

## Dates

The fund will open on Wednesday 17 April 2024.

The fund will close on Wednesday 5 June 2024 at 5 PM.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

## The Skelton Charity

Registered charity number 219370

The Skelton Charity is a charitable trust empowered to make grants to only **registered charities** (including CIOs) established in Lancashire, Greater Manchester, and Merseyside, including the unitary authorities of Blackpool, Blackburn, Warrington, and Halton.

Applications from community interest companies (CICs) and other organisations that are not registered charities will **NOT** be considered.

Applications from organisations who have received Skelton Trust funding in the previous 2 years will **NOT** be considered.

Organisations must have been operating for a minimum of 12 months to be eligible to apply.

## Additional Guidance

### What to enclose

Applicants must be able to provide 4 specific documents to support their application for consideration:

1. A copy of the organisation's approved governing document (e.g. constitution, trust deed, memorandum of articles/association) which explicitly includes:
  - a. Clearly defined charitable purposes.
  - b. A statement that the organisation is not for profit and prohibits the distribution of profit.
  - c. An asset lock or a dissolution clause which states, in the event of the organisation being dissolved, it's remaining assets will not be distributed amongst its members but will be transferred to another charitable organisation or for charitable purposes elsewhere.

You can find examples of these types of documents and the relevant clauses here:  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-up-a-charity-model-governing-documents](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-up-a-charity-model-governing-documents)

2. A recent bank statement which clearly shows the name, sort code and account number of the organisations bank account.
3. The most recent set of accounts/proof of income & expenditure for the last 12 months.
4. A robust Safeguarding Policy (pertinent to the beneficiary group, ie, Children and/or Adults at Risk).

Although the Trustees enjoy complete discretion when considering applications, they are inclined to favor applications for:

- Equipment; from organisation's supporting the elderly, people with disabilities and from youth groups.
- Small specific capital projects of proven viability from community groups.
- 10% towards overhead costs - considering the cost-of-living crisis, applicants can request a 10% contribution (of the total amount requested) towards overhead costs (utilities etc).

The Trustees do not usually fund:

- Large building appeals

and do not make grants to individuals.

It is their policy to make relatively modest grants to a wide number of applicants, which tend to be in the range of **£500 - £3,000** but can be, exceptionally, as high as £5,000. The total annual income at their disposal is approximately £100,000.

In the case of an application from a local branch of a national charity, the local accounts should be submitted. Liverpool Charity & Voluntary Services (LCVS), who are administering the grants programme, may contact applicants for additional information.

Grants to eligible charities are determined by the Trustees at an annual meeting held each summer. After the meeting applicants are notified in writing of the decision of the Trustees.

## Contact Us

If we can be of any help, or you would like to talk to us about your project, then please email [grants@lcvs.org.uk](mailto:grants@lcvs.org.uk) with your contact details and we will arrange for a member of the team to get in touch.