

## **Sirius Minerals Foundation**

### **Time Together for Children and Young People – Open Grant Round**

**Please read the guidance below carefully.** During open grant rounds we always receive a high number of applications that do not meet our grant guidance. For example, in our last open grant round a third of applications did not meet the grant guidance criteria and so were not able to be assessed or scored. To ensure you do not waste time on an application that is not eligible for funding we strongly recommend you to read the grant guidance, application form and other information on our website before deciding to submit. If you are in any doubt that your project would be eligible or you have queries then please do contact us for a discussion and we will do our best to help.

#### **Purpose of the Time Together for Children and Young People Grants**

The last 18 months have been incredibly tough for so many people across our area of benefit. This grant round focuses on local children and young people who have not only missed out on their formal education, but also the informal learning opportunities usually provided by a wide range of social activities, plus opportunities to have fun and socialise with their peers. Many have missed out on school outings, sports days, residential, proms, or just time together with their friends.

A recent survey by Barnados found that “Feeling lonely or isolated was also one of the hardest things 16-24-year-olds found about the Covid-19 restrictions, with a third (33%) choosing it as one of their top three options. Not seeing friends (45%) and spending too much time online or in front of a screen (26%) also made the top three.”

We applaud the amazing resilience of our children and young people and want to let them know we are thinking of them by funding some exciting opportunities to play, re-connect with friends and experience some fun. We would love communities and organisations to talk to their children and young people and find out how they would chose to spend time together having fun or doing something uplifting with their friends or peers – and then apply for funding from the Foundation to make it happen. The focus of our funding is building relationships between children and young people and giving them time together.

We are not prescriptive about the types of activity we will fund – it could an outing, attending a performance, trying an activity, experiencing something new, spending time in nature, a Christmas surprise, simply having a break from their worries and anxieties and spending time together.

We appreciate this grant round will only fund one off events or a short series of activities. The Foundation recognises that many children and young people have been exposed to unprecedented levels of trauma, loss and adversity during the pandemic and we know that some will need longer terms support with their emotional health and wellbeing. The Foundation is keen to support the emotional wellbeing of those children and young people who are struggling and in the Autumn we will launch a £450K grant pot to support activities

in this area of work. We ask that you hold on to your ideas for longer term projects with an emotional wellbeing focus ready for that grant round.

### **The children and young people we will support:**

We will support applications to work with children and young people aged 0-18 years old. If the children and young people you support have special education needs and disabilities they would be eligible up to the age of 25. You can also apply for activities for care leavers up to the age of 25.

The grants can be used to provide time together opportunities for children from any and every background. If we receive a high number of funding requests the Foundation will prioritise high scoring projects for those children and young people who may not otherwise be able to access these types of opportunities.

### **Types of activity we will fund:**

We must stress the examples below are just ideas – the children and young people you are working with will have plenty more. Let them be creative as long as it is safe and legal. Please talk to your children and young people and shape a proposal for something they really want to do.

- Activities that give children and young people the opportunity to learn a new skills or have a new experience e.g. a youth club taking their members on an outing or running a series of fun workshops at their sessions.
- Informal learning opportunities provided through socialising with their friends or peers which might include one off events or a series of activities e.g. a parish council or residents association putting on a fun day for local children with activities requested by those children.
- Events or activities that you cannot normally offer your children and young people because you do not have funding available e.g. a parent led playgroup buying in a dance teacher for a term.
- Opportunities for children and young people who cannot travel to have something fun come to them e.g. a hospice that is able to bring an experience to the children that cannot have a day trip out.
- Support costs for a child or young person to be able to access the opportunity you wish us to fund e.g. transport costs, accessibility costs, etc.

To give you an idea of cost per child we would suggest £50 per child on average, but there may be some applicants who can make a great case for higher sums of funding per child. We would prefer to see programmes of activities rather than one off events, especially when they are structured to build longer term connections between children and young people. However, we are not ruling out one off events or activities – the priority is to build relationships between children and young people and give them time together.

## **Funding available**

Organisations can apply for grants of between £500 and £4,000. The total grant pot available is up to £200,000. If you are a charity that is an umbrella organisation for multiple groups you can apply for a potentially larger grant to allow for each group at a separate location to benefit. If you are planning to do this please contact us first to check you are eligible and talk through the sums you are considering applying for. We can then give you some advice as to what might be a realistic expectations for funding bearing in mind the size of the total grant pot.

