

Assumptions

Small charities and social enterprises are the experts in their fields and know more about their work than we do.

Small charities and social enterprises are incredibly resource constrained and we must not waste their time.

Eligibility

All UK-registered charities, CICs, CIOs and CBSs with annual incomes below £500,000. No restrictive sector or region criteria – open call to all.

Online application portal

A simple, powerful process that can manage hundreds of applications per hour.

No arduous online forms – applicants write pitch documents in their own words.

Due diligence

Assessment conducted by expert ‘low-bono’ consultants, each with 15+ years’ experience in business.

Top 30% of applicants taken to interview, where strategic business support is provided to the organisation’s leadership.

Best applicants provide referees for interview.

All applicants guaranteed feedback.

Funding panels

Funders, grantees and partners send representatives to funding panels ensuring diverse mix of decision-makers.

Assessors represent charities and articulate requests to the panel, levelling the playing field for those without experienced fundraisers.

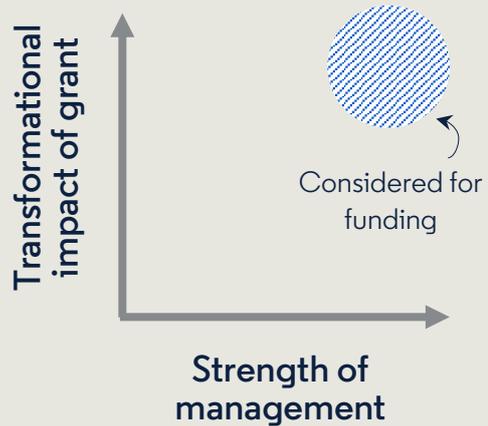
Partners share expertise and collaborate on decisions, while maintaining control of funds.

Award

‘Venture philanthropy’ package designed to unlock development and scale (grant size dependent on programme):

- Unrestricted grant-funding over 1-3 years.
- Access to skilled pro bono support and training.
- Access to impact measurement support.

What we look for:



The Fore makes grants with an investment mind-set, designed to help organisations significantly develop their scale, sustainability, efficiency and impact.

We are different from many other funders in that we focus on organisational strength and potential, rather than the number of beneficiaries the organisation reaches. The two main criteria we judge are the strength of an organisation’s management and the potential of a grant to transform the organisation (see diagram above).

“The process was more valuable than the funding.”

- Unsuccessful applicant

“The quality of work done by the grant assessors in advance was superb, both thorough and yet concise, which provided for insightful debate amongst panellists.”

- Corporate Partner

“We find it very helpful that The Fore gives feedback on our applications. It respects the effort we have put in and puts a helpful emphasis on the quality of the funder/grantee relationship. As a small charity, lacking in the fundraising team that a larger charity would have, we particularly value this.”

- Unsuccessful applicant

“I expected the experience to be exciting, but it has been more than that; it has been moving.”

- Corporate Partner