

**Allen Lane Foundation 2022-2023
Annual Review for Trustees**

Summary: overall 482 new applications were decided upon: 337 were refused; 142 were offered grants. Three others were deferred (two) and withdrawn (one). This means 29% of applicants were successful.

Funding agreed: £767,231 total, in 142 grants, making an average grant size of £5,403.

Value and number of grants funded, and refused, by funding programme

<i>Funding Programme</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	£232,885	47	£4,955	109	62	43%
Asylum seekers/refugees	£140,732	28	£5,026	89	61	31%
Mental health	£112,840	22	£5,129	160	138	14%
Violence or abuse	£84,834	14	£6,060	33	19	42%
Offenders & ex-offenders	£81,276	14	£5,805	32	18	44%
Young People	£64,164	11	£5,833	35	24	31%
Migrant communities	£40,500	5	£8,100	12	7	42%
Gypsies & Travellers	£10,000	1	£10,000	1	0	100%
<i>Specific/other</i>	£0	0	£0	8	8	0%

Funding awarded by amount in the different funding programmes over the last five years

<i>Programme</i>	<i>2022-23</i>	<i>2021-22</i>	<i>2020-21</i>	<i>2019-20</i>	<i>2018-19</i>	<i>Total</i>
Older people	£232,885	£188,007	£180,646	£207,464	£163,687	£972,689
Asylum seekers & refugees	£140,732	£118,950	£121,653	£152,423	£131,199	£664,957
Offenders & ex-offenders	£81,276	£173,842	£126,852	£121,138	£73,097	£576,205
Mental health	£112,840	£99,590	£132,912	£82,713	£117,619	£545,674
Violence or abuse	£84,834	£94,560	£100,989	£88,348	£86,970	£455,701
Gypsies & Travellers	£10,000	£12,000	£6,000	£13,000	£19,950	£60,950
<i>Young People (new)</i>	<i>£64,164</i>					<i>£64,164</i>
<i>Migrant communities (closed)</i>	<i>£40,500</i>	<i>£27,600</i>	<i>£44,500</i>	<i>£20,000</i>	<i>£24,083</i>	<i>£156,683</i>
<i>Social Cohesion (closed)</i>		<i>£23,620</i>	<i>£12,580</i>	<i>£98,878</i>		<i>£135,078</i>
<i>More than one category (closed)</i>					<i>£114,628</i>	<i>£114,628</i>

Total	£767,231	£738,169	£726,132	£783,964	£731,233	£3,746,729
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Value and number of grants funded, and refused, by geographical group

Area	Amount funded	Grants made	Average grant	Total apps	Turned down	Success rate
South West	£113,219	20	£5,661	59	39	34%
National	£91,850	12	£7,654	52	40	23%
Scotland	£71,598	11	£5,167	31	20	35%
South East	£71,266	16	£4,454	65	49	25%
East Midlands	£66,784	12	£5,565	42	30	29%
North West	£59,524	14	£4,252	57	43	25%
West Midlands	£52,305	10	£5,231	37	27	27%
Yorks & Humberside	£49,084	8	£6,136	39	31	21%
East Anglia	£48,270	10	£4,827	27	17	37%
Wales	£43,900	7	£6,271	17	10	41%
North East	£40,160	8	£5,020	21	13	38%
Central South	£31,963	9	£3,551	10	1	90%
Northern Ireland	£27,308	5	£5,462	11	6	45%
<i>Other</i>	<i>£0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>£0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>0%</i>

Points to note:

Overall

- Amount of funding overall has increased since the pandemic began three years ago
 - The number of applications received (482) increased compared to last year (427)
 - The number of grants made overall pa remain very similar – between 130 and 155
 - Average grant size remains between £5,000 and £6,000
 - The ‘Migrant Communities’ funding programme closed after the June 2022 meeting, so numbers of applications/grants reflect decisions made at just one trustee meeting
 - The ‘Young People’ funding programme began from the October 2022 meeting
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- 42 grants were made to organisations we have funded before (30%)
 - 81 grants were made to organisations that have not applied to us before (57%)
 - 19 grants were made to organisations that had a previous application refused (13%)
 - Six grants were made over a three-year period; plus 31 over a two-year period
 - 104 were single instalment grants
 - 36 further instalments were agreed (from grants made in previous years)

Applications received

- The funding programme that received the highest number of applications was ‘Mental Health’ – though the success rate for this programme was relatively low at only 14%.
- Only one application in the year was received for ‘Gypsies & Travellers’
- Highest numbers of applications received were for organisations in the South East and South West

- Northern Ireland remains the area that the lowest number of applications come from
- Generally there was a good spread of applications across the UK

Grants made

- The largest number of grants made continues to be in the 'Older People' programme
- As noted, the programme with the largest number of applications, but lowest success rate was 'Mental Health' with 22 grants made from 160 applications. This is partly attributed to a majority of those refused were turned down as the application was for wellbeing or wellness (rather than more moderate or severe mental health issues), counselling, or that the organisation's focus was not specific to mental health
- Geographically, the highest number of grants (65) and highest value of grants (£113,219) were made in the South West area

Refusals

- Of the 482 full applications received, 337 were refused funding
 - Of the 337 refusals, 211 applications were considered as being within the eligibility of the Foundation, but not exceptional enough for funding
 - The remaining 126 were either ineligible or not a priority for funding
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- 62 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
 - 51 organisations were too big to fit the criteria
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- The refusal rate over in recent years shows less ineligible applications are being received. This is likely to be due to more organisations using technology/internet whilst looking for funds; clearer or better defined criteria by the Foundation, including more information being available on the website; and due to a less 'formal' approach generally around grant-seeking. Those ineligible are very mixed, and include organisations that focus on work that the Foundation specifically excludes, such as disability, counselling, specific medical conditions, and children (other than via the new Young People programme).
 - Larger numbers of potential applicants email for clarification, to see if what they do might fit the criteria or have chance of funding.
 - Somewhere around 500-700 emails with initial enquiries/requests for funding are dealt with per annum; alongside similar numbers of phone calls.