## **Eligibility criteria**

Please read the following criteria below carefully before you apply. If you are unsure about your eligibility, please contact us for advice on your application.

Grants are available for local voluntary and community organisations, charities and not-for-profit groups and social enterprises who are working with children and young people, or who are in contact with a group of children and young people they think might like to come up with an idea to be funded.

If your organisation is not used to applying for grants, please do not be put off. Please give us a call to discuss your idea or to find out about your local support organisation that can help you develop your project and apply.

### **1. Geographical area of benefit**

The organisation and the activity funded must be based in the Foundation's area of benefit, and only be for people from our area of benefit. Our area of benefit is the Borough of Scarborough, the Borough of Redcar and Cleveland, and the North York Moors National Park.

### **2. Working with children and young people**

Your organisation must already be working with children and young people or know a group of children and young people you would like to offer an opportunity to and who you could discuss your proposal with. This is to ensure children and young people are helping to shape your proposal to ensure it meets their own interests. The applications we will prioritise are those where we can see clear evidence that children and young people have shaped the ideas and final proposal.

### **3. Keeping children and young people safe**

It is the responsibility of organisations submitting applications to have in place an appropriate safeguarding policy and undertake the right level of risk assessment for the proposed activities. If you need help with this you can talk to your local infrastructure organisation for free advice and support. Please see details at the end of this guidance.

We would expect a trusted adult to be submitting the application and leading the work in a safe environment should your application be successful.

If you know a group of children and young people and have a great idea for an application but are not part of a group or organisation then it's worth talking to other local

organisations to see if they might apply on your behalf. This might be your town or parish council, a residents association, a community group or a local charity. It's worth asking around, but if you struggle we would recommend you contact your local infrastructure organisation. Please see details at the end of this guidance.

#### **4. Types and size of organisation**

We **will support** the following types of organisation;

- Local, voluntary groups that are constituted. That means you have a brief, written set of rules explaining how you will run your organisation and are governed by a committee of at least three unrelated members. You will have a bank account (or a relationship with a community organisation that is willing to hold the grant money for you).
- Registered charities or Charitable Incorporated Organisations registered with the Charity Commission.
- Social enterprises, such as Community Interest Companies and not-for-profit organisations. These types of organisations must have at least two unrelated bank signatories to be eligible for funding from the Foundation.
- Parish and Town Councils.
- Faith organisations who are proposing to deliver activities that do not include the promotion or the practice of religion or particular belief systems. This is because these activities could exclude people from accessing a project on religious grounds.

This grant round is open to organisations that have received grants from the Foundation before and organisations that have not yet received funding from us. If there is a high demand for funding we may prioritise organisations who score highly and have not received funding from the Foundation before. We will also seek to ensure a good geographic spread of funding across our area of benefit.

We **will not support** applications from the following types of organisation:

- Individuals or sole traders
- Private businesses
- Organisations that do not have at least two people on their board or committee who are not related.
- Organisation (including CICs and social enterprises) that do not have at least two unrelated bank signatories.

We are not accepting applications from schools or associated groups fundraising for school activities for this grant round.

We will only support national organisations when they can clearly demonstrate local need, have contact with local children and young people, and have local staff on the ground.

## 5. What we will not fund

Please read this section carefully as we always receive applications for activities that are not eligible. We do not want organisations wasting time and energy submitting applications that are not eligible for funding. Our advice is to read this next set of bullet points carefully – and then please read them again!

