



Small Application

Before completing this form please make sure you have read our [Small Grants guidance](#).

If you have any communication support needs that make reading or completing an application form difficult or impossible, please get in touch with us at funding@therobertsontrust.org.uk or call us on 0141 353 4321 to discuss alternative ways you can apply.

About your Organisation

Organisation Name:

Please provide the name of your organisation as registered with OSCR or the Charity Commission.

Charity Number:

Please provide your Charity number as registered with OSCR or the Charity Commission. If you are a Scottish Charity, please enter this in the format SC012345.

Organisation Address

Please provide the address your organisation is registered at:

Street Name and No:

Town/City:

Local Authority:

Postcode:

Telephone Number:

Does your organisation have a minimum of three unconnected Trustees?

- Yes
- No

By unconnected we mean these people should not be related by blood; married to each other; in a long-term relationship with each other or living together at the same address.

We consider it good practice for organisations to have at least three unconnected Trustees or members on its Board or Committee. If you do not have this, we cannot consider your application.

[OSCR](#) and [SCVO](#) have some useful resources on good governance. Your local [Third Sector Interface](#) may also be able to provide you with some guidance around this.

Are any of your Trustees also paid members of staff?

- Yes
- No

By paid members of staff, we mean Trustees who are employed by your organisation and receive a salary.

IF YES – Please provide details below and tell us how your organisation manages this:

Please tell us their name(s), position within the organisation and their role on the board, e.g. Chair. Do you have a conflict of interest policy in place? Please also tell us about any plans to change your Board structure, for example if the post holder will be stepping down as a Trustee.

If your work involves children, young people or vulnerable adults do you have a policy document which sets out how you will keep them safe?

If your work involves children, young people or vulnerable adults we need to know that you have policies in place to keep them safe. We might also ask to see these. If this doesn't apply to your work, please select N/A.

- Yes
- No
- N/A

If your work involves children, young people or vulnerable adults we can only accept an application from you if you have a policy in place which sets out how you will keep them safe. You can find more information on safeguarding, including useful resources and guidance, on the [NSPCC](#) and [Children 1st](#) websites.

Your local [Third Sector Interface](#) may also be able to provide you with some guidance around this.

About your work

What does your organisation do and who does it support? **300 word limit**

Please tell us, in your own words, what your organisation does and who it supports, including any specific groups of people you work with. It would be helpful if you can also give us an indication of the number of people supported directly in the past 12 months. Further information on the types of work we are looking to fund through our Small grants can be found in our guidance. Please also tell us about the main projects, activities or services you provide on a regular basis, how long you have been providing these and whether you have any plans to change these in the next 12 months.

Tell us about how you work with other organisations or groups in your area **300 word limit**

Please tell us how you work with others to deliver services or change how services are delivered for people experiencing poverty and/or trauma. Examples of this may include: having regular chats with other organisations/groups in your local area in person or through social media, receiving referrals from other organisations/groups, partnership working on projects or setting up steering groups.

About your request

If the services/activities will be delivered in any local authority area(s) outwith where your organisation is based, or across multiple local authority areas, please list all that apply, up to a maximum of 6. If more than 6, please input Scotland Wide.

- Scotland Wide
- Aberdeen City Council
- Aberdeenshire Council
- Angus Council
- Argyll and Bute Council
- City of Edinburgh Council
- Clackmannanshire Council
- Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Dundee City Council
- East Ayrshire Council
- East Dunbartonshire Council
- East Lothian Council
- East Renfrewshire Council
- Falkirk Council
- Fife Council
- Glasgow City Council

- Highland Council
- Inverclyde Council
- Midlothian Council
- Moray Council
- North Ayrshire Council
- North Lanarkshire Council
- Orkney Islands Council
- Perth and Kinross Council
- Renfrewshire Council
- Scottish Borders Council
- Shetland Isles Council
- South Ayrshire Council
- South Lanarkshire Council
- Stirling Council
- West Dunbartonshire Council
- West Lothian Council
- Western Isles Council

Are you applying for:

- Unrestricted funding*
- A project, service or salary costs

*Unrestricted funding can be used to support any costs within your organisation.

Unrestricted Funding

What will unrestricted funding enable your organisation to do? **500 word limit**

Please tell us if unrestricted funding will simply enable you to continue your current core service delivery, or if you expect your work to evolve or expand over the next few years.

How does your work benefit the people you support? **300 word limit**

We are interested to know how your work benefits the people you support in relation to our four funding themes. Please tell us which of these themes your work addresses and how. For example: This work will address the Financial Security funding theme, as it will ensure that people who are struggling with their day to day costs are have access to healthy and affordable food through our community pantry. You can find more information about our funding themes and what we look for in an application in our Small grants [guidance](#).

How do you involve the people you support in the development and delivery of your work? **300 word limit**

Examples of this might include: having regular chats with the people you support, in person or on social media, to gain their views; using surveys to gather feedback and taking action on this; including those you support on your Board, on steering groups or as volunteers.

