

**Allen Lane Foundation 2020-2021
Annual Review**

Summary: overall 466 new applications were decided on: 335 were refused; 131 were offered grants. This means 28% of applicants were successful.

Funding agreed: £726,132 total, in 131 grants, making an average grant size of £5,543.

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	£180,646	35	£5,161	90	55	39%
Mental health	£132,912	27	£4,923	128	101	21%
Offenders & ex-offenders	£126,852	21	£6,041	43	22	49%
Asylum seekers/refugees	£121,653	20	£6,083	58	38	34%
Violence or abuse	£100,989	16	£6,312	30	14	53%
Migrant communities	£44,500	8	£5,563	22	14	36%
Social Cohesion	£12,580	3	£4,193	79	76	4%
Gypsies & Travellers	£6,000	1	£6,000	5	4	20%
<i>Specific/other</i>	£0	0	£0	11	11	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>
National	£146,847	19	£7,729	55	36	35%
South East	£85,080	17	£5,005	56	39	30%
Yorks & Humberside	£71,928	14	£5,138	44	30	32%
Scotland	£70,218	11	£6,383	34	23	32%
South West	£63,488	13	£4,884	48	35	27%
East Anglia	£52,606	9	£5,845	29	20	31%
North West	£50,025	13	£3,848	72	59	18%
North East	£42,264	9	£4,696	30	21	30%
East Midlands	£41,000	7	£5,857	30	23	23%
West Midlands	£38,080	9	£4,231	35	26	26%
Central South	£37,950	6	£6,325	14	8	43%
Northern Ireland	£20,646	3	£6,882	10	7	30%
Wales	£6,000	1	£6,000	9	8	11%

Overall

- Amount of funding overall dropped - £726,132 compared to £783,964 last year
- Amount awarded is the lowest amount since 2009 when the market crashed
- Similar numbers of applications received overall (466) to the last two years (440/498)
- Number of grants made overall pa remain very similar – between 130 and 155

- Average grant size remains between £5,000 and £6,000
- 55 of the grants were made to organisations we have funded before (42%)
- Only 4 grants were made over a three-year period (previous years had been 11/6/3/8)
- 94 were single grants; and 33 were over a two-year period
- 34 further instalments were agreed (from grants made in previous years)

Applications received

- Large increase in the number of applications received under 'Mental health'
- Lowest no of applications received was for 'Gypsies & Travellers' for the 2nd year
- Highest no of applications received geographically was North West for the 2nd year
- Lowest no of applications received geographically was Northern Ireland
- A good spread of applications were received from across the UK, similar to last year

Grants made

- Of the grants made, the highest number (35 grants), and value, (£180,646) were in the 'Older people' group, similar to previous year
- Lowest success rate (4%) was 'Social Cohesion' – with 79 applications being received, but only three resulting in grants made (*Trustees have confirmed they are to pause the Social Cohesion programme from June 2021 in the light of the Covid pandemic*)
- Geographically, the highest number and value of grants was made to organisations working nationally, with £146,947 awarded across 19 grants
- Only one grant was made for work in Wales

Refusals

- Of the 466 full applications received: 131 resulted in grants; 335 were refused funding
- Of the 335 refusals, 223 applications were considered as being within the eligibility of the Foundation, but not exceptional enough for funding
- The remaining 112 were either ineligible or not a priority for funding
- 72 were considered 'Outside policy' – therefore ineligible, either due to the nature of the organisation, the beneficiary group, or the request for funding
- 8 were not considered to be a priority
- 32 organisations were too big to fit the criteria
- Somewhere between 300-500 emails with initial enquiries/requests for funding are dealt with per annum; alongside similar numbers of phone calls.
- Fewer ineligible applications are received – likely due to the online application system

Applications refused by reason for refusal

