

Victoria Homes Trust

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Grants are available for voluntary projects that assist the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people in Northern Ireland under 21 years of age. Examples of eligible areas include alcohol and drugs abuse; homelessness; and counselling for those in need of guidance, advice and support.

Fund Information

Funding body:	Victoria Homes Trust
Maximum value:	£ 2,500
Application deadline:	02/01/2025

Background

The present Victoria Homes Trust was founded in 1988 following the sale of property belonging to Victoria Voluntary Homes.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is used to assist in the education, development, and training of young people under the age of 21, with the goal of improving their physical, mental, spiritual, and moral capacities and their overall conditions of life. The funding also helps in assisting other non-statutory bodies that carry out the same objectives as Victoria Homes Trust.

Value Notes

The amount of grant available is variable. For guidance it should be noted that the majority of grants are in the range of £500 to £2,500. The Trust has a total budget of between £50,000 and £60,000 to distribute per annum.

Match Funding Restrictions

Any assistance given by the Trust is additional to and not in substitution for other forms of internal or external funding.

Who Can Apply

Applications are invited from registered charities, voluntary organisations, and groups in Northern Ireland. Preference is given to applications from charities and voluntary organisations with a track record of handling grants and loans.

Only in exceptional circumstances are grants made to individuals.

Location

Northern Ireland

Restrictions

The following activities are not normally supported:

- Projects whose beneficiaries are outside Northern Ireland.
- Projects which do not target the needs of children and young people.
- Projects for which expenditure has already been incurred.
- Applications to support playgroups are discouraged.
- The Trust is unlikely to contribute towards core running costs of charities and voluntary organisations.
- Applications for large projects for which the Victoria Homes Trust grant is only a small part.

It is not recommended to apply if a grant has been received within the previous two years.

Eligible Expenditure

The needs of young people are many and the Trust does not wish to overly restrict the scope of applications received by it; however, projects addressing the following needs of children and young persons are particularly welcome:

- Alcohol and drugs abuse.
- Homelessness.
- Counselling for those in need of guidance, advice and support.

The Trust is interested to receive applications where the funding will have a multiplier effect by securing or promoting knock-on benefits, such as training and outreach programmes which will have a follow on or cascade effect.

It is important that applicants demonstrate that the project they wish to gain assistance for is confined to the support of children and young adults under the age of 21 years.

The Trust has a preference for supporting short-term projects where visible benefits and outcomes are expected over a period of 3-12 months. This means that the Trust is less likely to assist with projects that involve the improvement of lands or buildings.

How To Apply

The Trust usually considers grants twice each year. The next deadline for applications is 2 January 2025.

Application documents are available to download from the Victoria Homes Trust website.

Useful links

Victoria Homes Trust - Grant Applications https://www.victoriahomestrust.com/how-to-apply

Addresses and contacts

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

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Calls and deadlines

Information on future calls is indicative only and may be subject to change.

Second 2025 Deadline

Application start date:	-
Application end date:	30/04/2025
Frequency:	Biannual

First 2025 Deadline

Application start date:	-
Application end date:	02/01/2025
Frequency:	Biannual