



O2H Funding Guidelines & Criteria

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Funding Guidelines

O2H is a grant giving membership organisation and supports initiatives in the UK & Overseas. Its vision is to support community based initiatives that are empowering local people to overcome poverty. Its primary motivation is to support the poor and to fund initiatives that will be sustainable.

All requests for grants will be considered by the Management Board who are accountable to the Trustees of Lifelink. Please read through the information below carefully before making an application to the O2H fund. The Management Board reserve the rights to prioritise funding requests according to the criteria outlined below.

Supporting Information & criteria for applicants of O2H funding

- All requests for funding must be submitted by a member of O2H who will be the primary reference for the submission.
- Members can request funding after 3 months of being registered as a member, and must be committed to a further 12 months of membership if a grant has been agreed by the Board.
- O2H will require external references to support your funding application.
- Priority for funding will be given to requests that are reaching out to disadvantaged communities in the UK & Overseas.
- A detailed proposal will be required, showing background research and financial planning of the initiative. (O2H will provide the application form).
- The management Board will require financial reporting and evidence of local evaluation of any funding given.
- Evidence of some local financial contribution (or in kind) to the initiative will strongly support your application.

- O2H is given the rights to market the initiatives they fund to its membership and for the purposes of ongoing fundraising for the O2H fund.
- O2H is committed to sustainability and will not consider requests that will be dependent on O2H funding in the long-term.
- Generally O2H will make grants of up to £3,000.00 unless the Board has commissioned ongoing fundraising for a specific initiative.
- The decisions of the Management Board are final.

Types of initiatives that O2H will consider funding

O2H will consider funding requests for the following types of initiatives.¹

- **PROJECTS** (small scale community based and income generating projects)
E.g. Education and awareness; primary healthcare in poor communities; farming and livelihood; counselling; orphanages; care for disabled children and adults etc. Please note that projects are defined as one off exercises. O2H will not fund the ongoing running costs of an initiative.
- **RESOURCES** (development & education resources)
- **EQUIPMENT** (Building material, computer equipment etc)
- **TRAINING** E.g. Leadership training; parenting skills; counselling skills; family planning; youth work etc.
- **EMERGENCY & RELIEF** (disasters or emergency situations will be considered a high priority for funding).
- **PEOPLE** for example: the funding of initial 'start up' wages for up to 1 calendar year as seed funding for an initiative. After this such costs will be deemed ongoing running costs. Any further requirements would be subject to a further bid from O2H.

¹ Please note that O2H will be open to giving and receiving non financial donations where deemed appropriate.