



Our Eligibility Criteria

- It is one of our guiding principles at the Halpin Trust that we want to use our money to promote lasting societal and environmental impact in the areas of work that we support rather than needing regular inputs of grants to keep going.
- Trustees will not support projects which only provide a service to one faith or ethnic community or require beneficiaries to have (or change to) a particular faith. The Trustees see the Trust as being secular and apolitical.
- Grants will only be given to registered charities and not to individuals. Individuals will only be supported through recognised programmes run by charitable organisations. The Trust may also, at our own discretion, consider applications from other sorts of organisations with charitable objectives, such as Community Benefit Societies, Social Enterprises and Community Interest Companies, on provision of the appropriate constitution documents, and provided it can be demonstrated that our funding would benefit the charitable objectives.
- The Trustees are interested in providing support which addresses the underlying cause of an issue – the systemic problem – rather than relieving the symptoms of a problem.
- Trustees will consider salary and capital grants providing there is a sustainable business model and the investment helps to tackle the underlying issue or unlocks a permanent/ongoing solution to a problem. For example: equipment for research, or equipment to help sustainable timber harvesting (if that helps to protect habitat) would be acceptable. Funding salary for a project officer post that can only be sustained with further injections of charitable funding would not be considered; whereas funding salary of a post that will bring in future funds, or which trains local volunteers to sustain a project after the funded post has ended *would* be looked on favourably.
- The Trustees will support research, particularly applied research in the fields of interest.
- There will be a natural bias towards funding projects in the UK because of accountability, however overseas projects will not be ruled out.
- Applications which target more than one area of interest will be looked on particularly favourably: for example, environmental education projects or facilities, medical studentships, or projects looking at promoting mental health through contact with nature.
- We look favourably on matched funding or leveraged funding applications.
- The Halpin Development Grant can be used for applications that look to help charities that work in the areas we support to grow themselves, or to become more financially resilient and sustainable rather than being locked into an endless cycle of grant applications and grant dependency. More information can be found on the Development Grant Application Form on the [Documents](#) page.