

GRANT APPLICATION CRITERIA

Please ensure your group satisfies all the following conditions:

- You are based and operate on the Isle of Wight *
- You are a charity, not-for-profit, voluntary or community group active in the local community
- You have been operating for at least 12 months
- You are concerned with and/or meeting the needs of the local community
- Grant applications are between £250 - £10,000
- To apply for more than £500 you must be a registered charity or CIC/CIO
- Schools may apply for up to £500
- Your request for funding sits within one of our charitable objective areas below

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY NEEDS

Community Services

Cultural Enrichment

Civic Responsibility

People with Special Needs

Promotion of Health and Wellbeing

Advice Services

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Employment Projects for Disadvantaged People

Life Skills

Training and Education (Up to £500 towards non-core costs for schools)

What Lies Outside the Guidelines?

- Any organisation that does not directly benefit the people of the Isle of Wight
- Organisations with an income greater than £2 million in the previous years' accounts
- Insolvent organisations
- Organisations with 12 months reserves
- Promotion of Religion
- Endowment Funds
- Activities that are normally the responsibility of central or local government or some other responsible body
- Loans, business finance and deficits
- Animal Welfare organisations
- Anything involving fundraising for other charities
- Grant making charities
- Organisations that have been in operation for less than 12 months

Our grants are funded by local companies, individuals, trusts and through partnership working. We highlight issues of local importance to our fund holders and award grants on their behalf. Where a more substantial grant amount is requested, it is only a small number of very exceptional projects/applications that will be awarded a grant at the higher end. The reason for this is that with limited funding, the WightAid panel believe that a large number of smaller grants for smaller projects will have a greater impact across the Island than a small number of large grants.

**An organisation that is not based on the Isle of Wight may apply for funding provided that it can be demonstrated that the funds will be used for the direct benefit of people residing on the Isle of Wight.*

