

The Funding Network (TFN) supports organisations that aim to achieve positive social change. This could mean that they have the potential to enable positive transformation for individuals, communities, and/or society and the environment.

TFN and its Members have a particular interest in supporting innovative ideas which may struggle to find funding elsewhere, as well as work which supports typically overlooked groups of people. We fund organisations supporting any of the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) set out by the United Nations](#).

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicant organisations should:

- not involve the promotion of any specific religion or political party
- be either a registered charity or a registered not-for-profit with charitable aims
- have an annual income of under £1.2 million
- be UK-based, or have a UK-based not-for-profit partner to act as a conduit for the funds
- have at least 3 Board members (or Directors, if not a registered charity)
- have been operating for at least one year

## HOW ARE ORGANISATIONS ASSESSED?

TFN organises a rotating panel of Members who read and score charity applications, and interview applicants during a brief online meeting. This peer review process ensures our selection process is fair, and the guidance we give to our panellists helps strengthen their skills and understanding of the third sector. Applications are assessed on:



### The need

Does the proposal persuasively explain why and how the organisation is addressing an urgent need?



### Case for support

What makes the organisation special? E.g. a new approach, an overlooked target group or underfunded area, strong leadership, specific expertise.



### The solution

What evidence is there that the proposed solution will be successful? Is there sufficient knowledge, experience, governance structure, fundraising planning, proficiency and capacity to deliver the solution?



### 'Green flags'

Positive characteristics which do not fall into our main criteria, but are useful to consider include proximity to the cause; scalability of the approach; focus on the root cause; difference TFN funding would make.



### Impact

Is there a measurable impact on the issue and/or to the target group?



### Personal preference

Would you fund the organisation if they pitched at a TFN event?