



## Rothschild Grassroots Fund Eligibility

To be eligible for funding from the Rothschild Grassroots Fund, there are a number of conditions your organisation will need to meet.

### *Your organisation*

You must be a constituted, non-for-profit organisation with an appropriate governing document which confirms your not-for-profit status and with a dissolution clause which outlines that any assets are transferred to another charitable organisation. Private for-profit companies and Community Interest Companies limited by Shares are not eligible for funding, unless explicitly stated in the programme details.

**Trustees/Directors:** You will need to have a minimum of three trustees or directors who are not connected to each other by personal relationship. Your governing document should not enable majority control by one person or two or more people with a personal connection.

**Policies:** As a minimum, you will need to have policies for health and safety, equality and diversity (or equivalent), safeguarding for adults and/or children as appropriate to your work and sustainability. These must be formally adopted by your organisation, reviewed regularly and be up to date with relevant legislation.

### *Your finances*

**Financial segregation:** A financial system of control must be in place for all payments, including for online. The person making the payment must be different from the person who has approved the payment. You can find out more about this here: [Charity Commission guidance](#)

**Accounts:** you must be able to provide a copy of your organisation's latest accounts. If you have not yet had to produce accounts, you should submit your management accounts and/or profit and loss account instead. Your accounts will need to confirm that you are operating as a "going concern" and have no significant issues raised by auditors or equivalent.

If you are a Community Interest Company limited by Guarantee, you will be required to submit a CIC 36 form (if registered in the last 12 months) or a CIC 34 annual report (if registered for more than 12 months).

**Banking:** You must have a bank account in your organisation's name. we will ask you for a bank statement for this account which must show your organisation's name address, sort code and account number, and must be dated in the last three months.

- If you are looking for funding towards maintenance or improvement of a building or land you must either confirm that you own the land, or otherwise are able to provide evidence of a long lease with permission for you to undertake the proposed work.
- If you hold a current grant from the Rothschild Foundation you will not be eligible for this fund.
- If you hold a completed grant from Rothschild Foundation or Heart of Bucks, you must have completed and submitted your end of grant report, if due.

**We cannot fund:**

- Organisations whose primary purpose is animal welfare.
- Organisations for uniformed youth
- projects that include the promotion of a particular religion, proselytising, or a political party or position.