

Cost of Living Crisis Fund

Application Guidance Notes

With the heightened Cost of Living Crisis having made it more challenging for charities and community groups to raise funds, but also to cater to the growing number of service users and people in more pressing need, we have created a **Cost of Living Crisis Fund**.

Qualifying local organisations can now apply to receive a special grant from January 2023.

About these guidelines

We understand that fundraising takes time and effort, and so we aim to be as clear as possible about what grants our Trustees are likely to support in respect of our Cost of Living Crisis Fund, how to apply for a Cost of Living Crisis Fund grant, and how long your application will take.

Who we support

We support a wide range of non-profit organisations and whilst we will consider any application, primarily we approve applications in the areas of:

- Education
- Health (or the saving of lives)
- Arts, culture, heritage or science
- Amateur sport
- Relief by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or any other disadvantage supported by the Trustees

The Trustees are flexible in their consideration of any grant application, however the key criteria is that your organisation will provide a direct benefit to individuals or a community within a 5-mile radius of Reading town centre.

What we fund

Whilst our Trustees will consider funding for day-to-day expenditure and capital projects under this fund, we are primarily seeking to support specific needs, projects, and/or activities.



What we will not fund

We are unable to support grants which do not provide a direct benefit to individuals or a community within a 5 mile radius of Reading town centre. In addition, we will not fund grant applications from:

- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Local authorities, housing associations, councils or government agencies
- Profitable enterprises

We will also not support the following activities:

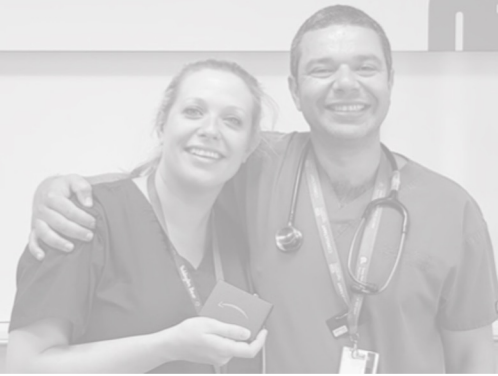
- Anything which takes place overseas
- Campaigning, lobbying, and awareness raising
- Feasibility studies
- One-off or annual gala events or festivals, even if they are for fundraising purposes
- Sponsorship
- Start up costs and organisations without a track record

Reporting requirements

There are no requirements for a report to be issued as to how the funds have been spent, however we would encourage and love to receive any feedback you can provide as to how your award has been used, which will be shared with our Trustees.

Withdrawal of funding

We may, in our absolute discretion, at any time change the eligibility criteria or other terms and conditions of the application process.



Grant Terms & Conditions

Unless superseded within these guidelines, our standard Grant Terms & Conditions shall apply to any award made. A copy of these can be found [here](#).

Making your application

We want the process of applying for this grant to be as simple as possible, and unlike our standard grant application procedure, we have prepared a simple form for completion given the aim of the fund is to provide small grants.

The application form can be found [here](#).

Submitting your application

The easiest, preferred, and quickest way to submit your application is via our website. However, if completing our application form offline this can be emailed to mail@johnsykesfoundation.org, or if this is not possible, please post your application to:

John Sykes Foundation
First Floor
23/24 Market Place
Reading
RG1 2DE

What happens next?

A member of our team will review the application and we aim to issue a decision within 14 days, unless further questions or queries arise.

If you are successful, we aim to remit funds to you within 14 days of the award date.