



Small Grants Programme 2026

Grant Application Form

Theirworld currently supports a wide range of small charities aimed at developing skills, improving health, bettering education and empowering young people.

Grant Making Policy

Theirworld focuses on applications for grants where its contribution can make a real difference. All grants are made at the discretion of the Trustees in line with the registered activities of the charity, which are:

1. The relief of poor or infirm children and young people
2. The advancement of the education of children and young people

The Charity does NOT fund:

- Expeditions
- Promotion of individual religion or political parties

Theirworld only funds registered charities, or not-for-profit organisations. In selecting Small Grant recipients, we are looking for projects where a small amount of funding can help make a big impact at a local level to drive progress in one of our three thematic areas: the best start in life, a safe place to learn, or skills for the future.

Projects will be prioritised to support local organisations to scale up efforts, test a new idea, or provide funding to deliver important services to marginalised children and youth. Priority will be given to projects focused on one of our five cross-cutting strategic issues linked to education: climate action, gender equality, inclusion, peace and security, and health and nutrition.

Grants are generally made as single payments between £1,000 and £10,000. To apply for a grant, please complete this online application form along with your most up-to-date safeguarding policy and most recent annual accounts.

All applicants must complete an application form, which should be submitted by 5pm (GMT) on 16th February. All applications will be acknowledged. Applications are reviewed annually by Theirworld Trustees and all successful applicants will be notified by email or in writing. Where appropriate grant for periods of longer than one year may be considered. If awarded a grant, mid-term and final reports are required. Report templates will be provided with confirmation of grants awarded. Charities who have been awarded a grant, or have been unsuccessful in their application, may not re-apply within 12 months.

To comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, applicants are required to consent to the use of personal data supplied by them in the processing and review of their application. This includes transfer to and use by such individuals and organisations as the Charity deems appropriate. The Charity requires assurance that the personal data about any other individual is supplied to the Charity with his/her consent.

Application process

1. Check your eligibility and submit an application form using the following link.
2. The deadline to submit the application form is 5pm (GMT) on 16 February 2026.
3. To support prospective applicants, we will be hosting Q&A webinars on 2 and 3 February 2026, where the Theirworld team will walk through the process and answer questions.
 - a. 2 February 2026 at 10:00 GMT. To register, sign up on this [link](#).
 - b. 3 February 2026 at 15:00 GMT. To register, sign up on this [link](#).

Key dates at a glance

- Application window: 15 January – 16 February 2026
- Q&A webinars: 2 & 3 February 2026
- Final decisions communicated: 30 June 2026
- Grant contracting and disbursement: July–August 2026