LGBT+ Futures: Trans & Non-Binary Fund - Devolved Nations Guidance

About the fund

Consortium are happy to announce a new fund which focuses on supporting the Trans, Non-Binary and Intersex communities in the Devolved Nations of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Funding comes from a partnership with The Funding Network and Give Out, under the badge of City for LGBT+ - a live crowdfunding event which is held annually.

Consortium recognises the current hostility towards Trans and Non-Binary communities in the UK. Organisations working with these communities are underfunded and under resourced and this is particularly the case in the Devolved Nations where access to funding is even more limited and oversubscribed.

The aim for this fund is to enable organisations in the Devolved Nations to become sustainable and resilient so that the communities they support can thrive.

Please read this guidance for the best chance of success when applying to the fund.

Who can apply?

Applicants must be based and working within the devolved nations of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and specifically working with one or more of the following communities of focus:

- Trans people
- Non-Binary people
- Intersex people

Groups <u>must</u> be able to show they are led by and for the communities of focus listed above.

- This means the primary purpose of your organisation is to support one of the communities of focus and;
- these communities are majority represented in your leadership.

If your organisation supports a wider group of people (e.g. all LGBT+ people), unfortunately your organisation is not eligible for this fund, even if you have a project to support one or more communities of focus. Your organisation must be set up to support one or more of the communities of focus.

You do not need to be a Member of Consortium to be eligible to apply.

How much can I apply for?

Grants range from £500 to £3000, and applicants are welcome to apply for the amount they need to undertake their work.

All grants must be fully spent by 30th September 2025.

What we can fund

The aim of this Fund is to help Trans, Non-Binary and Intersex organisations to be well resourced, sustainable, and resilient.

- If you have a project or social group you are interested in getting funded, then we want to hear from you
- If your organisation can demonstrate it has been doing amazing work and needs core funding, then let us know about it

We are also interested in hearing from groups who are new and needing support to thrive and grow.

Examples of grants we have awarded

- Providing inclusive, responsive, safe, and relevant youth services to Transgender, Non-Binary, and Gender Diverse young people in Northern Ireland.

- Supporting Transgender, Non-Binary and Intersex (TIN) people through mutual aid support in Wales.

- Funds to run a social and support group by and for Trans people in Aberdeen.

What we cannot fund

Whilst we are keen to fund as many organisations, groups, and projects as we can, there are several types of organisations, projects, and work that we cannot fund.

Please ensure that you read the list carefully. If you are unsure if your organisation or proposed work is eligible, please get in touch with the Grants Team.

- Individuals.
- Any organisation, group or project that is not specifically focused on and led by the communities of focus identified.
- Organisations which cannot demonstrate that they are working in an inclusive, non-discriminatory way.
- Activities/work that takes place outside of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- Standalone or large capital purchases.
- Research, unless community-led research to increase lack of evidence base.
- Political Groups.
- Work that promotes religion (i.e. work that evangelises or proselytizes).
- Organisations or projects that will distribute the grant money to others.
- Retrospective costs, i.e. costs already incurred prior to receiving a grant including the repayment of loans.
- Work that duplicates existing local or thematic work.
- Any organisation currently or previously in receipt of a grant from Consortium which has a history of non-compliance with grant conditions.

How do I apply?

Applications are primarily via the online form, but we have worked hard to minimise the amount of time it will take for organisations to apply.

Applications can also be made via a video application and uploaded here. Videos should be a maximum length of 5 minutes and information included in the video will be transcribed into a written application form by a member of the Grants team. No community panellists will view the original video.

As part of the application process, organisations will be asked to provide the following:

- A document which outlines what the group is for and the rules for running it.
- A correspondence address.
- Recent accounts

- A bank account in the organisations name or be able to nominate a registered charity to hold the grant in trust.

All organisations should have good governance, appropriate financial management in place and high standards of safeguarding for staff, volunteers and those using their support or services however we do recognise that smaller, grassroots organisations may not have all these structures in place.

The fund opens to applications on **25th June 2024 at 12pm** and will close to new applications on **12th September 2024 at 12pm.**

Please get in touch with our team if your organisation is missing any of documents above, but your group meets the criteria and needs funds.

Decision Making and Timeline

Your application will be assessed by multiple community representatives with expertise in the community or communities of focus and your work is for.

Consortium's staff team may be in touch to ask additional questions as part of this process, but the final decision will be made by a panel of experts.

Please be aware that an organisation's track record of meeting conditions of previous or existing grants and completing end of grant monitoring will be considered when assessing applications.

We aim to let applicants know the outcome of their applications towards the beginning of October 2024.

Reporting on your grant

Once your grant has been fully spent, we will send you a short monitoring report for you to complete. This report asks for information on how your grant was spent and what you achieved. We will be in touch during throughout the year to see how grantees are doing and if there's any additional support we can offer.

What support is available?

We appreciate it may be some people's first time submitting a funding application and/or some people may find form-filling challenging. We want to remove as many barriers to receiving funding as possible through this Fund. The Grants team are available to provide support and advice with your application and are also happy to do a supported application where we accept answers via a call.

Feel free to contact us at: grants@consortium.lgbt. Please ensure you have read the guidance before emailing us where possible.

Data Protection

We use the data you provide, such as contact details for individuals at your organisation, in order to allow you to apply and for us to assess your application.

If your grant is successful, we will use this data to check that the grant is being managed appropriately and maintain contact with you.