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Nationwide Building Society

NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY COMMUNITY GRANTS

Aims

Nationwide Building Society was founded to help people into homes of their own and its ambition that everyone should have a place fit to call home stands firm today. The Nationwide Community Grants programme awards up to £500,000 across 11 UK regions annually.

Outcomes

Nationwide are looking for local housing projects that will strengthen local communities to support the most vulnerable by:

- Preventing people from losing their home
- Helping people in to a home
- Supporting people to thrive within the home environment

How it works

Charities, Community Land Trusts and housing co-operatives can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 to make a change in your local area. The applications will be reviewed and voted on by a regional Community Board, made up of Nationwide members and colleagues. And it's more than just money, the funded projects will also get community and volunteering support.

Priorities

We will prioritise organisations that:

- Illustrate a clear link to Nationwide's ambition for everyone to have a place fit to call home and can demonstrate the impact their project will have on the local community
- Projects that are supporting people in housing need in original or creative ways. This includes both projects already delivering local impact and those carrying out research to find new ways to challenge the housing crisis
- Have projects/ideas that have the potential to be used by others across the country
- Have robust plans to measure and report on the difference the grant will make
- Can demonstrate sustainability beyond the life of the grant, by building the skills of staff and volunteers, diversifying funding streams and providing long-term solutions for the people they are helping
- That can evidence knowledge of local issues and have a network of local connections

Before you submit your application you may find it useful to take a look at some of the projects previously funded by the Nationwide Community Grants programme, you'll find a summary of these at www.nationwide.co.uk/communityfunding

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Who we will fund

This fund is open to registered charities, charitable incorporated organisations, Community Land Trusts[1] and housing co-operatives.

Co-operatives and community benefit societies registered with the Financial Conduct Authority are also eligible as long as their associated activities target housing and/or homelessness.

Partnership and consortia are encouraged to apply, the lead partner must be an eligible entity and will manage the funds if successful.[2]

Eligible organisations need to have a minimum of three unrelated trustees and two unrelated bank signatories.

What we will fund

- Core costs of up to 20% of the requested grant amount – including running and facility costs, office equipment, supplies, any travel and accommodation, printing etc (this does not include staff costs).
- Staff and volunteer costs for the lead partner - including full-time staff, part-time staff, project delivery staff costs and other related expenses.
  All staff costs must be paid at least the Real Living Wage determined by the Living Wage Foundation https://www.livingwage.org.uk/what-real-living-wage.
- Small-scale capital costs - including one-off expenses for equipment or fixed assets that may have use or benefit beyond the life of the grant/one financial year, such as computer hardware or perishable capital that are required for the delivery of a project, such as paint, paintbrushes and gardening equipment.
- Activity costs - that help to facilitate projects or activities, but that fall outside of capital, staffing & volunteering costs; such as catering or insurance.
- Development and capacity building costs – to support organisational sustainability; such as staff/volunteer training, external consultancy fees.
- Building works and refurbishment costs where they are essential to the successful delivery of the project.

What we won't fund

This fund is not open to:

- Individuals or individual sponsorship
- Activities generating private profit
- Major/large-scale capital costs - vehicles, land, property.
- Retrospective costs - reimbursement for costs already incurred.
- Organisations that promote religious or party-political activities. We will prioritise projects which benefit all possible target beneficiaries irrespective of beliefs or affiliations.

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[1] Community Land Trusts can be registered with the charity commission or OSCR in Scotland, the Financial Conduct Authority or with Companies House as a community interest company ltd by guarantee. Companies or community interest companies ltd by shares are not eligible for this fund.

[2] Statutory organisations, housing associations, companies limited by guarantee with charitable objectives, community interest companies, constituted community or voluntary sector groups are welcomed to apply in partnership with an eligible lead organisation, partnerships should be established before applying.

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The Funding

Nationwide grants are between £10,000 and £50,000 and the funding period is between one and two years.

Nationwide will fund between 50% to 100% of the total cost of the project. For example, if your organisation is seeking funding for an £80,000 project, you should apply for a minimum of £40,000. Successful organisations will be required to raise any remaining project costs within two months of the award.

Nationwide will fund a maximum of 25% of an organisation's annual income, for two-year projects this can be per annum. For partnership projects we will accept a combined income.

