

UKSPF & RICHARD LAKE'S YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SCHEME

Fund Guidelines

Object of the Fund

To provide grant funding to organisations based within the heart of their community that will take preventative measures to help young people (up to the age of 25 years old) at risk of committing a criminal offence or becoming involved in anti-social behaviour to enable them to reach their potential and, thus, reduce levels of neighbourhood crime. Success stories include those that use peer mentoring, promote family-based solutions and/or provide a clear route into education or learning.

The intention is to strengthen the social fabric of communities, building pride in place by improving local community infrastructure, creating opportunities for social connections to develop and thrive.

About the Grants

- Grants may be up to £5,000.00
- Closing date 15 March 2024
- Payments are usually made in arrears. However, where an applicant does not have the financial resource to cover the project costs, payments may be made in advance
- Decisions are notified within 2-3 weeks of closing date
- Successful applicants should demonstrate they can spend and report upon success(es) before **31 January 2025**

Eligibility/Supporting documentation

Not for profit community groups, registered charities, social enterprises etc. All applicants should submit:

- Constitution/Governing document
- A local management board or committee (with minimum of at least two unrelated people)
- A bank or building society account in the organisation's name with at least two signatories who are not related or living in the same household
- Latest Accounts/Income and Expenditure Account (or last three months Bank Statements, if a new group)
- Other relevant policies and procedures (safeguarding policy, equal opportunities etc)
- Evidence of cost along with evidence the balance of project costs has been secured (match funding)
- Organisations already in receipt of UKSPF funding can apply to this programme if the project is different or can demonstrate added value to existing activity
- National or Regional organisations are unlikely to receive funding.

What can be funded:

To provide grant funding (capital or revenue) to reputable charitable organisations across East Lindsey, Boston Borough and South Holland that can deliver preventative measures within their community to:

- help and support young people at risk of committing a criminal offence or becoming involved in anti-social behaviour and/or can;
- reduce the re-offending rate by getting young people out of this cycle and instead engaging in more positive ways of life.

We will consider innovative, creative projects, if these can demonstrate how the activity deters young people from a life of crime and strives to encourage them to make good life choices and exercise better judgment.

What cannot and/or is unlikely to be funded:

- Projects promoting religious or political beliefs
- Individuals
- General contributions to large appeals unless the majority of match funding support is in place
- Grant making bodies applying for funding to redistribute to others
- Retrospective expenditure or unsustainable deficits or loans
- Projects that cannot be delivered and report on impact by January 2025
- Projects where the applicant has a limited track record in local delivery
- Activity that duplicates pre-existing private or public sector funding

Application process

Applications can be submitted electronically to sue@lincolnshirecf.co.uk along with all supporting documents. If you are unable to send an electronic copy, please send a hard copy to Sue Fortune, Lincolnshire Community Foundation, 4 Mill House, Carre Street, Sleaford, Lincs NG34 7TW.

Grant management

The grant scheme is managed by the Lincolnshire Community Foundation CIO (charity number 1196448). Youth Engagement Fund Grants Programme operates under the umbrella of the Foundation and is overseen by representative(s) from the Foundation, local authority, strategic partners and the community and voluntary sector. The Panel meets four times a year to consider grant applications.

Lincolnshire Community Foundation will use details submitted internally for administration purposes. As some of the information may be classified as “personal data” it will be processed in accordance with the rights and obligations of the Data Protection Act 2018.

If you are uncertain about your project’s eligibility for this scheme, please contact Sue Fortune or Cavan Collins at the Foundation on 01529 305825 or sue@lincolnshirecf.co.uk for further guidance.