

GRANT GUIDELINES - GROUPS

Who we fund

We fund groups that meet the following conditions;

Benefiting the people of Swindon and / or Wiltshire, that have;

- A bank account in the groups' name with at least two signatories.
- An independent local management group.
- A constitution or set of rules.

An exception can be made to the last requirement in the case of a small, new group that is working towards becoming constituted with the help of a recognised support agency.

We fund Social Enterprises that also meet the following criteria;

- are owned and run by their communities,
- have a social purpose,
- have an asset lock,
- have a system to ensure decisions on Directors remuneration are not taken by Directors themselves.

What we fund

The Community Foundation will consider funding any of the following;

- core funding (the normal running costs of a group)
- new projects and the extension of existing services.
- training and other development activities that strengthen groups
- equipment
- building work that directly support disabled access
- match funding.

What we might fund

- continuation funding
- major capital building projects will only be supported where a grant from the Community Foundation will make a real difference, for example putting in the disabled access

What we won't fund

- groups that have more than 12 months running costs in unrestricted reserves.
- projects operating outside the county of Wiltshire / Borough of Swindon.
- organisations delivering services in Wiltshire or Swindon, who do not have a local management structure.
- sponsored events
- general large appeals

- the advancement of religion
- medical research and equipment
- animal welfare
- party political activities.

Duration of funding

The maximum length of time we will award a grant to any one project or activity is three years. Groups can hold more than one grant from us at the same time.

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