

Applying for a Nationwide Community Grant – your questions answered

Applying for a Nationwide Community Grant - Am I eligible?	
Who can apply for a grant?	<p>We fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Charities registered with the Charity Commission or OSCR • Community Benefit Societies or Cooperatives registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) • Community Land Trusts registered with the charity commission, OSCR, FCA, or with Companies House as a Community Interest Company (CIC) Ltd by guarantee <p>For more information on eligibility please read the 'What we fund' section in our 'Applying for a Community Grant' guide</p> <p>Our community grants aren't awarded to individuals however, we recommend contacting our charity partner Shelter, who can offer housing advice. Please visit shelter.org.uk/ where you'll find a number of ways to get in touch with Shelter.</p>
Why has your eligibility criteria changed to a £25,000 minimum average annual income over three years?	<p>We've listened to your feedback and have simplified our eligibility criteria. The £25,000 minimum average annual income will allow more smaller charities to apply than in previous years, and the requirement for this to be on average over three years allows us to assess the running of the organisation and its sustainability. Having an average income gives organisations the opportunity to explain any dip in income, for instance that may have been caused by Covid-19, and still be eligible.</p>
Can I apply for more than one project if I've received funding before?	<p>Yes, the same organisation can apply more than once, whether it's for follow on funding from a previous project, or a new project. You can also submit more than one application.</p>
We're a recent start up charity; can we apply?	<p>If you have been up and running for at least three years and can evidence this with three years of annual accounts, you'll be eligible to apply. In some instances, you may not have been a registered charity for the full three years, but have been operating and producing annual accounts, in which case you may still be eligible as long as you meet the minimum annual income requirements.</p>
How much can we apply for?	<p>You can apply for between £10,000 and £50,000. The value you apply for should be at least 50% of your overall project cost.</p>
Do you fund retrospective costs?	<p>Sorry, Community Grants can't be applied for in retrospect. Please read the 'What we fund' section in our 'Applying for a Community Grant' guide for more information.</p>

Applying for a Nationwide Community Grant – Things to know before applying

When is your application deadline?	<p>Applications close midnight on 17 June 2021, however please be aware that this year in order to manage the volume of applications we receive and to preserve our success rate of approximately 1 in 4, we will be capping applications by region, which means the date on which applications close in your region may be earlier than the final deadline date.</p>
How will I know if you've reached the capped level of applications in my region?	<p>When you go to start an application on our website if a region has already reached its capacity you will be unable to progress any further. If you would like to check whether a region is approaching capacity before you start an application you can email NationwideCommunityGrants@nationwide.co.uk and we'll be able to give you an indication.</p>
What happens if the cap is reached	<p>We'll assess this on a case by case basis. Where possible we'll allow organisations to complete an application which is close to being finished within a short time after capacity is met, but we may be</p>

and I'm halfway through completing an application?	unable to do this in all instances where volumes are high and particularly where an application has been started but is not near completion.
What questions will you ask on the application?	You can find a list of the application questions in our 'The questions you'll be asked' guide and more support on completing your application in our 'Applying for a Community Grant guide'.
What are my chances of being successful?	This year we're introducing a cap on applications to manage volumes and to preserve a success rate of approximately 1 in 4 or put another way around 25% of those who apply within each region will receive funding.

Applying for a Nationwide Community Grant – Support with my application

What makes a good application?	<p>Lots of factors contribute to a great application, but there are some basics we're always looking for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A clearly costed project - make sure your project is costed and simple for us to understand. 2. Clear objectives and outcomes - Try to be concise, what are you aiming to achieve, how does this align with our 3 purposes, what will success of the project look like and what impact will this have? 3. Know your audience - If you're shortlisted, we'll be using your application to create a summary which will be shared with our regional Community Board members who award our grants. So make it clear and concise, try not to use acronyms or jargon, and bring the project to life as much as you can. We know you're passionate about your projects and proud of the difference they make; we want to see this in your application so we can share it with our Community Boards. 4. What makes it special? - We review a lot of applications, so the best projects are those which stand out from the rest. Let us know what makes you different. 5. What makes it sustainable? - We know that our grant won't last forever, but we want to know how you'll continue to support the people your helping beyond the life of the grant. Can some of the money be used to support a longer-term impact?
My link to access my account has expired	If the link to verify your account has expired please email us at NationwideCommunityGrants@nationwide.co.uk to let us know, and we'll send you a new link.
I'm having issues with the application form - what do I do?	If you're experiencing technical issues or difficulty submitting your application form, please let us know at NationwideCommunityGrants@nationwide.co.uk
Can I change my organisation/contact details?	Currently, you won't be able to update your contact information once it's been submitted. However, let one of the grant team members know by sending an email to NationwideCommunityGrants@nationwide.co.uk
I've realised I've entered incorrect information after submitting my application, what do I do?	Our tech team will be able to help, email us at NationwideCommunityGrants@nationwide.co.uk and let us know charity number / FCA number you used as well as the email address you registered with
I submitted an application last year, can I view what I submitted?	Yes, if you log in to your account you will be able to download a PDF of the application you submitted last year. Our eligibility criteria and application questions have changed a bit this year so you can't use exactly the same responses to all of this year's questions, but hopefully seeing your answers will be helpful.

Applying for a Nationwide Community Grant – After you apply

What happens after I apply?	<p>Once you click submit, you'll get a notification to say we've received your application. We'll be in touch by email to let you know whether your application has been shortlisted to be reviewed by one of our Community Boards. You can see a timeline of events on our website.</p> <p>Sometimes our emails end up in the spam folder. Make sure to add our email address to your safe sender's list to ensure you receive our emails.</p>
Can I download the application form after I've submitted it?	Yes! Having received feedback from past applicants that it would be useful, we've added the functionality this year for you to be able to download your application once you've submitted it.