

Application Process

The Man Charitable Trust ("Trust") is an independent grant-making trust focusing on promoting education in the UK.

The principles on which the Trust's funding is based appear below. Grantees are expected to meet most or all of the Trust's funding criteria to receive support.

The Trust funds a number of charities at any one time. The Trust is currently funding one year grants of up to £100,000, but will consider longer-term support for applications that are deemed by Trustees to have particular merit.

We have a two-stage application process:

1. Please send a brief expression of interest to Charitable.Trust@man.com after carefully studying the funding principles below, including the exclusions section and explaining how your organisation meets the focus of the Trust's grant giving criteria. Expressions of interest should not exceed one side of A4, and should include the following:
 - A brief summary of your organisation's aims and activities, and if relevant the project for which you are applying for funding (outlining the work you hope to carry out, what the need for this is, who will benefit, when you plan to undertake it, and where it will be based)
 - Details of how your organisation meets the Trust's focus
 - The amount of funding requested
 - How the funds will be used if granted
 - Contact details
2. If your expression of interest is positively assessed you will be invited to submit a stage 2 application form for consideration by Trustees.

Please note that meeting all of the criteria does not guarantee you will be invited to complete a full application form or that if you are invited to do so, you will receive funding. All awards are made at the discretion of Trustees and their decision is final.

Trustees typically meet twice a year to consider grant proposals. Each application is considered on its merits. All rejected applications will receive notification and an outline explanation for the rejection will usually be given.

Following the Trustees' Meeting, successful applicants will be notified by telephone or email.

Funding criteria

The Trust funds small to medium-size UK registered charities that focus on promoting education and:

- Have an annual income greater than £500,000 and less than £10 million
- Raise levels of education with evidence of an increase in attainment
- Have a significant impact; changing wider policy and practice or having the potential to be mainstreamed or replicated
- Have clear and measurable outcomes and benefits and use evidence of results to improve performance
- Lead to leverage of additional funding where possible

Applicants must demonstrate that they are well run, with good governance and financial management and have an ambitious approach to tackling social issues. The Trust will not consider charities with high administration costs relative to the services provided.

The Trust typically funds charities' core costs, including salaries and overheads, and project costs.

The Trust prefers to focus on activities that offer assistance directly to individuals, families and communities as well as on those that increase the capacity of organisations and individuals. The interest and involvement of Man's employees is also considered. The Trust is interested in finding out about volunteering opportunities, though no preferential consideration will be given to organisations or projects providing such opportunities.

Exclusions

The Trust does not as a rule support, through its grants programme or its broader giving:

- Large national charities (unless in relation to a specific education related project)
- Charities which use external fundraising agencies
- Charities primarily devoted to promoting religious beliefs
- Endowment funds
- Requests to directly replace statutory funding
- Individual beneficiaries
- General media campaigns or campaigning or advocacy work to influence policy debates
- Work which has already been completed
- Capital projects and appeals
- Sponsorship or funding towards marketing appeals or fundraising events
- Organisations or projects whose primary purpose is political

