

SEN Opportunities

Funding Criteria Policy

Who we support and what we fund

SEN Opportunities supports activity that is of public benefit for organisations within the united Kingdom in the areas of education, therapy, care and vocation for young people with special educational needs and disability.

The charity awards grants for specific projects or activity, core costs and Capital projects. Funds are granted on a restricted or unrestricted basis. Generally, the charity provides funds between £2,000 and £15,000 per application.

For partial funding requests we require other funding streams to be identified within the application. For Capital projects, confirmed planning permissions are required ahead.

Indication of how any project will affect the ongoing costs of the organisation is required to ensure the project is sustainable in the longer term.

Trustees are keen to follow a sustainable model for the use of the charity's funds, thereby maximising the impact of our funds: for example where the funds provided generate increased income for the organisation supported, some of which is subsequently paid back to SEN Opportunities or another charitable body.

Eligibility

Organisations do not have to be a charity, but do need to have:

- Demonstrable public benefit and clear protection against private benefit
- Their own bank account
- A constitution or set of governing rules
- Accounts or records of expenditure
- Relevant policies

We do not fund activity whose prime focus does not match the charity's objects and mission.

We do not generally fund:

- Family or individual requests
- Feasibility studies
- Campaigns and lobbies
- Endowment appeals

Timing

Applications can be granted throughout the year and decisions are made by Trustees on an ongoing basis.

See the *Application Guidance* document for further advice around applying for funds.