



For children and young people

SYP Trust Grant Application Parameters:

About SYP Trust:

Our grants support small charities working to transform the lives of children and young people in London. Founded in 1843, Shaftesbury Young People has been delivering services for children and young people for over 170 years. We have a proud history of supporting disadvantaged young people, having run many services across the UK, including children’s homes and schools. We enjoyed Royal patronage from 1919, originally from HRH King Edward the VIII who stood as our President whilst he was the Prince of Wales, and then from Queen Elizabeth II who stood as our Royal patron until her death in 2022.

The charity reformed to become a grant-making body, SYP Trust, in 2021. We now use the legacy of our experience and our financial endowment to strengthen the community support available to disadvantaged young people. We want to support young people to learn, be healthy, be heard, and be active citizens. We support work to remove the barriers and challenges many young people face when working towards these goals and which contribute to the widening inequality in our society.

SYP Trust Grants:

SYP Trust aims to bring about positive change where it is needed in the lives of children and young people in London. We offer small grants to organisations working with young people (with a preference for ages 11-18) in Greater London. We will consider work that focus on improving the lives of young people through:

- Accessing learning and employment
- Living a healthy, active life
- Giving a voice to their situation and a say in the decisions that impact their lives

Through our grants we aim to:

WHAT	Grants to strengthen the community support available to disadvantaged young people in order to improve their immediate, medium and long term outcomes.
WHO	Children and Young people who are negatively impacted by circumstances in multiple ways.
WHERE	London
HOW	Grants to organisations with a social purpose and under £400,000 income per year, working to transform the lives of children and young people in London

Our priorities for our 2024 to 2026 funding rounds

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION - OPPORTUNITIES AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACCESS LEARNING AND EMPLOYMENT

Focus area under this priority	Work with those disengaged or excluded from compulsory education to achieve qualifications or training that supports their interests and employment aspirations. Primarily for groups where unemployment is demonstrably higher (such as refugees, those with disabilities, school avoiders and young people from traveller communities).
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HEALTH - EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEAD THE HEALTHIEST LIVES THEY CAN

Focus area under this priority	Medium to long term support to improve and protect their mental health through tailored and small-scale support that meets their individual needs as identified by the young people themselves.
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YOUTH VOICE - ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO FEEL EMPOWERED IN THEIR CHOICES, TO BE ABLE TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY AND TO HAVE A VOICE. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Focus areas under this priority	Projects which enable them to develop and demonstrate leadership skills with a practical application. Creative projects that enable them to speak out and express their views on key issues, that are presented to the decision makers and communities they wish to influence.
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Before application, we recommend you call us for an informal discussion and advice.

Type of grants

Open Applications under our focus areas:

- We typically give in the region of £5-10k per grant and will deliver two funding rounds per financial year.
- Grants are unrestricted funds to support the organisation, although some restrictions may be requested where the organisation also works outside of these parameters (i.e. age ranges, location etc)
- Grants will typically be for a defined period, however we are looking to grow relationships with charities who closely align with our charitable objects and your initial application will not preclude you from applying for further funding.

Innovation under our main priorities:

- If you are seeking funding to pilot an innovative idea, which sits under any of our three main priorities but does not fit our focus areas, please send us an email with details of your organisation and a **brief** answer to each of the following questions:
 1. What is your idea and how does this differ from your current work?
 2. Where did the idea come from and why do you think the work will benefit children and young people?
 3. How much money do you need in total to get this started?
 4. Why is this innovative?
 5. Do you meet our eligibility?

The Trustees may invite you to submit an application based on these answers so do keep them brief to avoid duplication of effort!

Eligibility:

You are eligible to apply to the SYP Trust grant programme if you are:

- A constituted not for profit organisation including non-registered charities, CICs, associations, societies and exempt charities, who are able to evidence transparency in their sources and use of funds.
- Preference will be giving to smaller community-based organisations where the majority of beneficiaries are within the Greater London boundary.
- You are applying for one or more of our focus areas, or our innovation funding.
- If you have delivery partners for the work you are seeking funding for, there are written agreements between you and your partners which you can share with us.

Further guidance:

- SYP Trust will not typically provide grants to mainstream schools or colleges but will consider organisations which enhance the formal educational offering of their partner institution/s.
- SYP Trust will not favour applications from large statutory bodies such as Hospitals, but will consider charities linked to such bodies where the grant size will make a significant difference to how and if the project runs.
- SYP Trust will consider applications from faith groups as long as they can demonstrate that they are inclusive of other faiths within the group of children and young people for which they are requesting funds, and in their workforce.
- SYP Trust will support campaigning organisations, those who act on behalf of communities without a voice or who support people to access the services they need, but which are not actively promoting the interests of any particular Political Party.
- We have a preference for working with local community organisations with income of up to £400,000 per year and appropriate reserves to cover their liabilities where possible.
- We are also interested in organisations which disseminate their results, successes, and challenges, to help inform other organisations and improve the work of the sector.
- Your application should demonstrate to us your understanding of your local community and your beneficiaries, any persons with lived experience in your organisation and their role and your reputation within your local community.
- We have a particular interest in work which aims to collect evidence in order to scale up an initiative or service.
- We will consider applications from previous grant holders or applicants but advise you to call first to discuss the timing and project/need.

