

2019 Grant Criteria

The PH Holt Foundation is an independent grant-maker helping to create a better future for the people of Merseyside. We provide grants to small and medium sized charities that seek to change lives, whether through community activities, education, arts, heritage or environmental programmes.

Origins

The PH Holt Foundation is named in honour of Philip Henry Holt, who together with his brother Alfred, founded Ocean Steam Ship Company Ltd in 1865. In business, the brothers valued self-help, progress and innovation, and from their wealth contributed much to education, culture and civic life in Liverpool.

Our priority themes

To be considered for funding, your activity must meet one of our priority themes.

- Creating opportunities for people to contribute to local communities
- Enabling people to overcome barriers
- Widening access to education for all ages
- Increasing engagement in the arts for excluded groups
- Encouraging care of the natural or built environment

What we look for when awarding grants

- Grass roots charities that find it difficult to attract funds
- Genuine activities aimed at making a real difference to Merseyside people
- New approaches that tackle emerging or persistent challenges
- Activities that promote self-help and resilience
- We recognise some of the best work routinely takes place in communities with limited access to grants, and under these conditions we may consider funding the core costs of a small local charity for activities directly taking place on the ground [turnover under £100,000].

Grants range from £1,000 up to £20,000 for an appeal of major significance. However, the majority of grants fall between £5,000- £10,000, and are awarded to registered Merseyside charities that have been operating for more than twelve months. Grants are for one year, but in the case of charities previously supported, we can consider a small number of applications running over 2 or 3 years.

Categories we do not consider

Core or general running costs of national and larger charities
General fundraising appeals
Sponsorship of individuals or events
Non-charitable or commercial endeavours
Statutory responsibilities
Medical research
Religious or political causes

When to apply

Applications are considered quarterly and must be received before our quarterly deadline. If your application arrives late, or misses the deadline, it will be considered at the next grant round. This means you may have to wait up to 6 months before we can notify you if your project has been successful.

Our deadlines are before	1st February	1st May	1st August	1st November
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Allow 3-4 months from a closing date for trustees to reach a decision on your application. All applications are considered at an initial meeting comprising a nucleus of trustees who select projects for further assessment at a full trustee meeting. Complex applications can take longer, for example if a project is launching, or we are one of a number of potential funders being approached and funding is not secured.

Not all applications meeting the criteria receive funding. This is simply due to the volume of requests. If you have been refused funding from the Foundation, allow 12 months to elapse before re-applying. Similarly, charities receiving funding, should also allow 12 months before submitting a new application.

How to apply

We are happy to discuss in advance of a grant deadline all applications, large or small and recommend you telephone for prior to submitting. The Foundation Office is open Wednesday to Friday.

Grant request are only accepted on the Foundation's application form. This can be downloaded from our website: www.phholtfoundation.org.uk or obtained by emailing administrator@phholtfoundation.org.uk

Complete the application, giving full and concise information. Remember, whilst you are familiar with your activity and may have applied to us before, assume you are writing to us for the first time. It is important to describe how your project works, who is involved in delivering it, and who your direct beneficiaries are. Be clear in what you are asking us to fund, explaining the difference you intend to make and the outcomes. We are not always able to fund an entire project, so it is important to provide a detailed budget, dates when funds are needed, and names of other funders involved or being approached.

Ensure you submit in sufficient time of your project start date since we are not able to fund activities that are already underway. We are also unable to fund activities that are the responsibility of public or statutory sources. If you are unsure, do speak to us before submitting for clarification. Do not attach brochures or additional papers, other than those requested.

Applications in Word format only and sent to: administrator@phholtfoundation.org.uk

For further information or assistance please contact: Administrator, PH Holt Foundation, 151 Dale Street, Liverpool, L2 2AH. Telephone 0151 237 2663 or 0774 3309914.

Thank You.
We look forward to receiving your application.