

Education and Learning Grants for Organisations

Guidance for applicants 2025-2026

ABOUT THESE GRANTS

The Gilchrist Educational Trust (GET), UK Registered Charity No. 313877, exists for the benefit, advancement + propagation of **education** and **learning** in **every part of the world**, as far as circumstances will permit.

Our Education and Learning Grants for Organisations aim to fill gaps in education and learning so that children and adults globally can succeed in education and thrive in life.

Each year, the Trust awards small grants (typically £500-£4,000) to support organisations that work with children and adults most at risk of missing out on education, to improve:

- access to learning and education (including early childhood education)
- experience of learning
- capacity within the education system

Previously grants have reached, for example, children and adults who are: refugees, living in conflict-affected or remote areas; street-connected children; living with disabilities and/or learning needs; and living in high areas of deprivation.

Please see our website for examples of work previously supported.

WHO WE WANT TO SUPPORT

Trustees will consider/seek applications from:

UK registered charities and CICs working in the UK and/or internationally proposing projects that align to these **principles**:

- Reach the most vulnerable
- Ensure local voices guide decisions
- Contribute to lasting change
- Learn from experience/others/good practice
- Use resources well/effectively

Trustees will not consider applications from the following:

- Primary or Secondary schools
- Scout/Guide groups
- Organisations or groups which show evidence of political involvement
- Organisations whose approach includes institutional care or child sponsorship
- Organisations that have been successful in the previous year's funding (you can apply again after a one year gap, if you can show how your approach has evolved)

THE KIND OF WORK WE WANT TO SUPPORT

Trustees will prioritise the following:

- Organisations who have thought strategically about how a small grant can support/enhance access to education and learning for children and adults
- Work that has a wider reach than just a small group of children/adults or one-off activities/events
- Projects that focus on literacy, numeracy and STEM; and/or enhancing children's and adults' experience of, and safety in, education; or are building capacity within the education system

Trustees will not consider applications for:

- Vocational training
- Community arts, music, dance and drama projects
- Where the majority of funds is to be used to build or renovate buildings
- Where the majority of funds is for administrative and organisational running costs
- Requests for an unspecified contribution to a larger organisational budget (drop in the ocean)

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications from organisations are considered by the Trustees in April each year
- The application deadline is 28 February 2026
- All applications must use the GET standard application form for Organisational Grants
- Email your application to Isabel Turner at secretary@gilchristgrants.org.uk
- **Attach a copy of your organisation's most-recent signed accounts and approved Safeguarding Policy**
- Successful applicants will be notified by the end of May 2026
- Successful applicants are required to submit a short report summarising how the grant has been used by end of March 2027

If eligible to apply, please email us at secretary@gilchristgrants.org.uk to request an application form

AS A TRUST WE BELIEVE THAT SMALL GRANTS CAN BE A RARE RESOURCE FOR CATALYSING WIDER CHANGE

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO APPLY

