



## Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grant Frequently asked questions

### Eligibility Criteria

#### What does Heart Research UK look for in a Healthy Heart Grant Application?

We are looking for projects that work with communities to prevent heart disease, particularly for vulnerable and isolated groups of individuals who are at an increased risk of developing heart problems in the future. We also look for groups that have big impact and have considered novel ways to encourage people to look after their hearts and promote positive lifestyle changes.

#### What type of organisation is eligible to apply for a Healthy Heart Grant?

Only community or voluntary organisations, registered charities or other not for profit organisations may apply.

**Private enterprise and government, local authority, public sector or organisations funded with public money cannot apply**, including schools and government authorities. Charities associated with a school such as a Parent Teacher Association (PTA), may apply, provided that the project has an impact on the local community.

#### Do you fund defibrillators or other hospital equipment?

No. We currently focus our Healthy Heart Grants on prevention therefore we are unable to offer grants for defibrillators only, or other hospital equipment to treat heart disease.

#### What region am I in?

You can find details of our regions [here](#)

#### How long can a Healthy Heart Grant project run for?

Projects should ideally run for a minimum of six months and no longer than 12 months.

#### Do you fund existing or continuation projects?

No. Grants are available for new innovative projects and not something you already do or want to continue.

#### Can I apply for a Grant even if I have already applied in a previous year?

Yes, we welcome applications from organisations who have previously applied, or have been awarded funding in the past.

#### Do you fund training courses?

No, we are unable to offer Grant's for training of staff members or volunteers only, however in exceptional circumstances, we may consider funding this type of training if it is part of a wider project and fundamental to the delivery of the project.

#### We are a Cardiac rehabilitation group – can we apply for a HHG?

Heart Research UK would not fund the continuation of a Cardiac Rehabilitation group. However, we would accept applications for a new innovative project to promote heart health for people affected by heart disease and their families.

### **We have a project that meets the criteria, but the beneficiaries would be throughout the UK. What is your policy regarding national charities applying for more than one region?**

In order to demonstrate impact on reducing heart disease we expect that applicants have an in-depth knowledge of the specific needs and demographics of the region for which they are applying. It is expected that project activities specifically address the problems within their area. For these reasons we do not anticipate that an organisation would submit the same application for multiple regions. However, organisations may submit different applications for more than one region in one year, provided that each application addresses the needs of the specific area and cohort.

## **Budgets**

### **My project costs more than £10,000, can I still apply?**

Yes, we accept applications for project which costs more than £10,000 where additional funds are sourced from elsewhere, however the maximum Heart Research UK will award is £10,000. Please ensure you clearly state the whole project budget in the budget section and demonstrate who will cover which costs. If another funder is involved or gift in kind is being provided, please explain clearly which elements of the project are funded by whom in the space provided on the form.

### **If my project is successful, when will I receive payment?**

80% of the funding is paid prior to or towards the beginning of the start of your project, with the final 20% paid after your final report has been submitted.

## **Application Process**

### **Can I send my application by e-mail?**

No. Only submissions via the online form will be accepted. If you are having difficulties filling in or accessing the online form, please get in touch with a member of our team at [healthyheartgrants@heartresearch.org.uk](mailto:healthyheartgrants@heartresearch.org.uk)

### **Who can submit an application?**

The organisation is the Grant Applicant and as such, the Grant Application Form, Terms and Conditions and any offer of a Grant award is made with the organisation and not an individual representative of the organisation. The individual submitting the application on behalf of the organisation should be the primary contact for correspondence via email regarding the Grant application.

### **How do I apply for a Healthy Heart Grant?**

Applicants can submit their application online using the form on our [website](#) or sign up for an alert if your region isn't yet open. If you experience any problems submitting your form, please get in touch via email at [healthyheartgrants@heartresearch.org.uk](mailto:healthyheartgrants@heartresearch.org.uk)

Before submitting your HHG application please read the [Terms and Conditions](#). After submitting your application, you will receive an automated email with a copy of your application, which we recommend you keep for your own records.

## **Selection Process**

### **What is Heart Research UK's shortlisting and awarding criteria?**

When shortlisting and selecting which application to fund, the Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grant Panel will look first and foremost at how strong the Healthy Heart message is and how actively it is being promoted through your proposed activities.

If the heart focus is strong throughout, the panel will then also consider:

- how innovative the project is in terms of activities offered and the target audience
- the operational and logistical feasibility of the proposed project
- evidence of appropriate skills & experience to run your healthy heart project
- value for money, with regards to impact and number of participants
- effective monitoring and evaluation of impact on heart health
- publicity opportunities for the project
- Sustainability and long-term impact of the project
- Whether the project targets a group or community at risk of heart disease

**Please note: The Healthy Heart Grant panel's decision is final and unfortunately, we are unable to provide feedback on unsuccessful applications.**

### What is the selection process?

- 1) **Shortlisting** –The Healthy Heart Grant Panel will review all applications and shortlist approximately five applicants based on fair and transparent scoring of the above criteria.
- 2) **Panel Meeting** – Our Healthy Heart Grant Panel will hold a panel meeting to decide on the successful grant based on the top 5 applications
- 3) **Successful applicants** will be notified by telephone within 48 hours of a decision being made. If we cannot reach you by telephone, we will notify you by email.

**Unsuccessful applicants** will be notified by email once the successful grantee has accepted

### Who makes up the HHG Panel?

The panel consists of experts from a broad variety of backgrounds including public health, nutrition, coaching, education, and long-term health prevention.

**If you have any other questions about the Healthy Heart Grant, please contact us at:**

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