



The Lakes Distillery Fund

Guidance for Applicants

Open 9am Monday 7th February 2022 until 5pm Monday
21st March 2022

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, wildlife and cultural heritage**. We want to support projects that help us to achieve this vision.

The Lakes Distillery Fund

The Water Fund grant scheme is designed to support community and volunteer-led groups to deliver projects that enhance water quality in the lakes and rivers of the Lake District.

The key issues we would like to address are pollution prevention and mitigation, riparian habitat creation and protection, invasive species control, species conservation and water quality education.

Funding is available thanks to the fantastic fundraising efforts and donations from Lakes Distillery.

Who Can Apply?

We welcome applications from:

- Community organisations such as:
 - Constituted groups or clubs – i.e. an organisation with a governing document such as a constitution or a set of rules and a committee, but not a registered charity or a company
 - Registered charity
 - Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
 - Community interest company (CIC)
- Organisations based in the Lake District and locally controlled– e.g. a majority of the committee/board members/trustees must be from the local community.

We will not accept applications from:

- Groups which do not have a constitution and their own bank account with at least two unrelated signatories,
- 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.

We will prioritise applications from groups with annual income under £200,000. If you are unsure whether your group is eligible, please get in touch.

Qualifying Projects

Projects must focus on water quality in the Lake District and be able to demonstrate that they will contribute to at least one of the following objectives for the fund:

- pollution prevention and mitigation,
- habitat creation and protection,
- invasive species control,
- species conservation,
- education.

The following types of expenditure are eligible:

- Capital
- Resource including staffing costs
- Training
- Volunteer expenses
- Overheads

Other project costs the total pot size is £25,000 and we welcome applications for projects valued at £5,000.

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

We cannot fund:

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

Application Process

Applications must be made electronically via the online form at www.lakedistrictfoundation.org/apply-for-a-grant. You can download a copy of the questions to view in advance or help you to prepare.

If you cannot complete the form online you may request a paper copy to be returned to Lake District Foundation, Murley Moss, Oxenholme Rod, Kendal, LA9 7RL

For help and support please contact us by phone 01539 822622 or by email grants@lakedistrictfoundation.org and the grant team will endeavour to answer questions via email as quickly as possible.

You will receive notification that your application has been received. All applications must be received by 5pm on Monday 21st March 2022.

Assessment Process

Applications will first be screened for organisational, project and expenditure eligibility by one member of the Lake District Foundation Grants team.

Applications that meet the above eligibility criteria will then be scored by two members of the Lake District Foundation Grants team, a trustee from the Lake District Foundation Board, and a representative from the Environment Agency against the following criteria:

1. Fit with Water Fund aims
2. Quality
3. Value for Money
4. Inclusivity and community engagement

Applications with highest scores will then be reviewed by the grants panel. The grant panel meeting will be held **week commencing 28th March 2022**. The panel will decide which projects to approve. The panel will include a representative of the Lake District Foundation and representatives from Lakes Distillery.

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. Applicants will be made aware of the panel outcome week commencing 11th April 2022. Funding decisions are final. We will endeavour to provide individual feedback to unsuccessful applicants, but this may not be possible if a large volume of applications are received.

Funding Conditions

If an offer of a grant is made, 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. Details of monitoring requirements will be described in the offer letter.

Offers of a funding must be accepted within two weeks (25th April 2022) and we anticipate paying the grant in full by 6th May 2022.

Successful applicants will 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 communicate and promote The Lake District Foundation's support.

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

Good Luck!

Summary Timeline

- 7th Feb 2022, 9am – Fund opens for applications
- 21st Mar 2022, 5pm – Fund closes for applications
- 4th Apr 2022 – Grant panel meeting
- 11th Apr 2022 – Outcomes and offer letters sent
- 25th Apr 2022 – Deadline to accept offer
- 6th May 2022 – Grant payment