

Investing in Rehabilitation

Making grants to support the rehabilitation of offenders and help reduce the collateral consequences of their imprisonment for their families; with the overall aim of reducing reoffending and making the communities of Kent safer.

Each year, around 88,000 people are sent to prison and 150,000 are given a probation order. Many of these individuals will have had chaotic and complicated lives: growing up in local authority care, excluded from school, living with drug or alcohol problems or struggling with mental health issues. After serving their sentences, many face the additional consequences of living with their criminal record. Whilst research indicates that over 95% of them wish to stop offending, the reoffending rates remain woefully high with almost half of those leaving prison reoffending within a year. The **'Investing in Rehabilitation'** programme will support organisations that work to break this cycle; helping offenders and their families move forward to build better lives, with real options for a meaningful and positive future within their communities.

This programme will fund local organisations working in Kent and national charities currently offering or planning to offer their services in the county. The programme will fund a wide range of work including, but not exclusively:

- Mentoring services – including peer mentors for people in the criminal justice system;
- Pre- & post release support in areas such as gaining employment or accommodation;
- Family engagement – helping prisoners to stay in touch with their children and families;
- Restorative justice and schemes that allow offenders to 'give something back';
- Move-on and half-way house provision.

Eligibility criteria

- Organisations must be a registered charity, CIC, social enterprise or other properly constituted not-for-profit organisation¹ with a management committee with at least three unrelated members;
- Organisations must be working with people resident in, or in custody within Kent;
- Funding to cover the **core costs of an existing service** ideally should unlock new opportunities or extend the service in some way;
- Organisations **must** be able to provide at least two years of published financial accounts;
- Grants can be paid only into a UK bank account in the organisation's name.

Please note - the total grant cannot be greater than 50% of your most recent annual turnover.

¹ You will be expected to demonstrate your not-for-profit tax status in your application.

Living Wage

The Trust is a Living Wage Funder and it encourages grant applicants to cost all salaries included in their application at the living wage rate. The current living wage rate can be found on the Living Wage website:

www.livingwage.org.uk

Level of funding available

Organisations can apply for either:

- a one-off grant of up to £30,000

OR

- a grant of between £5,000 and £20,000 per annum, for a maximum of three years.

In certain circumstances we may make larger grants. Should you wish to apply for a larger sum, please write to our Chief Executive, Jacqueline Rae jrae@cfct.org.uk **before** submitting your application.

Exclusions

We regret that ordinarily we are not able to fund:

- Individuals - unless they are made as part of our 'Hardship Awards' Programme
- Anything deemed to be the responsibility of the State
- State run nurseries, schools and colleges
- Hospitals and health authorities
- Medical care, medical equipment or medical research
- Academic research, scholarships or bursaries
- Animal charities
- The promotion of religion
- The restoration or conservation of buildings
- Annual or one-off events and festivals
- Work outside of Kent
- Endowment appeals
- Work that has already taken place i.e. retrospective funding
- Round-robin, widely circulated appeals

Extra priority

Extra priority will be given to groups that:

- clearly define the need they are addressing
- can demonstrate partnership working with relevant criminal justice bodies and stakeholders
- offer matched funding opportunities.

How to Apply

All applications **must be submitted** using the Trust's online application form. Applicants are advised to download a copy of the application form questions and prepare their answers in advance in Word and cut and paste these into the online form.

Please note that you will be asked to provide:

- your published accounts for the two most recent financial years
- a budget in Excel or as a Word table, showing specifically what the grant would pay for
- your organisation's safe-guarding policy.
- If you are not a registered charity, evidence of your not-for-profit tax status *e.g. a copy of your constitution and asset lock if applicable*

When to Apply

If you apply by the end of October 2024 you will receive a grant decision by early March 2025

Please note: we receive a large number of applications on the closing date and this can create technical issues. Please apply in advance of the closing date to avoid disappointment.

Decisions

We aim to inform applicants as soon as possible about the outcome of their application following the Trustees' meeting. Unfortunately, the Trust receives many more applications than it can fund and therefore many good proposals, will be turned down. The trustees and their staff regret that they are not able to enter into correspondence about the reasons for their decisions.

If you have a question that is not answered in this guidance, please email grantadmin@cfct.org.uk