For this grant round we will not fund the following:

- Work which does not directly benefit people living in the area of benefit.
- Activities taking place outside the UK.
- Projects which have already started or retrospective funding.
- General appeals or sponsorship.
- Work undertaken by or on behalf of statutory bodies.
- Capital costs such as building and large items of equipment. Small items of equipment or other capital costs needed to run an activity for children and young people may be considered as long as it is not for your “business as usual” activities. For example, we will not fund new musical instruments for existing members of a band or orchestra, but we would fund instruments for new members on a waiting list that could not otherwise join in. Another example would be that we would consider funding circus skills equipment for a youth club who propose to use the funding to pay for a circus skills trainer and would like to have some equipment the children can continue to practice their skills on after those sessions.
- General applications from sports clubs (e.g. for equipment, other capital costs, to cover income lost during the pandemic, coaching or kit). A sports club could apply for funding for something they would not normally fund or deliver e.g. an outing for their junior teams to go and watch a professional match or an activity for supporter’s children; or a new team for a different age group or a new girls/boys team.
- Projects where the majority of the funding is to pay for adults to take part too. We appreciate that some adults will need to be funded to run the activity, support the children and young people, and ensure the work is carried out safely for all involved. However, we would like to see funding requests that are about children and young people having time together – not outings for families. The exception would be for applications where a child or young person has specific support needs that will require a carer or other family members joining them to allow them to participate; or for applications for outings for young children who will need to be accompanied.
- Activities that are just for one or two individual children or young people or a single family.
- General core organisational costs or ongoing running costs or significant contributions to overheads or a management fee. All direct costs for running the activities would be eligible including staff costs, but as this grant round is for small grants and timebound activities we do not anticipate full cost recovery or core running costs will be high.
- Activities which are funded by another organisation. If, having applied to the Foundation, you find that you have been successful with an alternative bid for the same work, please contact us to withdraw your application.

## Supporting Information

The following documents will need to be included with your completed application form when you make your submission. These can be sent electronically or in hard copy.

- Your organisation's most recent, audited/examined statement of accounts and balance sheet (where applicable). If you are a new group and do not have these, please send a copy of your most recent bank statement with a brief note about your financial position.
- Your organisation's terms of reference or constitution.

Please check through your completed application form before you submit it to ensure you have completed all the required boxes.

## How grant applications will be evaluated

We are looking for applications that clearly demonstrate that children or young people have been involved in shaping the project. Successful applications will deliver activities that build relationships between children and young people and give them time together. We would like to fund projects that offer a programme of activities which are structured to build longer term connections between children and young people. The Foundation will aim to achieve a balance of projects across the area of benefit and a diversity of projects. If we are oversubscribed we may choose to prioritise high scoring applicants who have not yet received funding from the Foundation.

The Trustees' decision is final and we are not obliged to enter into correspondence with regard to their decision. We expect this funding round to be popular so will not be offering individual feedback to unsuccessful applicants this time. After the closing date we will post on our website the common reasons that applications to this round were unsuccessful.

## Monitoring your grant

We will ask you to complete a simple form when you have finished spending your grant and we will make a copy of this available on our website when you apply, so you can see what information you will be asked to provide. We will be interested to hear about your work, and what difference you have made for children and young people. We love to receive photos, particularly those that have written consent from those in the photo (or their parents or carers if they are a child) to be used in the Foundations publicity materials.

## Timescales

This grant round **will close at 12pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**. Groups will be notified of the outcome by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Funds must be spent by end of December 2022.

Applications received after 12pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 will not be considered for funding. If you wish to submit prior to that date please do so. However all applications will be considered together after the closing date.

Successful applicants will be notified by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021. If you have not heard from us by that date we regret to inform you your application was not successful. We expect this funding round to be popular so will not be offering individual feedback to unsuccessful applicants this time. After 10<sup>th</sup> December we will post on our website the common reasons that applications to this grant round were unsuccessful.

### **Support from Local Infrastructure Organisations**

If you need support to develop your project idea or write an application then please get in touch with your local support organisations:

For organisations in Scarborough Borough and the North York Moors National Park	<a href="#">Community Support North Yorkshire – Community First Yorkshire</a> 01904 704177 or <a href="mailto:communitysupport@communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk">communitysupport@communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk</a>
For organisations in Redcar and Cleveland	<a href="#">Support - RCVDA</a> 01642 440571 or <a href="mailto:enquiries@rcvda.org.uk">enquiries@rcvda.org.uk</a>

**If you are unsure if your idea for a grant meets the criteria please get in touch to discuss your application. If in doubt, please give us a call.**

**Call Leah Swain on 07724 832982 or email [grants@siriusmineralsfoundation.co.uk](mailto:grants@siriusmineralsfoundation.co.uk)**

Good luck with your application and we are excited to see the ideas that your children and young people come up with.