

## **The Skelton Charity**

Registered charity number 219370

The Skelton Charity is a charitable trust empowered to make grants to only **registered charities** (including CIOs) established in Lancashire, Greater Manchester, and Merseyside, including the unitary authorities of Blackpool, Blackburn, Warrington, and Halton.

Applications from community interest companies (CICs) and other organisations that are not registered charities will **NOT** be considered.

Applications from organisations who have received Skelton Trust funding in the previous 2 years (2023/2024) will **NOT** be considered.

Organisations must have been operating for a minimum of 12 months to be eligible to apply.

### **Additional guidance – what to enclose.**

Applicants must be able to provide 4 specific documents to support their application for consideration:

1. A copy of the organisation's approved governing document (e.g. constitution, trust deed, memorandum of articles/association) which explicitly includes:
  - a. Clearly defined charitable purposes.
  - b. A statement that the organisation is not for profit and prohibits the distribution of profit.
  - c. An asset lock or a dissolution clause, which states, in the event of the organisation being dissolved, its remaining assets will not be distributed amongst its members but will be transferred to another charitable organisation or for charitable purposes elsewhere.

You can find examples of these types of documents and the relevant clauses here:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-up-a-charity-model-governing-documents](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-up-a-charity-model-governing-documents)

2. A recent bank statement which clearly shows the name, address, sort code and account number of the organisations bank account.
3. The most recent set of accounts/proof of income & expenditure for the last 12 months.

4. A **robust** Safeguarding Policy & Procedure (pertinent to the beneficiary group, ie, Children and/or Adults at Risk). The Safeguarding Policy & Procedure should be relevant to the location of where the project will be delivered but exceptions will be made in relation to generic policies for larger, national organisations (example girl guides). **Please refer to the accompanying Safeguarding Policy & Procedure guidance and checklist in relation to good practice guidelines.**

Although the Trustees enjoy complete discretion when considering applications, they are inclined to favor applications for:

- Equipment; from organisation's supporting the elderly, people with disabilities and from youth groups.
- Small specific capital projects of proven viability from community groups.

The Trustees do not fund:

- Large building appeals
- Staff/running costs

and do not make grants to individuals.

It is the policy of the panel to make relatively modest grants to a wide number of applicants, which tend to be in the range of **£500 - £3,000** but can be, rarely, as high as £5,000. Applications exceeding this amount will not usually be considered. At the discretion of the panel, a 10% contribution towards the cost of overheads may also be awarded. The total annual income at their disposal is approximately £120,000.

**Follow this link to apply online to the Skelton Charity (insert).** In the case of an application from a local branch of a national charity, the local accounts should be submitted. Liverpool Charity & Voluntary Services (LCVS), who are administering the grants programme, may contact applicants for additional information.

Grants to eligible charities are determined by the Trustees at an annual meeting held each summer. After the meeting, applicants are notified in writing of the decision of the Trustees.

**Completed applications must be received by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 5 p.m. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

If we can be of any help, or you would like to talk to us about your project, then please email [grants@lcvs.org.uk](mailto:grants@lcvs.org.uk) with your contact details and we will arrange for a member of the team to get in touch.