

The Talbot Trusts – Application Guidance (Updated October 2025)

The Talbot Trusts is a registered charity which makes grants to organisations supporting the health and wellbeing of people living in Sheffield and the surrounding areas.

We usually make grants of £3,000 but we may occasionally award larger amounts of up to £5,000.

If you have trouble accessing or completing our online application form and it would help to be able to complete your application in a different way, we are more than happy to speak to you about this. Please get in touch with us by emailing admin@thetalbottrusts.com.

Sometimes when we read an application, we feel that we need a little more information in order to make a decision about whether to award a grant. In these cases, we may ask you to provide further information in writing, join us at a meeting of our Board of Trustees or meet with one of our Trustees individually.

Who and what do we fund? *Unrestricted and Restricted Grants*

We generally make **unrestricted grants** which the organisations we fund can use in any way they want to support their work.

We fund organisations whose work fits with at least one of our current priorities, which are:

- **Reducing the impact of poverty with a focus on homelessness and insecure housing**
- **Preventing or reducing the impact of long-term health conditions by encouraging healthy choices and active lifestyles**
- **Improving health and wellbeing by encouraging connection with nature.**

We prioritise organisations whose main focus is on improving the health and wellbeing of people in Sheffield and the surrounding areas and who specifically target their support at disadvantaged and marginalised members of the community.

We also welcome applications from:

- organisations whose main focus is in a different area (e.g. arts, animal welfare, nature and the environment) but who have specific projects focused on improving people's health and wellbeing
- organisations whose work is delivered across a wider geographic area which includes Sheffield (e.g. Yorkshire)

In these cases, if the application is successful, we will make a **restricted grant** which can only be used for certain projects or parts of an organisation's work.

What types of organisations do we fund?

We fund not-for-profit organisations including:

- Registered charities

- Charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs)
- Community interest companies (CICs)
- Community groups

We do not fund:

- Profit-making organisations
- Individuals
- National organisations (although we do fund branches of national organisations as long as they are financially independent)
- Organisations with more than 12 months' operating costs in free/unrestricted reserves, unless a clear and reasonable explanation can be provided for holding this level of reserves.

We usually receive far more applications than we can fund - on average around 25 – 30% of organisations that apply to us in each round are successful.

Our application and decision-making process

All grant awards are made at the discretion of The Talbot Trusts' Trustees and their decision in each case is final.

We usually open for applications twice per year and the relevant dates for 2025 are given on our website, under the "apply now" section.

If your application is successful, your offer letter will set out the terms and conditions of the grant, including any restrictions on its use and the requirement to complete a feedback form at the end of your grant period.

If your application is not successful, we will let you know the main reason(s) for this decision, but you are always welcome to contact us if you have further questions.

What do we do with your data?

For information about what data we hold, why we hold it and what we do with it, please see the privacy notice section 4 on our website - <https://thetalbottrusts.com/grant-application/>.

Our contact details If you have any questions about anything in this document or your eligibility for funding, please contact Gill Newman.

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