

Wesleyan Climate Action Grant Fact Sheet

At Wesleyan we are committed to sustainability and supporting our natural environment. In 2023, following the Wesleyan Foundation's alignment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal of Climate Action, we launched a new 'Climate Action Grant' to stimulate activities which support this goal through our partners.

Aims of the Grant:

The aim of the grant is to protect and improve our environment and combat climate change, with applicants able to apply for up to £25,000. If you are applying for £25,000, we would recommend also putting a supporting document with a scaled-back version too as this may enable us to support additional groups/charities. Successful applicants have one year to spend the funds they receive, however this can be extended upon agreement.

Possible Climate Action Fund Activity:

We welcome applications from projects which could involve one of the following:

- Climate Action / Environmental education projects.
- Activities to remove carbon from the atmosphere such as tree planting, heathland restoration or supporting algae farms.
- Remediating polluted areas via litter picking / clean-ups.
- Research or development work to enhance or protect biodiversity.
- Improvement of public community space to stimulate people getting more frequent access to outside space and wildlife.
- Habitat restoration projects.

Supporting our Goals

The Wesleyan Foundation's aims are aligned with the following five United Nation Sustainable Development Goals:

- **Climate Action** – To fund groups who work to enhance our environments and combats the effects of climate change.
- **Quality Education** – To fund groups who remove barriers and enable access to quality education.
- **Reducing Inequalities** – To fund groups who drive equality for disadvantaged groups including the BAME, Religious and LGBTQ+ communities.
- **Gender Equality** – To fund groups who drive equality for women, men and the non-binary or transgender community.
- **Good Health and Wellbeing** – To fund groups who support good health and wellbeing for communities across the UK.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.un.org/en/common-agenda/sustainable-development-goals>

The Wesleyan Climate Action Grant will contribute largely to goals of Climate Action but it could be that your project may also contribute towards other goals. When making your application please consider how your project could help us in achieving our goals.

Eligibility

- Applications must fall in to one of the following categories: registered charities, community groups, social enterprises/community interest companies, a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, constituted community groups, an educational institution such as school or college.

- All the above must have been in existence for two years and will need to pass due diligence checks.

Exclusions

The Foundation will not fund the following:

- Individuals or sole traders, organisations who have indicated poor management of any previous grants or who present poor financial health.
- Activities that are being undertaken to offset carbon footprints or applications to buy carbon credits on behalf of that organisation.

Additional Eligibility & Supporting Information

To be eligible to apply you must be able to provide proof of:

- Your organisation / company has a management committee / board of trustees / board of directors with at least three unrelated people as members, a list of those directors will be required showing who has bank authorisation.
- A written constitution / articles / set of rules.
- A copy of your most recent annual accounts or financial records showing your organisation's balance of funds, income and reserves.
- A bank account in the name of the organisation with at least two unrelated signatories
- A bank statement from the last three months.
- Copies of your safeguarding policy (if you will be working with children or vulnerable adults)
- Equal opportunities policy.
- Quotes for capital items over £300.
- To comply with Wesleyan's Anti-Money Laundering and Financial Crime Policies, we conduct due diligence checks on all charities and trustees who are recipients of grants. To perform this check, we require the names, dates of birth and trustees of all trusts associated with the charity. This information will be requested once the decision has been made to award the Grant, pending this due diligence check.

Apply

To apply for our grant please complete our online application form which can be found on: [Wesleyan Foundation](#)

Wesleyan Foundation Grants are administered in partnership with Heart of England Community Foundation full terms & conditions of our grants can be found here:

<https://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/terms-and-conditions/>

Decision Making

Applications are reviewed by our Community and Citizenship Manager, Senior Management and Wesleyan Foundation Panel. Unfortunately, we won't be able to fund all applications received due to application requests totalling over the available funds. If you are unsuccessful in your application the decision is final. Feedback will be provided as to why you have been unsuccessful.

Applications will close on 1st April 2024.

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