We will not fund:

- Capital works/improvement processes.
- Organisations without a focus on our area of Benefit (Greater London).
- Applications which cannot demonstrate their main beneficiaries will be young people within the age range of 11 to 18 years.
- For profit organisations.
- Organisations who cannot sufficiently demonstrate an understanding of the local area in which they plan to work.
- Organisation which encourage religious conversion

The Application Process:

For applications under our focus areas, the application will be via an online form. You can view the application form [here](#).

As part of the application, you will be required to provide:

- A budget for your organisation and/or project
- Your most recent annual accounts (if not available via the Charity Commission), or management accounts or equivalent as agreed (please call us for advice on what to submit)
- A copy of your governing document which notes your social purpose (this is not required if you are registered with the Charity Commission or we are able to download this from Companies House)

You may also send us images and videos, as long as you can confirm you have consent to share the content with SYP Trust and our Board of Trustees. All such content will be deleted following the decision on your application.

Prior to an award you can expect:

- A call or email from the Grants Manager to discuss your application and the information submitted, if you have been shortlisted.
- To provide supporting documents as required for our due diligence process. In some instances where you have under one year of accounts or are not regulated, this could include a signed letter of endorsement from a local Charity, Authority, Health Trust or Constabulary, or a previous charitable funder. We will support you in accessing suitable due diligence evidence if you are very new and unestablished.

If a Grant is offered:

You will be required to return a signed* copy of our Terms and Conditions and complete and submit our bank details form, along with evidence of your bank account in the name of the recipient organisation** (personal bank accounts cannot be considered), which will be sent to you along with your Grant offer letter.

In some cases, if your due diligence information is unavailable, incomplete or inadequate, we may suggest you identify a partner charity who can receive the funds on your behalf and administer the payments for you.

Following an award you will be required to:

- Have a call or visit, ideally where the work is delivered (if appropriate) with a Trustee or Grant Manager during or after the period the grant is being spent.
- We will work with you to identify the best way to report back on your grant after 12 months or less. This could be via our online form, your annual report or another method that is mutually agreed with the Grants Manager or Trustee.
- Acknowledge the grant within your annual report and accounts for the year in which you received the grant.
- Consider collaborating with other organisations working in a similar sector.
- Be open to attending SYP Trust events to represent your organisation and share your experiences of working with children and young people to help us further our aims of improving the lives of Young People.
- We may also ask for your permission to be featured on our website, as long as you are able to provide suitable consent for any images and/or details.

Timeline:

- Grants are typically made twice a year in approximately June and December.
- The application windows run from 1st February to the 31st March and from 1st June to 1st September.
- Grant assessment windows are during April/May and September/October

* This must be signed by the most appropriate member of senior management or Trustee

**This can be an image of a voided cheque or paying in slip, or a bank statement with transaction information redacted/obscured.

Glossary of Terms

- Activity/ies - the work and actions undertaken to create outputs
- Beneficiary/ies – the people your funding application or your organisation will help directly, not indirectly (i.e. their friends, family, neighbours or teachers)
- CIC – Community Interest Company with a Governing document and registered with Companies House
- Community - a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic or certain attitudes and interests in common
- Consent - permission for something to happen or agreement to do something
- Due Diligence - reasonable steps taken to appraise a charity/organisation to establish its suitability and viability as a grant holder.
- Exempt Charity - an institution/organisation that has charitable status and must comply with general charity law, but is exempt from the requirement to register with the Charity Commission (for example, schools, colleges and universities)
- Greater London – the 32 boroughs of London which are: City of London, Barking and Dagenham, Barnet, Bexley, Brent, Bromley, Camden, Croydon, Ealing, Enfield, Greenwich, Hackney, Hammersmith and Fulham, Haringey, Harrow, Havering, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, Kingston upon Thames, Lambeth, Lewisham, Merton, Newham, Redbridge, Richmond upon Thames, Southwark, Sutton, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, Wandsworth, Westminster.
- Impact - broad or longer-term effects of an organisation’s work. This can include effects on people who are direct users of an organisation’s work, effects on those who are not direct users, or effects on a wider field such as government policy
- Lived Experience - knowledge about the world gained through direct, first-hand involvement
- Outcome - the changes, benefits, learning or other effects that happen as a result of an organisation’s work. Outcomes can be positive or negative, expected or unexpected
- Process - internal processes are the things which keep your organisation running well. These include things like staff training and development, monitoring and evaluation, and fundraising.
- Project - an individual or collaborative activity that is carefully planned to achieve a particular aim.
- Religious conversion - convert or attempt to convert (someone) from one religion, belief, or opinion to another.