Project, service or salary costs

Please tell us about the project activities, services or salary costs you are asking us to fund **500 word limit:**

Please tell us if the project, service or salary you are asking us to fund is new or existing. If you are applying for the costs of a specific salary, please also provide us with a job description for the post which confirms what the role will involve/what services the postholder will deliver. If you are applying for the costs of a project or service, tell us what this will involve, where and how often it will take place, who will deliver the work and who will participate/benefit directly from the work.

How does your work benefit the people you support? **300 word limit**

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How will you involve the people you support in the development and delivery of this work? **300 word limit**

Examples of this might include: having regular chats with the people you support, in person or on social media, to gain their views; using surveys to gather feedback and taking action on this; including those you support on your Board, on steering groups or as volunteers.

Budget

How many years funding are you requesting?

The majority of our Small grants are for 3 years. We can however consider up to 5 years' funding for work which is clearly and directly aligned to one of our four funding themes and at least one of the specific issues listed under that theme (please see our [Small grants guidance](#) for further information). You can also request funding for a shorter period. If successful, your funding year will run for 12 months from the date we pay your award. In most cases this will be different to the dates of your financial year.

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- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Please provide details of your planned expenditure in the table below in line with the following notes:

As our revenue awards are released annually, each column year should represent a full 12 months' expenditure.

Please try to include all the associated costs of your planned work and group expenditure under summary headings, e.g. travel costs, volunteer expenses, rent/utilities. Small items of capital expenditure, e.g. equipment or materials costs, can also be included.

If applying for salary costs you should provide details of each salaried post individually and include NI and employer contributions in the total salary cost for each. For sessional staff please provide the total cost of this under one summary heading. You can also include a proportion of your day to day running (core) costs for project specific requests and should list this as a separate item of expenditure. If you expect costs to increase year on year, e.g. due to salary increments or inflation, please show this in the table.

Expenditure Item	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5

Please provide details of any income confirmed towards the above costs, including who this is from, in the table below. This might include contributions from other funders, your organisation's own reserves etc.

Do not include details of in-kind support.

Source of Income	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5

Please provide details of any other you expect towards the costs and timescales for decisions in the table below.

These might include contributions from other funders or other fundraising.

Do not include details of in-kind support. If you do not know the date this funding is expected or when funding decisions will be given, please state 'Not known'.

Source of Income / Timescale for decision	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5

How much would you like from us in total?

Please confirm the total amount of funding you would like from us for the full funding period requested. Please note this should be between £2000 and £15000 per year. Please provide this to the nearest thousand and do not include decimal places.

Contact Details

Organisation Contact

This contact must be a Trustee and someone authorised to apply on behalf of the organisation. Their details will be used as a contact point for all automated emails from The Robertson Trust, including confirming receipt of the application and our final funding decision.

First Name:

Last Name:

Position within the organisation:

Telephone:

Email:

Does this contact have any communication needs we need to know about?

Yes

No

IF YES - Please tell us how we can support you during the assessment of your application

Application Contact

This is the person we will contact with any queries about the application and who we expect to be the main point of contact throughout the assessment process. If there is a chance that they might not be available for an extended period during the 8-10 week assessment timeframe, you may wish to consider nominating another person.

Their details will be used as a contact point for all automated emails from The Robertson Trust, including confirming receipt of the application and our final funding decision.

This contact **MUST** be a different person to the Organisation contact noted previously.

First Name:

Last Name:

Position within the organisation:

Telephone:

Email:

Does this contact have any communication needs we need to know about?

- Yes
- No

IF YES - Please tell us how we can support you during the assessment of your application

Accounts

Do you have independently examined or audited Annual Accounts?

If you are a newly registered Charity and haven't yet produced Annual Accounts we can still consider your application and will ask you to provide details of an independent referee and a recent copy bank statement dated within 3 months. Please also send us a projection showing your organisation's expected income for its first year.

- Yes
- No

IF YES - please provide a copy of your Accounts with this application.

If your accounts are more than 12 months old, please also provide a copy of your recent management accounts.

IF NO - please details of an Independent Referee below.

This should be someone who knows the work of your organisation but is not directly connected to it. This could be a local community worker, MSP or Councillor, teacher, health professional or someone from your local Third Sector Interface.

Having someone from your community vouch for your work lets us know that you are well linked in within your local community and are known to others.

We may contact the independent referee as part of the assessment of your application or during the period of any funding we award. Please make sure you have permission to provide their details and that they are happy for us to contact them. We will store their details until any grant we award comes to an end.

Forename:

Surname:

Organisation:

Position within the organisation:

Email:

Telephone:

Please also provide a recent copy bank statement, dated within 3 months, with this application.

Please use this space to provide additional information about the Accounts (or Management Accounts) you are providing in support of this application **300 word limit**:

Please let us know if there are any one-off or unusual items in the accounts provided which would not normally feature on a year-to-year basis. Please provide a comment on any large surplus or deficit recorded during the financial year. If your Net Current Assets are close to, or in excess of, your annual expenditure, it would be helpful to know if this is linked to increased planned expenditure in the next financial year.

