

GRANT PROGRAMMES Hints & Tips Eligibility

Each year, Bank of Scotland Foundation receives funding from Lloyds Banking Group as part of the Group's commitment to Helping Scotland Prosper. The Foundation donates these funds to charities across Scotland through Grants programmes and a Matched Giving programme for Lloyds Banking Group employees in Scotland. The aim of our grant funding is to promote positive change across Scotland, and we focus our work and impact on charities that address disadvantage or social exclusion.

There are a few important things to know before applying:



You must be a charity registered in Scotland



You must supply the latest Annual Accounts with our application that have been CHECKED by OSCR and Companies House (if a Limited company)



You must have all your regulatory returns up to date at OSCR and Companies House



You can only submit one application to one programme per tranche



Your purpose must not be political, for animal welfare or the promotion of religion or medical research



You must provide a copy of your signed Annual Accounts with your application - signatures must not be computer generated or blacked out.



Your charity must have been operational for one year or more



You must not be a charity that redistributes funding for subsequent grant-making to other organisations and/or individuals



You cannot apply for donations to individuals, advertising, sponsorship, foreign trips or overseas projects.

Our four individual funding programmes each have specific criteria.



Reach

- Your charity's income must be £1.5 million or less per annum
- Applications are accepted for grants between £5,000 and £30,000
- Grants are awarded for one year
- Your funding request must address disadvantage or exclusion.



Advise

- Your charity's income must be £1 million or less per annum
- Applications are accepted for grants between £10,000 and £30,000
- Grants are awarded for one year
- Your funding request must focus on improving financial advice and financial literacy.



Change

- Your charity's income must be £500K or more per annum
- Applications are accepted for grants between £50,000 and £100,000 per annum over 1-2 years
- Your funding request should focus on large scale projects or capital costs and ensure continued and reliable support for people across Scotland.



Invest

- Your charity's income must be between £100k and £1million per annum
- Applications are accepted for grants between £20,000 and £40,000 per annum over 2-5 years
- Your funding request should focus on core costs to improve the stability of your charity.

Finally, you should have one last check to make sure you have what's needed:



Is your charity number on your application correct?



Have you included your additional A4 page telling us what you want the grant for, who your grant will help and what difference it will make to those you support?



Are your annual accounts signed (not computer generated or blacked out) by both an independent examiner and trustee?



Are your annual accounts the same as the most recent accounts which have been lodged and checked at OSCR?

Thank you for taking the time to read our hints and tips. Good luck with your application.