



THE
LEATHERSELLERS'
FOUNDATION

1st September 2026

Small Grants Programme Webinar

ABOUT US

- Established in 1979, the Foundation is a grant funder with its own independent income, generated from its investment portfolio
- Registered charity, governed by the Charity Commission, with public accounts
- The Foundation gives grants in three main areas: Charity, Education and Leather
- Details of all Main and Small grants given from 2019 onwards are available on 360Giving

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

- Our Small Grants Programme aims to support Charities and CIO's delivering services that improve the lives of people and communities across the UK
- We provide the opportunity to apply for an unrestricted, single year grant of **£5,000**
- Unrestricted = we fund the entire charity, not projects
- Last year, 25% of applications were declined because they were not eligible

CRITERIA 1:

You must be a registered
charity or CIO

CRITERIA 2:

Annual income of £200,000 in the current and previous financial year

CRITERIA 3:

At least one year's published annual accounts via the Charity Commission, OSCAR or Charity Commission for NI

CRITERIA 4:

A publicly accessible website (not a social media page/profile) clearly showing who you are and what you do.

CRITERIA 5:

No more than six months
running costs in free reserves.

CRITERIA 6:

Evidence of community need and evidenced impact of the activities and services you provide to meet this need

CRITERIA 7:

Previous applicants – one year must pass from the date of applying. If successful, one year from the payment date

WE DO NOT FUND

- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Capital projects
- Hospices
- Medical research or charities supporting life-threatening medical conditions/
specialised medical needs
- Services that charge participants for access, irrespective of a person's ability to
pay
- PTAs/school budget fundraising
- Scouting groups

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Rolling applications considered throughout the year - online application form and budget required (budget template provided)
- Closes when 40 submissions have been received, or two weeks have past, whichever is first. Our winter application window will accept up to 60 submissions
- All dates are available on our website - we aim to inform applicants of the results within one week of the committee date taking place
- No reporting is required

WHAT WE LOOK FOR

- Clear understanding of the need you are looking to address
- Evidenced impact – tell us how your service makes a difference (reports/evaluation questionnaires/ user feedback)
- Appropriate safeguarding policy & procedures (if you deliver 1 to 1 services or working with children/ vulnerable members of the community)
- Evidence of financial need
- Accurately completed budget

THE BUDGET

- The budget allows us to gain a clear understanding of your financial position
- It is essential that the numbers in the budget match the numbers provided in the application
- Due to the tight turnaround each round, it is not possible to contact charities for clarifications relating to their budget
- 55 out of 253 declines last year were due to an issue with the budget

BUDGET – FINANCIAL YEAR

Name of organisation	ABC Charity	
Your current financial year (the start and end)	April 2026 - March 2027	
Restricted reserves	£50,000	
Unrestricted reserves	£55,000	This includes over three months running costs, as per our trustee requirements as well as £20,000 designated to building renovation.

Note: This should be the **same** financial year that is given within the application form

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Restricted reserves = Funding that has been given for a **specific purpose** and can only be used for that purpose

Unrestricted reserves = Funding available with no external conditions attached, available for **any use within the charity** e.g in case of emergency

BUDGET – INCOME

INCOME	2026-27	NOTES
Secured - unrestricted		
Lloyds Bank Foundation	40,000	Multi year funding source
Children in Need	40,000	
Secured - restricted		
Garfield Weston Foundation	25,000	
SUBTOTAL	105,000	
Pipeline - unrestricted		
Ministry of Justice	2,000	
Event fundraising	3,000	Based on previous year
Donations	5,000	Based on previous year
Leathersellers Foundation	5,000	Decision within 6 weeks
Pipeline - restricted		
Southwark Council	5,000	Reviewed/ renewed on an annual basis
Henry Smith Foundation	10,000	Decision expected November 2026.
Clothworkers Foundation	10,000	Applying for a two year grant with potential to extend to four years
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BUDGET – PIPELINE

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BUDGET – EXPENDITURE

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Staff Salaries		
Staff salaries	90,000	1 x CEO £40,000, 2 x staff at £25,000
Training	3,000	Includes safeguarding training
Accountancy and software	6,000	
Insurance	4,000	
Office rent	20,000	
Utilities	6,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	129,000	
In year surplus/ deficit	-	24,000
In year surplus/ deficit inc. pipeline		16,000

KEY DATES

Thursday 3
September 2026

Committee Meeting
Date: 7 October

Thursday 26
November 2026

Committee Meeting
Date: 27 January

Thursday 4 March
2027

Committee Meeting
Date: 7 April

Thursday 13
May 2026

Committee Meeting
Date: 16 June

Thursday 8 October
2026

Committee Meeting
Date: 11 November

Thursday 28 January
2027

Committee Meeting
Date: 3 March

Thursday 8
April 2026

Committee Meeting
Date: 12 May

QUESTIONS?

- Our website has a full list of FAQs available
- You can contact me via Lhassan@leathersellers.org