

Santander Foundation

INTRODUCTION

The Santander Foundation funds local, regional and national charities to support their work with disadvantaged people throughout the UK.

Key Facts

Grants of up to £10,000 where there are branches of Santander and up to £30,000 in nine Community Partnership areas.

Support for projects which will benefit disadvantaged people.

Funding for Education and Training and Financial Capability projects.

Registered charities can apply.

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED

The Santander Foundation has two charitable priorities:

1. **Education and training** – activities which disadvantaged people can undertake to improve their confidence in a skill or their understanding of a subject. This does not have to be formal training or leading to a qualification although these activities are eligible too. Examples of projects or activities include independent living skills, anger management, improving self-esteem, reminiscence projects for older people, art and craft or IT sessions but this is not an exhaustive list.
2. **Financial capability** – activities which help disadvantaged people understand how to manage their money including budgeting skills and managing the challenges that arise from being a carer, unemployment, disability or relationship breakdown. Examples of such activities include running a credit union, delivering financial advice or helping people to understand benefit entitlement.

WHO CAN APPLY

Organisations with charitable status whose work takes place in the UK can apply for a grant. This includes registered charities, Friendly Societies, Industrial and Provident Societies registered under charitable not membership rules. Credit Unions are the only exception to this. Community Interest Companies and not-for-profit organisations will not be funded unless they are also registered charities.

FUNDING

One off grant payments are available to pay for tangible items such as equipment and training material and to cover project costs including sessional worker fees, salaries and room hire.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to projects any where in the UK where there is a branch of Santander or Alliance & Leicester.

However, in areas of significant Santander presence, Community Interest Partnership Groups have been established made up of staff, pensioners and local charity representatives. In these areas grants of up to £30,000 are available. The only Community Interest Partnership in Scotland is **Greater Glasgow** however there are nine in total across the UK: London Borough of Camden; Milton Keynes covering Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire; Leicestershire and Rutland; Sheffield covering South Yorkshire; Bradford covering West Yorkshire; Teesside covering the area from Redcar to Darlington and Sunderland; Merseyside; and Northern Ireland.

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