

## The Jersey Community Foundation

The Jersey Community Foundation is an independent Jersey charity which has been established by the Jersey Funders Group, at the request of the Government of Jersey, to co-ordinate and deliver financial aid and support to those most in need in Jersey.

In the short term, our priority is to distribute dormant bank account funds released by the Government of Jersey to assist local charities supporting the community at this time of the COVID-19 pandemic and during its aftermath.

### About Us

The Jersey Community Foundation is independent of Government and other charitable organisations, but our success will come from working collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes for our shared community. In working together, sector knowledge will be shared, critical need identified and efficient and responsive grant making decisions made to support those making a positive difference to the local community. A joined-up approach will be vital to ensure nobody falls into a gap or that funding is being duplicated.

The Jersey Community Foundation has a clear vision: to connect people who care with causes that matter.

We will do this by:

- Being a trusted and effective grant-giver to local charities, voluntary and community groups.
- Providing a delivery platform for the philanthropy of individuals, families, businesses and others, and
- Providing ambitious leadership in the community of Jersey; addressing difficult issues and advocating for services or policies which will provide social benefit.

### Our funding priorities

Our immediate priority is to provide support to the community of Jersey in coping with the current pandemic and its aftermath. We are keen to support work which reduces or mitigates the impact of COVID-19, and allows essential services to be provided for those most in need.

We appreciate that Jersey charities are facing significant pressure on finances as a result of COVID-19. Funding may be needed for the development, continuation or expansion of existing services or to provide additional new services to the community as a result of the pandemic. Our priority is to assist the community with issues arising out of COVID-19 and to consider requests from charities where financial constraints may result in difficulties in providing such services.

### How to apply for a grant

**Prior to applying in full**, please email [grants@jerseycommunityfoundation.org](mailto:grants@jerseycommunityfoundation.org) to discuss your funding request and confirm likely eligibility. Please include the following information:

- Amount requested
- **Brief** explanation of what the money is for

- **Brief** statement of who will benefit and in what way
- Your charity status (registered/EFC)

A call or face to face meeting, if practicable, can be arranged if required to advise and support applicants at this stage.

**Full applications will then need to be submitted online.** The Board will be meeting monthly to review grant applications and the next date for completed applications will be **Friday 30 October 2020**. The Foundation will then review and assess applications and will endeavour to confirm outcomes as quickly as possible.

You will need to complete the online application form and upload supporting documents. There is a detailed application guidance document available to help you during the process and our grants team are happy to answer any questions you may have.

### Wait to hear

Once we have received your full online application and supporting documents, we will process your application. Every applicant will receive a response so please wait to hear from a member of our team who will be in touch to discuss your application further.

### Grant Criteria

The funds from the dormant bank accounts can only be distributed to registered charities or excepted foreign charities, as defined under the Charities (Jersey) Law.

The criteria for grants are broad in terms of providing support to the island community of Jersey in coping with the current pandemic, COVID-19, and its aftermath. These criteria include covering the cost of additional short-term resource, funding projects or activities affected which include the advancement of community development and health as well as the provision of relief to those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability and financial hardship. We encourage all grant applicants to contact us early on to confirm eligibility. Whilst there is some flexibility, there will be a cap of £50,000 on grants to any one organisation in any financial year.

### Alternative Funding Route

If you believe you may not meet the criteria or receive confirmation that you are not eligible, alternative funding sources are available via the Jersey Funders Group (JFG), who are currently meeting every two weeks to review enquiries. You can apply via the central point of contact, [jerseyfunders@gmail.com](mailto:jerseyfunders@gmail.com), and all enquiry emails will be collated and circulated to all JFG members.