Eligibility checklist

The checklist below will help check your eligibility for this programme:

Eligibility Checklist	Yes/No
My organisation is registered with the charity commission or OSCR, is a Community Benefit Society or a cooperative registered with the Financial Conduct Authority, or is a Community Land Trust registered with the charity commission, OSCR, the Financial Conduct Authority or with Companies House as a community interest company ltd by guarantee	
My organisation has a minimum of three unrelated Trustees and two unrelated Bank signatories	
My proposed project is between one and two years	
I am applying for 25% or less, of my organisation's annual income per year (or 25% or less of the combined annual incomes of the partnership or consortia per year)	
I am applying for 50% or more of the total cost of my project	
The costs I am applying for are eligible in the 'what we will fund' section	
My proposed project targets one of Nationwide's 3 outcome areas	

If you've answered 'no' to any of the questions above your organisation or proposed project is not eligible for this fund. You may want to get in touch with your local Community Foundation to see whether they can support you to tailor your application, offer advice or signpost you towards funds that you may be eligible for.

Nationwide are keen to build capacity for organisations that need it most, therefore our grant making partner UK Community Foundations can offer support to a limited number of ineligible organisations (i.e. constituted community groups), to set up as eligible entities before the Nationwide Community Board meeting. Project ideas must be thought through and eligible, and the income threshold will still apply. This support relates only to the organisation's legal structure, support cannot be offered if the organisation is ineligible for any other reason.

For more information and to gain an initial assessment email grants@ukcommunityfoundations.org

The extra information we'll need

We'll ask for these supporting documents to be uploaded with your application:

- A copy of your most recent annual accounts
- A copy of a recent bank statement in your organisation's name
- A copy of your governing documents
- Copies of your safeguarding and equal opportunities policies. Guidance can be found on UKCF website *https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/our-programmes/nationwide*
- Copies of any Job Descriptions for new posts that will be recruited as a result of this grant

If you have any concerns about the information in your application being used publicly, please ensure you make us aware by contacting your local Community Foundation.

Next steps

This process will be used to assess the applications and award grants:

- All applications and supporting documents need to be submitted by the date specified on our website
- Your local Community Foundation will shortlist applications, assessing against the eligibility criteria and priorities of the programme
- Organisations that have not been shortlisted will be informed in January 2020
- A regional Community Board will review the shortlisted applications and decide which projects will receive grants from Nationwide. The Community Board is made up of Nationwide colleagues and members and supported by representatives from local Community Foundations
- Organisations that have been shortlisted will be informed of the outcome of the Community Board meetings by mid-February 2020
- Successful organisations will be required to sign a contract and send eps or .ai files with high-resolution versions of the organisation's logo and photos that represent the organisations work by 2nd March 2020
- As a building society, Nationwide takes all necessary steps to prevent financial crime. To do this, they will instruct their third-party payments provider – Charities Trust to run due diligence checks on successful organisations before any payments can be made.

At each stage of the process the decisions of the local Community Foundations and the Community Board are final, with Nationwide having final absolute discretion as to whether to award the community grant.

How we use your personal data

By completing this application form, UK Community Foundations and its network partners will use the personal data about you and other individuals named in your application to assess and administer a grant application for Nationwide's Community Grant programme. Personal data about your management team will also be used for identification, debt tracing and the prevention of money laundering. To support with this, searches (e.g. to verify your identity) may be made with third parties, including publicly available sources. If your application is successful, your details may also be used to contact you to gain your thoughts on the effectiveness and impact of the programme.

When necessary, personal data collected through the application process may be shared with the regional Community Board, Nationwide Building Society, The Nationwide Foundation, Charities Trust and with other third parties where the law permits or requires it.

Any photographs and commentary provided to support your application may include personal data relating to individuals supported by your organisation. These photos, logos and details may be used in promotional material created in relation to your application and may be shared with Nationwide members and via Nationwide Building Society, UK Community Foundations and its network partners' websites and literature.

We will only use your information where we have a legal basis to do so, for example, to carry out our legitimate business interests to manage and promote our Community Grants or to meet our legal or contractual obligations. By providing any personal data about another person you are confirming that they understand how their data may be used and shared.

You have certain rights when it comes to your personal information. This includes rights to access and correct your information, and to erase, transfer, object to, restrict or take away consent around how we use your information. Please contact your local Community Foundation (https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/our-programmes/nationwide) if you or anyone named in your application have any concerns with the information being used publicly or if you wish to exercise any of these rights.