that 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 want to support projects that help us to achieve this vision.

The Fund

The Lake District Foundation Small Grants Fund is made up of donations from businesses, visitors and residents who love the Lake District and want to care for this special place.

This micro grant scheme is designed to enable community and volunteer-led groups working in conservation to prepare to be able to continue when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

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

We welcome:

- Applications for project and resource funding, and could be used on maintenance or preparation work to enable groups to restart activity when restrictions are lifted
- Applications for capital funding are accepted but only for the purchase of equipment and for refurbishment.
- The opportunity to match fund other income, increasing the impact of our 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.

THE GRANTS PANEL

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

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 on the form supplied and returned by email to grants@lakedistrictfoundation.org

Funding will be conditional upon the recipient agreeing to the grant conditions. 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!