

Deciding Your Application

We want to be as transparent as possible about the decision process we use to decide who to support.

Our aim is to use our resources carefully and in a targeted way that will make the maximum impact on those in need. Our mission statement focuses on the areas where we feel we can contribute the most. Although our focus is on a few specific areas we will try to be flexible in our approach.

Our aim is to treat all applications fairly and efficiently. Our resources are limited and the competition for grants means that we will be unable to fund all of the applications we would like to support.

All grants are at the discretion of the trustees.

To help us decide whether your application will be successful we will assess all applications against our core values. Each application is decided on its own merits.

HDT Mission Statement

To help adults who are disabled or disadvantaged to fulfil their sailing dreams, either by acting as a source of information, or by helping with the financing of a project.

Our Core Values

Our core values are the fundamental beliefs of the Trust. They are what give us meaning:

- **Commitment** to disabled and disadvantaged adults
- **Compassion and respect** for all
- **Honesty, integrity, diligence and accountability**
- **Positivity**
- **Equal opportunities for all**

Can you answer yes to the following four questions?

- 1) Do you fall within our mission statement?
- 2) Are you a disabled or disadvantaged adult (over 18 years old)?
- 3) Does what you want to do already exist?
- 4) Can you tell us what you want to do?

If you answer yes to all four of the above questions then we use our core values to guide us in our grant decision process:

- Why do you need funding?
- How will you benefit from support?
- How are funds to be used?
- Is the award going to improve opportunities/accessibility/quality of life?
- Is it value for money?
- Is it sustainable?
- Are you receiving additional support from another source?
- How will HDT benefit from the funded project?

What we hope to achieve

Our goal is that you can achieve your dream.

How we hope to achieve this

- 1) We will provide grants and technical expertise which will support individuals.
- 2) This should happen in a manner that minimises all risks to you, those involved in supporting you and the wider public.
- 3) By raising the profile of the disabled or disadvantaged through positive role models.

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- 4) By allowing all research, development and technology that we may have given you or you may have received in connection with your project to be made freely available through HDT to the wider community where possible.
- 5) We will provide a forum that provides advice and information.

To keep things fair and equitable:

- You are permitted to be in receipt of only one grant in any calendar year.

What we fund

- Individuals and charitable organisations (who assist the work of the Trust)
- We will fund both Revenue and Capital costs. Examples of Revenue costs are salaries and hire of facilities. Examples of Capital costs are sailing equipment.

What we don't fund

There are certain types of work and organisations that we do not fund. If your proposal falls into one of these categories, please do not apply to us:

- medical research or hospitals
- projects where the monies will be used for religious purposes
- work where there is statutory responsibility to provide funding
- projects where the work has already taken place
- statutory bodies, such as local authorities and Primary Care Trusts, or organisations seeking funding to replace cuts by statutory bodies
- Non-charitable organisations and groups

Who can apply?

- individuals (see mission statement) and other charities who assist the work of the Trust

How to apply

All grant applications must be submitted online.

The application should be made on the form and you should attach any other relevant supporting information. You may not have full information, but we expect you to be able to convince us of the viability of your project.

Every application is measured against our core values and the criteria outlined above.

Applicants may be asked to meet the Trustees to answer further enquiries. We may ask you to provide further information including project plans.

Once a grant is awarded then the recipients will be required to provide regular reports on how the work is progressing and how any monies have been spent.

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If your application is successful there will be a formal agreement made between you and HDT.

Deadlines

We can usually let you know the outcome of your application within three months.

Monitoring and evaluation

Our involvement doesn't end with awarding a grant or assistance. We require regular progress reports on your work and will want to see evidence that you are monitoring and evaluating your progress.

Clear targets will be set to help you achieve your dream.

We may also visit you during the life of your grant and may ask you to work with our Media and Communication team to help us demonstrate the impact of our grants to other organisations, funders and the public.