



Russell Commission Youth Led Grants Guidelines

Aims of the Russell Commission Youth Led Grants

The aim of the Youth Led Grant - Russell Commission scheme is to support a range of small volunteering projects and activities, led and carried out by young people.

Even the applications selected and recommended will be by a panel of young people aged 16-25.

The Russell Youth Led Grants scheme also aims to prioritise delivery of volunteering opportunities with and for a diverse range of young people (aged 16 – 25) and particularly:

- Young people from disadvantaged communities: particularly Communities First areas and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities
- Young people with physical or learning disabilities

How much grant can be awarded?

You will be able to apply for a maximum grant of £500 to support volunteering or set up a volunteering activity. In very special circumstances we will be able to consider an application up to £1000, but you will need to show that a number of young people will benefit from the scheme, or that it is a permanent volunteering opportunity.

Who can make an application for funding?

If organisations are funded they should:

- be legally constituted with a governing document that is signed and adopted; (the objectives of the project must fit with the constitution);
- be independent of government and private sectors;
- have a bank account, in the name of the organisation, which requires at least two signatures

However, it is likely that many applications will be from un-constituted groups of young people, in which case the volunteer centre may wish to consider paying invoices direct, or paying the grant to an eligible organisation that will support them.

It will be necessary for all projects to comply with the terms and conditions of the Youth Led Grant - Russell Commission. In some circumstances special conditions will be placed on a project.

How to apply for funding?

For an application pack or for more information regarding the fund please contact Gerry Frobisher, Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council on 01745 369973 or gerryfrobisher@btconnect.com.

It will be required that the grant has been spent before the end of March 2011.

What should be included?

1. Completed application form signed by two members of the group.
2. Copies of your group's / supporting organisation's constitution.
3. Copy of your group's /supporting organisation's recent bank statement
4. If relevant enclose quotes/estimates and or other evidence of costs (e.g. copy of catalogue pages)
5. Number and names of individuals taking part in any activity funded.
6. New groups must enclose a list of names of officers and members of the group's committee (if relevant)