
The Gateshead Fund at the Community Foundation: Guidelines for applicants

1. About the Gateshead Fund

Gateshead Council has established a fund at the Community Foundation to support projects that:

1. develop the capacity of community, voluntary and social enterprise sector organisations in Gateshead
2. support the provision of services by voluntary and community organisations in Gateshead
3. create stronger communities in Gateshead by building on the voluntary efforts of residents, local community assets and the work of elected members in their wards

2. Who can apply?

Applications will be considered from voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations with an annual income of less than £250,000. Examples of eligible groups include:

- Constituted voluntary or community organisations
- Charitable companies
- Social enterprises (for example, CICs and Co-operatives)

Priority will be given to groups based in Gateshead, except where there is a compelling case for funding applications from out of the area.

3. How much funding is available?

Funding of up to £10,000 is available for projects of up to one year's duration. Only one grant may be held at any time, and groups will not be funded for more than three years in any six year period.

4. What can be funded?

The Gateshead Fund will make **revenue grants** for projects that meet these guidelines. It will prioritise applications which have a focus on change and innovation, develop best practice and/or champion collaboration.

The Fund will also provide **capital grants** for building improvements and refurbishments where these will support the sustainability of community organisations and/or contribute to Gateshead Council's community ownership of assets and Green Gateshead priorities.

The Fund is also particularly interested in supporting organisations with match for Community Led Local Development (CLLD) funded projects. Further information about the Gateshead Goes Local CLLD programme can be found at:

www.gateshead.gov.uk/GatesheadGoesLocal

Social Enterprises, for example CICs, may apply for the specific costs of set-up and expansion. We **will not** normally support the costs of continuing services.

Applicants will be required to identify three grant objectives that will be achieved as a result of their grant, to collect evidence on progress during the course of their project and provide an end of grant monitoring report that shows what they have achieved.

5. Exclusions

The Gateshead Fund **will not** provide grants for:

- contributions to general appeals or circulars
- religious activity, which is not for the wider public benefit
- activities which have already taken place/retrospective funding
- grant making by other organisations/third party funding
- privately owned and profit-distributing companies or limited partnerships
- organisations with unrestricted reserves that exceed one year's running costs
- individuals

6. How to apply

The fund will issue a minimum of three Calls for Applications each year. These will be announced on the Community Foundation website at www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply

Applications should be made using the Gateshead Fund online form available at www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply. We are unable to consider applications made on the general Community Foundation application form.

Paper applications will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Please contact us if you are unable to use the online system.

7. Further information

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their projects with the Community Foundation in advance of applying. Please contact:

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