

## Who Are We?

Lintel Trust (previously Scottish Housing Associations Charitable Trust) has been an unendowed charitable trust, working with voluntary organisations and Scottish communities, since 1979.

We are recognised as Scotland's housing charity and have a strong focus on the provision of small grants to help social housing and community-based projects.

In 2015, we joined the Link group of registered social landlords, social enterprises and voluntary organisations, further enabling us to contribute to Scotland's communities.

## What do we provide grants for?

We provide grants of up to £2,000 (occasionally more) to projects that will deliver positive outcomes for beneficiaries in Scotland under the following aims:

### Older people:

- Older people are more able to remain in their homes and live independently
- Increased digital participation by older people including access to the internet and the skills to make the most of digital platforms
- Life circumstances of older people are improved including activities aimed at reducing loneliness

### Equalities:

- People from black and minority ethnic communities have improved opportunities to participate and receive the support they need to engage fully in community life
- Reduction of the impact of homelessness and improved opportunities for homeless people with a focus on single person households
- Improved opportunities for people with disabilities to participate and receive the support they need to live independently and engage fully in community life
- Improved mental health and wellbeing of individuals

Our supporters occasionally wish to ring fence their donations to support specific themes or applications where beneficiaries live in specific geographical areas.

We have several funding streams and it is worth contacting us prior to sending your application to ensure that we have funding available for your area of interest.

## Who can apply?

- Housing associations and co-operatives based or working in Scotland
- A social enterprise, voluntary or community group working with a housing association or housing association subsidiary to deliver a joint initiative
- A voluntary or community group that is known by a housing association or co-operative and can provide evidence of their support

You do not have to be registered as a charity with OSCR to apply, but you must be able to demonstrate that your organisation's aims, and the aims of the proposed project, are charitable.

Lintel Trust is committed to promoting equal opportunities and good practice. We therefore require all applicant organisations to have an Equal Opportunities Policy, or demonstrate they are in the process of adopting a policy that will be in force by the project start date.

Applicant organisations must also have a Protecting Vulnerable People Policy where the proposed project beneficiaries are vulnerable adults or children under 18.

Please contact us if you have any questions or need clarification regarding eligibility or developing your policies.

## What Can You Apply For?

To be eligible for a grant from the Lintel Trust your project must come under one of the following categories:

1. Provision of services to older people to enable them to continue living at home
2. Provision of services promoting digital participation and access to online services to digitally excluded individuals and groups
3. Provision of services improving opportunities for socially isolated people to participate and engage in community life
4. Improving opportunities for homeless people (with a focus on single person households) to receive the support they need to live independently in a secure home and engage in community life
5. Improving opportunities for people with disabilities to participate and receive the support they need to live independently and engage in community life

In addition, we are a housing charity so:

- The project must relate to providing or supporting independent living in a secure home, or
- The project must be run by or closely involve a housing association, or

- The project must aim to improve people's housing, standard of living or local community.

Examples of project costs that can be considered include:

- Project revenue costs including IT equipment or activity equipment (arts & crafts, plants etc)
- Volunteer expenses and training
- Venue costs

Match-funding is not a requirement, but applications where match funding has been (or is in the process) of being secured will be considered favourably as this assists the Trust to maximise impact of the grants programme.

Lintel Trust has limited funds and therefore looks more favourably on projects where our contribution is a meaningful one, rather than a small contribution to a much larger project.

## What we are unable to support

- Capital projects or contributions towards capital projects including building refurbishment
- Vehicles
- Staff salary costs
- General national appeals
- Holidays or provision of respite care
- Project costs that have already been incurred (retrospective funding)

While we will consider multiple applications from the same organisation, each application must be for a different project that addresses a different Lintel Trust aim.

In addition, we are unable to fund the same project over multiple years.

## How to apply?

Lintel Trust encourages prior contact from potential applicants by phone or e-mail to ensure Lintel Trust is a good fit for your proposed project.

Phone: 01324 466873  
Email: [enquiries@inteltrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@inteltrust.org.uk)

All applications should be submitted by email using the [application form](#) available for download on our website.

We require the following supporting documents to be submitted with your application:

- A copy of your organisation's constitution or founding document
- A copy of your organisation's latest annual accounts or last 3 month's bank statements
- A copy of your organisation's most recent annual report (if available)
- A copy of your organisation's equal opportunities policy
- A copy of your organisation's protecting vulnerable people policy where the proposed project beneficiaries include vulnerable adults or children

## What happens next?

The Trustees meet 4 times a year usually in February, May, August and November.

Deadlines for applications are two weeks prior to the Board of Trustees meeting. Please refer to confirmed dates [here](#) on our website.

We will let applicants know the outcome of their application within two weeks of the meeting whether they have been successful or not.

If you are successful in receiving a grant, a project evaluation report is required one year after the date of the grant offer letter. We will email you a report template so that you know what information we will be requesting.

We actively encourage the sharing of any photographs and videos (if appropriate) of the project to assist us in reporting on our activities and to help future fundraising ventures.

If you intend to release a press or media statement, please give Lintel Trust the opportunity to collaborate prior to publication. We are happy to promote your project through our own channels – social media, website and housing publications.

Please note all publicity materials must acknowledge Lintel Trust's contribution. A Lintel Trust logo is available for use in promotional material.