

the Tudortrust

The Tudor Trust is an independent grant-making trust which supports charities and community groups working in any part of the UK. Tudor doesn't focus its funding on specific themes or programmes but instead wants to support a wide range of organisations working to support positive change in people's lives. Tudor supports work which tries to meet the many different needs of people at the margins of society in ways which encourage inclusion, integration and independence.

Our funding guidelines outline our approach to supporting organisations. We **particularly want to help smaller, community-led organisations which work directly with people at the margins of society**. We do not have fixed funding priorities but are looking for a number of key characteristics in the organisations we fund.

These include:

- Organisations working within a marginalised community or working with a particularly marginalised group of people or 'community of interest'.
- Organisations which encourage and develop positive social connections and relationships.
- Organisations which are embedded in their community and which can identify and channel the potential within that community.
- Organisations which listen to and are responsive to their users and which give users a voice.
- Organisations which offer longer-term engagement and support.

We are most likely to fund groups with an annual turnover of less than £1 million. You don't have to be a registered charity to apply to us. We can make grants to other types of organisation (for example constituted community groups or community interest companies) as long as you can explain clearly how you would use our grant for charitable purposes.

Grants can take the form of core funding (including salaries, overheads and running costs), development funding, project grants or capital grants.

There are a few types of organisation and work that we will **not** consider for funding; these are listed in our funding guidelines so please check before you apply.

How to apply

Tudor has a two-stage application process. At the first stage we ask you to send us a brief first-stage proposal which includes a completed organisation details sheet (available on our website), an introductory letter, the answers to five set questions and your most recent annual report and accounts (or a recent bank statement if you are too new to have accounts). Full details of what to include in this first-stage proposal are given in the funding guidelines.

Proposals can be sent to us at any time: there are no deadlines. We can accept applications by post and by email - full guidance on how to apply can be found on our website.

We aim to make around 300 grants a year. Our guidelines are designed to allow a wide range of organisations to apply to us for funding for a huge variety of work - on average we receive around 2,600 applications a year. Therefore only around one in eight applicants will go through to the second stage of the application process.

Please read the funding guidelines carefully before starting your application. You can download our current funding guidelines from our website www.tudortrust.org.uk

The Tudor Trust: vital statistics

- In 2019-2020 we made 344 grants totalling £20.9 million.
- The average grant in 2019-2020 was just under £74,000.
- In 2019-2020 41% of our grants went to groups with a turnover of less than £100,000 a year, and 39% went to groups we had never funded before.
- In 2019-2020 10% of our grants went to groups with a focus on mental health, 10% to groups providing support to refugees and asylum seekers, 7% to groups working in the field of housing or homelessness and 4% to groups working with people with disabilities.
- In 2019-2020 16% of our grants went towards targeted work with BAME communities, or to BAME-led groups.

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