



Working with a Charitable Trust

Helping other grant-making charities and trusts make a difference

Foundation Scotland provides a range of services to other grant-making charities and trusts to help meet their aims. Working with Foundation Scotland can increase grant making reach and impact; reduce the administrative burden; help with planning and strategy; and assist with evaluation and impact reporting. We are also able to handle the transfer of dormant or burdensome trusts to revive their charitable impact and secure their long-term future.

As Scotland's busiest grantmaker, we make more awards to good causes than any other independent funder. Each year our clients make over 2,000 payments to charity, about a third of which are to organisations recommended by us. Our extensive networks and profile as a funder means that trusts that outsource all or part of their grant making to Foundation Scotland gain access to thousands of local community projects and smaller charities. Trusts can make a block grant to Foundation Scotland, usually annually, which we then distribute as awards to projects meeting agreed criteria.

We can help deliver a trust's existing strategy, or work with trustees to develop a plan for making a difference, then design a funding programme to achieve this. As well as distributing funds via competitive grants schemes, we can use our knowledge of Scotland's charitable and community sector to solicit suitable applications or even commission tailored projects that meet the trust's objectives. Our expertise lies in distributing funds to make a difference to communities and charities across Scotland, whether it's by making awards of a few hundred to a few million pounds.

In all cases trustees retain control, with the option of retaining decision-making responsibility for awards selected from a range of applications assessed and recommended by Foundation Scotland.

Services we can offer

- Detailed research into chosen communities or areas of interest
- Advice on planning a high-impact strategy for giving
- A range of funding models including commissioning, soliciting proposals and open competitive grants programmes
- Trusts can pass on applications for us to process and assess on their behalf, or let us invite applications directly

- Regular batches of recommendations presented for decisions by trustees, or decision-making delegated to Foundation Scotland
- Project visits to funded organisations
- Impact reporting and evaluation tailored to your needs
- Advice and assistance with dissolving a dormant or burdensome trust and transferring its assets to Foundation Scotland

Benefits

- Trustees retain as much control as they want
- Retain recognition and profile for the trust, if desired: awardees are advised on the source of the funds and required to acknowledge the trust by name in any publicity
- Reduced administration
- Cost-effective grant making – using our efficient grant-making infrastructure, networks and processes
- The contribution to cover Foundation Scotland’s costs is also regarded as a grant for charitable purposes
- Draw on Foundation Scotland’s local knowledge and grant-making expertise
- Flexibility – arrangements can be reviewed, changed or ended easily based on the trustees’ requirements
- Connecting with Foundation Scotland’s network of donors and philanthropists
- Working with Foundation Scotland supports the development of effective philanthropy in and for Scotland

Further information

For further information, please request our Contribution Levels leaflet or contact our Philanthropy Development Team on 0131 524 0300 or email development@foundationscotland.org.uk.