



NATIONWIDE COMMUNITY GRANTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) Are housing associations that are also registered charities eligible to apply for funding?

All registered charities are eligible for Nationwide support, however, applications from Housing Associations should be for project costs only; as per the criteria – ‘Staff costs will not be funded for statutory organisations, housing associations...’.

2) Are cooperatives that are not ‘housing cooperatives’ eligible? i.e. A ‘housing cooperative’ is defined as a cooperative where members own a part of a corporation that owns the building which the members live.

Yes, if registered with the Financial Conduct Authority and if their associated activities target housing and/or homelessness they are eligible for funding.

3) Are Community Benefit Societies eligible to apply for funding?

Yes, if registered with the Financial Conduct Authority and if their associated activities target housing and/or homelessness they are eligible for funding.

4) Does Nationwide support projects that use temporary accommodation?

Yes, applications that provide temporary accommodation are acceptable as long as the long-term vision of the project is to support people in to a proper home of their own.

5) Bond/loan schemes – how should successful applicants treat money that is paid back to them?

The grant must be used for the purpose it was awarded and any money that is paid back to the charity should be used to sustain the project and help someone else with a bond/loan. If this particular element of their project ceases to exist the money should be reinvested back in to the project as a whole. The organisation should discuss any proposed changes with their local Community Foundation.

6) Lease costs – would Nationwide cover the costs of leasing a building to help sustain a project – would it come under capital costs?

No. This type of cost would not be eligible.

7) If charities are successful will they receive the full grant or is Nationwide likely to part fund?

Nationwide will fund as many full grants as possible. It may be that some costs applied for are ineligible, if this is the case these will be removed from the final grant. There is a slim chance that Nationwide will part fund some applications, however, this will be decided on a case by case, area by area basis.

8) Where a project supports vulnerable participants are Nationwide happy for groups to use stock photos rather than actual photos of participants?

Yes

9) Is there a separate pot for refurbishment costs?

No, everything comes out of the same pot.

10) Can partnership applications only apply for up to 25% of the annual income of the lead charity or can they apply for up to 25% of the collective income of all partners (up to £50K)?



Nationwide will not fund over 25% of an organisation's annual income – this aims to mitigate against organisations applying for more than they are able to manage at their current capacity. For partnership bids - assessors can count the collective income of all partners, however, it this should be flagged in the assessor's comments and Community Foundations will use their sensible discretion to highlight the appropriateness of the ask – given that the lead organisation will be managing the funds directly.

11) Can an organisation apply for multiple projects or apply as part of a partnership as well as individually?

Yes, but the Community Foundation shall highlight that the charity has applied more than once in the assessor's comments that are shared with the decision-making Community Board. In the interest of fairness – it is unlikely that more than one application per charity will be shortlisted.

12) Are equalities and diversities and safeguarding policies an eligibility requirement of the Nationwide grants programme?

Yes, these must be reviewed by the Community Foundation and assessed before the Community Board meeting. Organisations that do not submit these will not be eligible for funding.

Policies should be discussed and considered with staff and Trustees. Guidance for applicants can also be found [online](#).

13) Can organisations apply for funding to support existing work?

Yes, Nationwide will fund existing work if the applicant can demonstrate the impact of this work within the scope of project plan i.e. specific budget, timeframe and outcomes for this work, aligning with the Nationwide criteria.

14) The criteria says that Nationwide will part fund project costs over 50% of the total project cost, does this mean that only part of the request for funding might be funded?

No. With reference to question 7, Nationwide does not anticipate part funding applications for funding. This section of the criteria refers to part funding the total cost of a project.

For example, if an organisation is seeking funding for an £80K project and is successful in securing £50K through this programme, Nationwide will be 'part funding' the total project cost.