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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

When can I apply to DWF Charitable Foundation?

Applications can be made at any time using our online application form

How do I request support from DWF Foundation?

The DWF Foundation trustees will only consider requests for support, submitted via our [online application form](#).

Where do I get an application form for requesting support from DWF Foundation?

Please visit our [website](#)

Who can apply?

The DWF Foundation will welcome applications from Registered Charities only.

DWF Foundation welcomes applications from countries in which DWF has a presence.

- Australia
- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Poland
- Qatar
- Spain
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States

DWF also has associations with other law firms in the countries below but DWF Foundation does not currently fund in these locations:

- Singapore
- South Africa
- Turkey

N.B. On the application form please include your countries appropriate registered charity or not for profit number.

Is there a restriction on distance from a DWF office for projects you will consider?

There is no restriction on distance from the offices. DWF Foundation considers applications by country.

Are there deadlines for applications?

There are no deadlines for applications and requests can be submitted at any time. We do however have a cut off point for the next meeting the application will be considered, please see the timetable below in "How often we consider requests".

Notification of the outcome of your application?

You will be notified if your application has been successful or unsuccessful. Due to the large volume of applications received and to help keep administrative costs to a minimum, we currently cannot provide feedback on the applications.

Who makes the decision on what projects are supported?

DWF Foundation trustees make the decisions on what requests are supported. Our Trustee Board is made up of individuals from within DWF who volunteer their time to support the work of the DWF Foundation. To view our board of Trustees, please [click here](#).

How often do you consider requests for support?

Applications will be accepted at any time and if eligible for funding will be presented at the next Grants Committee meeting. Please see below guidelines on timescales for applications:

Application deadline	Grant committee meeting	Applicants notified by end
28 February 2025	April 2025	May 2025
30 June 2025	September 2025	September 2025
30 September 2025	December 2025	December 2025

What is the minimum and maximum size of grant you can apply for?

There is no minimum grants size you can request. However due to the amount of funding available our maximum grant size is £5000.

Do you fund more than one year projects?

Due to the amount of funding available we will only provide funding for one off grants. However this may change in the future depending on the availability of funds.

Do you fund organisations that are not charities?

The DWF Foundation will only fund registered charities.

Do you fund running costs?

Due to the funds available we will only fund running costs if they are part of a project application.

Do you fund salaries?

We do not fund salaries we would consider supporting sessional worker costs but only as part of a specific project.

How often can I apply for a grant?

Charities receiving funding from us should allow 12 months to elapse from our last grant award before making a new application.

Unsuccessful applicants can reapply after 12 months has lapsed from receiving the notification of the unsuccessful outcome of the request.

What happens after an application is submitted?

You will be sent an email confirmation that your application has been received. Unfortunately, **you will not** receive a copy of your application. We recommend that you copy your application before submitting it, to save on a word document for your keeping.

After your application has been acknowledged, you may not hear from us again until the outcome has been determined.

Can I apply for more than one project?

The Trustees will only consider one application per organisation.

Can I apply on behalf of an individual?

The Trustees will not consider applications for support from individuals. In order to be eligible for a grant you have to be a **registered charity**.

Do I need a DWF Staff reference on my application?

We want to see how The DWF Foundation is supporting the interests of our people at DWF, as they are the ones helping us raise the funds. To help us do this we are asking that if you know a person working for DWF LLP you let us know.

It is not essential in your application that you have a staff reference you can apply without.

Who can be a reference on my application?

Your reference needs to be someone who is independent of your organisation (not a trustee or anyone involved in the running of the charity) who can talk about your work. For example someone from a partner agency or funder. It cannot be someone employed by you or a trustee.

Why do you need to know our DWF local office location?

As our people help raise the funds we distribute its important that they are involved in the distribution of funding and local knowledge is important to our grant giving. We ask our local CSR committees to review bids we receive from their local area to help us make sure we get our funds to where it's needed and to the projects that our people want to see us supporting.

If successful, do I have to keep you updated on the outcome of the project?

From receiving the grant, you will have up to 12 months to spend the funds. We do have an evaluation form which we will share if you have been successful, and we follow up 12 months from you receiving the grant.

Do you have an appeals process?

We do not have an appeals process and the trustee's decision is final.

Can I get feedback if my application is refused?

Sadly due to the large number of applications we are now receiving we are unable to give feedback on your application.

We do run online session about "making an application" these are free and you can find the details and booking links [here](#)

Further information



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