



Funding Instructions 2025/26

Overview

Walter Lyon Trust currently owns a 14-bed property in Lancaster. Although we don't offer direct services, we let our property to another charity with compatible aims. From this we are committed to using some of our financial reserve to support projects in Lancashire (preferably Lancaster and Morecambe).

You can apply for funding to deliver a new or existing project, or to support your organisation to change and adapt to new and existing challenges. Your project must be related to drug and/or alcohol addiction and recovery and must be conducive to our funding priorities for 2025/26.

Our 'funding pot' for this window is £25,000 and organisations can apply for a single amount of up to £5,000 each. Please ensure you only apply for the amount necessary so we can support as many projects as possible.

We expect to receive a high volume of applications so regret that not all submissions will be successful.

Funding priorities

Our funding priorities for 2025/26 are:

- Dual diagnosis (substance abuse and mental health)
- Early intervention/prevention
- Any other group insufficiently funded in services (i.e., expectant mothers or men over the age of 25)

We will consider exceptional bids outside of this, but your project must be aligned to our [charitable objectives](#). Your application is more likely to be successful if it meets our funding priorities for this period.

Eligibility

To apply for funding, you must be a:

- Unregistered voluntary or community organisation
- Not-for-profit company
- Registered charity (unincorporated)
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO or SCIO)
- Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Faith-based group
- School
- Statutory body (including town, parish and community council)
- College or University

We cannot accept applications from:

- Individuals
- Sole traders
- Companies that can pay profits to directors, shareholders or members (including Companies Limited by Shares)
- Projects based outside of Lancashire
- Projects that are part of the school curriculum or those involving activities the school already provide
- Projects not related to drugs/alcohol/recovery

Additional Information

We are unable to commit to funding projects on an ongoing basis, but you are welcome to apply for a second round of funding during this period.

Application process

All submissions must be completed on the submissions form available for download on our website. Please ensure you complete the correct form for the amount you are applying for (the Short Submission Form is for applications less than £1,000 and the Extended Submission Form is for applications greater than £1,000).

Please return your completed application to WLTrust@protonmail.com with 'FUNDING SUBMISSION' and the name of your organisation clearly written in the subject line.

All decisions are final, although you can re-apply in 2026/27.

Payment of awards

Successful applications of less than £1,000 will be paid within 4 weeks of submission. Successful applications of more than £1,000 will be paid within 12 weeks of submission.

Please let us know if your project requires funds sooner and we will aim to expedite the process.

Project updates

We are keen to receive updates from projects supported by the Trust to allow us to assess the impact of our grants. As such, we kindly ask that you send us an update on your project within 12 months of the grant being awarded. Failure to do so will mean that we will be unable to consider your organisation for any future funding opportunities.

We hope to be able to share success stories on our website and welcome any follow-up photographs or case studies. Please ensure you obtain consent from individuals, especially where sharing information about vulnerable groups.

We will also provide you with a copy of our logo which can be included as part of any project promotion.

Contacting us

You are welcome to contact us on the email address above if you have any further questions.