

# Frequently Asked Questions:

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## 1. Do I have to be a registered charity to apply?

If you are applying for a grant online from the Cadent Foundation you should either be a registered charity, community interest groups (CIC) a not-for-profit organisation or a community group. They must be UK registered/based.

Community groups are only eligible to apply for grants of less than £5,000.

For partnerships on research and innovation projects that help eliminate harmful emissions and support sustainable energy, we will partner with not-for profit or for profit organisations. Contact us at [enquiries@cadentfoundation.com](mailto:enquiries@cadentfoundation.com)

## 2. Do you fund individuals?

We will not accept applications to fund individuals and will under no circumstances award grants to an individual.

## 3. What will the Cadent Foundation give grants for?

We want to focus on giving grants to **projects** that fall within these areas:

- 1) **Research and Innovation:** Projects that help eliminate harmful emissions and support sustainable energy
- 2) **People:** Projects that help alleviate suffering and hardship of people in vulnerable situations
- 3) **Environment:** Projects that will help protect and preserve the environment
- 4) **Communities:** Projects that provide a better and healthier community to live in and use

## 4. What is a Cadent employee sponsor?

For grants under £5,000 your organisation must have a Cadent employee sponsor. This means an employee of Cadent must have recommended you apply and given you their business email as sponsorship.

This will be verified with them once the application is received.

## 5. How can I get a Cadent employee sponsorship?

A Cadent employee must have recommended someone in your organisation to apply for a grant and be in agreement to be sponsor the application. This referral scheme has been put in place to foster community and engagement.

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## **6. Are applications open all year round?**

Applications will be open during a specific period and then will close. See our website homepage for the dates you can apply.

## **7. Are there geographical restrictions?**

Yes, the project needs to take place within Cadent's geographical footprint. Please refer to our guidelines and exclusions document to understand further.

## **8. How many applications can I submit?**

Cadent Foundation will only accept one application at any time from an organisation. This is to be fair to the large numbers of applications that are received.

## **9. My application has been declined, can I apply again?**

Due to the interest in the grant giving of the Foundation, will not accept another application from an organisation for two years from the date we informed you of the outcome of the original application.

## **10. My charity has already received a grant, can I apply again?**

If you have already applied online and received a grant from the Foundation, you will not be eligible to apply again for another two years from the date of the original grant being awarded (initial email of outcome of application).

## **11. When will I hear about the outcome of my application?**

The Foundation endeavours to be in contact within 12 weeks of the submission of your application, however, this can be longer. We thank you for your patience.

## **12. When does my project need to be completed?**

Should you be successful at securing a grant from us timescales for completion apply. For grants under £5,000, the project needs to be complete within 12 months. For grants over £5,000 it needs to be completed within 24 months. At the application stage, please state how long it is estimated to take.

## **13. If I meet all the criteria, will I receive a grant?**

Unfortunately, you may not be successful if you did meet all the criteria. The Cadent Foundation wants to ensure that the most impact is achieved through the grant and there may be other projects which we believe achieve this. The funds are limited and the upmost is done to choose recipients who will deliver the widest benefits to the environment, communities and people.



#### **14. Who are Charities Trust and why are they involved?**

Charities Trust (Charity Registration No: 327489) administer the Cadent Foundation and its funds. Charities Trust will manage the grant application and giving process.

#### **15. My application has been unsuccessful, can the Cadent Foundation provide some feedback as to why?**

Unfortunately, we are unable to give feedback on unsuccessful applications due to the high volume of applications, and we must prioritise our time for reviewing applications.

We have endeavoured to make our criteria, guidelines and exclusions as clear as possible to allow understanding if a charitable group is eligible.

#### **16. Do the funds need to be paid back?**

No, the funds do not need to be paid back. The Cadent Foundation wants the funds to be free to the recipient group, so communities, the environment and people can benefit fully.

However, there are some instances the funds can be reclaimed should the organisation not adhere to the terms and conditions.

#### **17. Is there a deadline for applications?**

Yes, please see the website for details.

#### **18. What happens if my application is successful?**

If your application is successful, then you will be contacted by Charities Trust detailing the next steps. You will be requested to give the registered charity or groups details such as registered address and bank details to take the grant further.

You may be asked to fill in a Post Impact Review form once your project is completed, for more details surrounding this please view the form on our website.

