

Frequently Asked Questions - The Fore Autumn Funding Round 2021

The Funding Offer

How much and over what time period is funding available?

The Fore will make grants of up to £15,000 over six to eighteen months. We ask you to tell us in your application the total amount of funding you are requesting and over what time period. Please note that our maximum grant size is £15,000 in total.

What can the funding be used for? Does The Fore fund core costs?

We offer unrestricted grants that can be used for any purpose, including core costs. We seek to make grants that strengthen organisations so they can do more. We see our grants as investments. Our grant might help you grow, or be more efficient - we don't mind, we just want you to be able to be better at what you do. Your application should describe the impact that our funding would have on your organisation. Please see our [guidelines for application](#) for more detail.

Will everyone who applies for funding receive a grant?

Unfortunately we don't have sufficient funding to make grants to all who apply. The Fore will provide every applicant with feedback however and unsuccessful applicants are welcome to reapply at anytime.

If I am successful, what will The Fore require in terms of monitoring?

Grantees should expect a zoom meeting or phone call every six months to discuss their progress against the targets that have been agreed and to provide supporting documentation thereafter. There is no obligation to write and submit a report. We aim to provide support to our grantees and not to burden them with unnecessary reporting.

Eligibility

Does my organisation need to be a registered charity?

We accept applications from registered charities, community interest companies, charitable incorporated organisations and community benefit societies.

Can I apply if my organisation is a company limited by guarantee?

Unfortunately we can only accept applications from companies limited by guarantee if they are also Registered Charities or Community Interest Companies. Otherwise, we cannot accept applications from companies limited by guarantee, even if they have other elements associated with social enterprises (such as asset locks, non-distribution clauses or charitable/social purposes).

We have applied to be a registered charity/community interest company/charitable incorporated organisation/community benefit society, but our application has not yet been approved. Can we still apply for funding?

We are unable to fund organisations whose registration as a charity, community interest company, charitable incorporated organisation or community benefit society in the UK is in process but has not yet been approved. Please do not register for one of The Fore's funding rounds until you have received confirmation from the relevant regulator that your registration has been approved.

Do you fund charitable activities in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland as well as England?

Yes.

Do you fund charitable activities overseas?

Yes, but the organisation needs to have a base and be registered within the UK as described above.

Eligibility continued

My organisation has annual income of more than £500,000. Can we still apply for funding?

Unfortunately not. The Fore only provides grants to organisations with less than £500,000 annual income in the previous financial year. We regret that even if your income this year will be under £500,000 you cannot apply until next year.

I have an existing grant from The Fore. Can I apply?

No, unfortunately we cannot accept applications from grantees who have not come to the end of their grant term.

If I have been turned down previously for a grant from The Fore, can I apply again?

Yes, you can reapply, and we will assess your application on the strength of your proposal to us.

Registration and Application

How do I apply for funding?

To apply for funding, organisations must first register some basic contact details at the start of the funding round. Dates for upcoming registration periods are always provided in advance at <https://www.thefore.org/applying-for-funding/> (scroll down to “Timetable for Funding Rounds”). When registration is open, you can register at <https://www.thefore.org/applying-for-funding/>. Once registered, organisations are given four-five weeks to submit an application document via a secure weblink - please see [guidelines for application](#) for more details. Only organisations that have registered with us at the start of a funding round may submit an application for that funding round.

How long do you stay open for registration?

The number of registrations accepted for each round is capped to ensure we are able to give every application the attention it deserves. Registration is run on a first-come, first-served basis meaning that it is important to register as soon after the registration opens as possible. Once the cap is reached, the round is closed, so please register early.

I registered but did not receive my web link to apply. What do I do?

Please first check the spam/junk folder of the e-mail address you used to register. If you are still unable to locate an email from us confirming your registration and providing a unique weblink to complete your applications, please e-mail info@thefore.org and we will resend the email to you.

I have sent in my application by the secure weblink but have not heard back from The Fore. What do I do?

Please first check the spam/junk folder of the e-mail address you used to register. If you are still unable to locate an email from us confirming the receipt of your application please contact info@thefore.org.

What should I write in my application?

Please review our [guidelines for application](#) before preparing your application.

If I am applying for funding for a project, should I provide financial information for the project or for the organisation as a whole?

Please provide the relevant information for the organisation as a whole as well as the estimated cost of what you expect to use the grant funding for.

Am I required to include a full project budget in my application?

No detailed project budgets are required, just a simple description of how you intend to spend the grant. If the assessor allocated to your application has any additional questions, he/she will ask them of you direct.

Registration and Application continued

Do we need to include a financial table in my application?

We expect applications to include a simple statement of the organisation's historic and forecast finances (maximum three years each). We provide a model table for you to follow in our [guidelines for application](#), but this format is not mandatory.

We don't have three years of financial results. What should we say in the financial table?

Please include only as much of a historic picture as you are able to provide.

There's something odd or unusual about our financial history, and we think it may be confusing. What should we say in the financial table?

We understand that your organisation may recently have undergone significant changes to its operations. Please include a short explanation to make sense of the information you have provided. The assessor allocated to your application will ask any additional questions of you direct if your organisation is long-listed for an interview.

We are a new organisation and don't yet have any accounts.

Please include as much of a financial picture as you are able to provide.

I don't have my audited accounts for this year. Can I still apply?

Yes. Please attach the most recent audited accounts you have available, and please include your most recent management accounts, even if those are quite basic – we want to understand your organisation as much as we can.

I made a mistake when uploading my answers to the questions in the webform. What should I do?

Don't worry! Please email the correct information to info@thefore.org and we will update your application record. Please use the name of your organisation as you registered it in the subject line followed by Application Amendment and we will update your application record before it is assessed.

If you have any further queries, please contact us at info@thefore.org