If you are a UK wide charity, please provide information on income and expenditure for your Scottish operations, if available. If your accounts list any investments, it is useful for us to know whether these are property- based, or whether your organisation could access them relatively quickly to meet expenditure needs.

Please also attach any other documentation relevant to your application, for example a job description if you are asking for funding towards a specific post, management accounts or if you are a newly registered charity a projection showing your organisation's expected income for its first year.

Is there anything else you want to tell us about this application or any attachments you are providing which has not been covered previously? **300 word limit**

How did you hear about us?

If this is your first application to the Robertson Trust, how did you hear about us?

- Funding Event*
- The Robertson Trust Making an Application Workshop
- The Robertson Trust Website
- Word of Mouth
- Local Authority Funding Officer
- Third Sector Interface**

- Media
- Other
- Don't Know

* This could be a local authority funding fayre, Robertson Trust event or another funders' event

** Third Sector Interfaces (TSIs) provide a single point of access for support and advice for the third sector within local areas. There is a TSI in each local authority area in Scotland.

Grant Terms and Conditions

By making an application to the Robertson Trust, you acknowledge that you are authorised to apply on behalf of your organisation and agree to the following terms and conditions:

Use of data:

1. Your organisation unconditionally authorises The Robertson Trust to:
 - a. Retain, store and use the information you give us in your application and future reporting for administration, analysis, research and promotional purposes;
 - b. Publish details of any financial or non-financial support given to your organisation;
 - c. Pass any details obtained about your organisation through this application or through subsequent assessment procedures to external agencies, including other grant-making bodies;
 - d. Use such information as part of any survey undertaken by The Robertson Trust and/or use any such details as part of any press release or publication without the need at any time to obtain the further consent or agreement from your organisation.

Use of funds:

2. If awarded funding, the grant will be spent on only the purposes approved by The Robertson Trust, and only by the organisation to which we awarded funding;
3. Where the grant is unrestricted, this money can be used towards any of the day to day operational costs of the organisation;
4. The grant will not be paid until you have provided your bank details, a copy of a bank statement/letter no older than three months and you have met any other specific conditions of release, as detailed in your Grant Welcome Pack.
5. The grant period commences upon release of the first payment. Each grant year runs for a period of 12 months from the date of release.
6. Any (annual) instalment of the grant must be used within 12 months of release.
7. You will send us a progress report if documented/requested in your Grant Welcome Pack.

8. We reserve the right to contact and/or visit you to see the funded work during the life of the grant.
9. You will inform us, in advance where possible, of any significant change to the funded work, proposal or your organisation throughout the grant period (even if you have not yet drawn down the grant). A 'significant change' includes:
 - a. a consequential change to your grant's expenditure;
 - b. any changes in postholder or to their role/hours/salary costs;
 - c. any change in your organisation's legal status or constitution;
 - d. any significant operational changes within the organisation that are likely to affect the funded work;
 - e. any serious financial or governance issue facing your organisation;
 - f. any safeguarding concern raised about your organisation, its staff or volunteers;
 - g. any underspend of our award.
10. If you are not sure whether you need to let us know about an issue or change within your organisation or the funded work, please contact your Funding Officer or email funding@therobertsontrust.org.uk.
11. You will inform us of any notifiable events your organisation makes to OSCR (Scotland) or the Charity Commission (England) during the lifetime of our grant or any serious incidents that meet this threshold if you are not regulated. A list of such notifiable events is available on OSCR's website [here](#).
12. Any underspend of our grant must be declared to us and may be refunded/repaid to the Robertson Trust.
13. We reserve the right to withhold a grant or require repayment if:
 - a. You have deliberately falsified information as part of your application or reporting;
 - b. The work undertaken is not the work for which the funding was approved and where we have not approved these changes;
 - c. Your organisation becomes insolvent or goes into administration, receivership or liquidation and the funding has not been spent on its intended purpose.

We will sometimes apply additional conditions to an individual grant, but these will be included in your Grant Welcome Pack.

Where the application and grant award are made electronically, the agreement between us shall be deemed to be in writing and your online acceptance of these Terms and Conditions shall be deemed to be a signature to that agreement.

You are authorised by your organisation to make this application and accept the Terms and Conditions set out above on its behalf.

I Agree

To the best of your knowledge, all the information you have provided in your application gives a true and accurate account of your organisation's work and needs.

I Agree

We may, very occasionally, wish to share relevant updates and learning with the organisations we fund. Please let us know, using the check boxes below, whether you are happy to receive this information, please check this box. Please note, you do not have to give your consent in order to apply. The Robertson Trust is relying on your consent in order to share this information with you.

You can unsubscribe at any time by emailing us at

dataprotection@therobertsontrust.org.uk

- I Agree
- I do not Agree