

**Allen Lane Foundation 2019-2020
Annual Review of Applications**

Summary: overall 440 new applications were decided on: 303 were refused; 137 were offered grants. This means 32% of applicants were successful.

Funding agreed: £783,964 total, in 137 grants, making an average grant size of £5,722.

Value and number of grants funded, and refused, by beneficiary group

<i>Beneficiary Group</i>	<i>Amount funded</i>	<i>Grants made</i>	<i>Average grant</i>	<i>Total apps</i>	<i>Turned down</i>	<i>Success rate</i>
Older people	£207,464	43	£4,825	107	64	40%
Asylum seekers/refugees	£152,423	24	£6,351	55	31	44%
Offenders & ex-offenders	£121,138	18	£6,730	33	15	55%
Violence or abuse	£88,348	16	£5,522	28	12	57%
Social Cohesion	£98,878	15	£6,592	59	44	25%
Mental health	£82,713	15	£5,514	95	80	16%
Migrant communities	£20,000	4	£5,000	13	9	31%
Gypsies & Travellers	£13,000	2	£6,500	3	1	67%
<i>Everyone/general</i>	£0	0	£0	14	14	0%
<i>Specific/other</i>	£0	0	£0	20	20	0%
<i>Children & young people</i>	£0	0	£0	13	13	0%

Value and number of grants funded, and refused, by geographical group

<i>Area</i>	<i>Amount funded</i>	<i>Grants made</i>	<i>Average grant</i>	<i>Total apps</i>	<i>Turned down</i>	<i>Success rate</i>
Scotland	£129,937	22	£5,906	45	23	49%
Yorks & Humberside	£105,120	18	£5,840	50	32	36%
North West	£94,767	17	£5,574	61	44	28%
South East	£83,979	15	£5,599	53	38	28%
North East	£62,300	10	£6,230	22	12	45%
National	£56,500	8	£7,063	29	21	28%
Wales	£44,513	6	£7,419	17	11	35%
West Midlands	£44,130	8	£5,516	40	32	20%
South West	£42,774	10	£4,277	35	25	29%
East Midlands	£41,600	7	£5,943	24	17	29%
East Anglia	£37,344	7	£5,335	20	13	35%
Central South	£26,000	5	£5,200	24	19	21%
Northern Ireland	£15,000	4	£3,750	6	2	67%
<i>London</i>	£0	0	0	4	4	0%
<i>International</i>	£0	0	0	2	2	0%
<i>Not known</i>	£0	0	0	8	8	0%

Points to note:

Overall

- Fewer applications received (440) compared to 498 / 577 / 584 in last three years
- Similar funding awarded (£783,964) compared to £731,233 / £798,140 / £749,675
- Number of grants made pa remain very similar
- Average grant size slightly higher than previous year (£5,722 compared to £5,223)

- 50 of the grants were made to organisations we have funded before (36%)
- Only 11 grants were made over a three-year period
- 96 were single grants; and 30 were over a two-year period
- 26 further instalments were agreed (from grants made in previous years)

Applications received

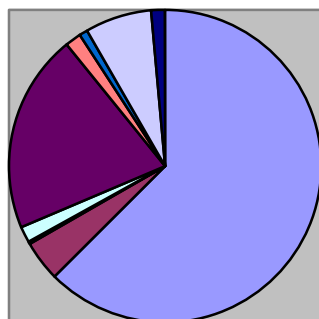
- Highest number of applications received was in the category 'Older people'
- Lowest number of applications received was for 'Gypsies & Travellers' – although of the three received, two received grants, so the success rate was high
- The highest number of applications received geographically was for the North West
- Lowest number of applications received geographically was Northern Ireland – just six
- A good spread of applications were received from across the UK, similar to last year

Grants made

- Of the grants made, the highest number (43 grants = 31%), and value, (£207,464 = 26%) were in the 'Older people' group, similar to previous year
- Over the past five years there has been a similar spread in the funding awarded to the various beneficiary categories. This year there were more grants in the 'Offenders & ex-offenders' category and less in 'Mental Health'
- Lowest success rate (16%) was 'Mental Health' - higher numbers of applications were received in this category than in previous years, though a similar amount resulted in grants. *(Many of those turned down related to 'wellbeing' and lower level mental health issues. More focus was given to more severe/enduring mental health issues)*
- The new 'Social Cohesion' funding programme resulted in £98,878 through 15 grants – which was around 12% of the total
- The crossover category 'More than one beneficiary group' ceased to exist

- Geographically, the area to be awarded the highest number and value of grants was Scotland (last year Scotland was the 7th from the top - Central South received most)
- Organisations working nationally received a smaller percentage than previous years
- Only four grants were made for work in Northern Ireland – though only six applications had been received in the year

Applications refused by reason for refusal



Refusals

- Of the 440 full applications received: 137 resulted in grants; 303 were refused funding
- Of the 303 refusals, 189 applications were considered as being within the eligibility of the Foundation, but not exceptional enough for funding
- The remaining 114 were either ineligible or not a priority for funding
- 66 were considered 'Outside policy' – therefore ineligible, either due to the nature of the organisation, the beneficiary group, or the request for funding
- 13 were not considered to be a priority
- 26 organisations were too big to fit the criteria
- 4 applications were refused as they were to benefit individuals
- 5 of the applications for work in London
- The refusal rate generally over the past ten or 20 years has changed – less ineligible applications are being received. This could be due to better use of technology/internet by organisations looking for funds; clearer or better defined criteria by the Foundation, including more information being available on the website; or due to a less 'formal' approach generally around grant-seeking.
- More organisations now phone or email to see if what they do might fit the criteria or have chance of funding. Less 'round robin' general appeal letters are being received.
- Somewhere between 200-300 emails with initial enquiries/requests for funding are dealt with per annum; alongside similar numbers of phone calls.
- Fewer ineligible applications have been received – likely due to the eligibility quiz that will 'weed out' some most ineligible applications so they do not apply