

THE FERMANAGH TRUST

- Name of Trust:** THE FERMANAGH TRUST
- Tel No:** 028 66 320210
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- Email:** info@fermanaghtrust.org
- Amounts available per annum:** Currently £30,000
- Size of Grants:** Normally £150 - £3,000 maximum, applications can be made for capital, project and revenue funding. Interest free loans in special circumstances. Evidence needed of local fundraising.
- Objectives:** The Fermanagh Trust is the first countywide community foundation in either Northern or Southern Ireland. The *objectives* of the Fermanagh Trust as set out in trust deed are ‘to promote any charitable purpose, and to support initiatives which will lead to social and community development to improve conditions and life for people in the County of Fermanagh and immediate hinterland’.
- Range of Interests:** Since its inception in 1995 the Fermanagh Trust has been particularly keen to support new and emergent community based practical projects in localities of low level community activity, minimal cross community contact and in areas of high deprivation and exclusion.
- The Trusts main focus is being directed to assist small isolated communities and marginalized neighbourhoods in developing project of lasting benefit and which involve a wider participation of local people both in actively addressing local needs and the management of solutions on local issues.
- The range of interests supported are charitable causes promoting social and community development and projects that encourage understanding and appreciation of cultural, historical processes.
- Projects of an unusual nature not within the normal charitable or welfare range of other trusts are welcomed.
- Exclusions:** The Trust cannot consider applications from outside County Fermanagh and its immediate hinterland. Grants will not be provided to finance;
- Salaries
 - Publication Costs – Books
 - Fund raising initiatives
 - Festivals
 - Band Equipment
 - Deficits of loans
 - Retrospective Funding
 - The relief of statutory responsibilities

- Projects instigated by large voluntary organisations
- In general, the Trust tries not to become involved in commitments of a long-term nature, or provide year on year grants and does not consider applications from private individuals.

In relation to sponsorship, this is something that companies do in order to obtain commercial benefit. Therefore, we do not sponsor events

Special Notes:

The Fermanagh Trust is intimately connected with the County and is an independent grant making body. The Board of Trustees are all local people with experience from the community development/relations, community business, cross border and private business sectors.

Trustees normally meet at least every quarter to consider applications.

Applications will not be acknowledged unless accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope.

All applicants successful or unsuccessful will be written to and advised of the trustee's decision.

All applicants will be visited by at least one Trustee of the Fermanagh Trust.

How to apply:

There is no formal application form.

By letter only to the Secretary.

Trustees can discuss with applicants details of the project and what information is required before a formal submission is made.

Applicants should provide the following information:

1)

- a. Name, address and telephone number of the group.
- b. The name of a person who can be contacted about the application.

2)

- a. Information about the group.
- b. Its overall aims.
- c. An outline of its current activities.
- d. Who all is involved i.e. officers and committee members.
- e. How it operates.

3) Description of the proposed project:

- a. Its origins
- b. Aims and objectives, what it wants to achieve.
- c. The needs it aims to meet.
- d. Service, facility to be provided.
- e. Details of who is involved.
- f. How it will operate.
- g. How do the local people actively participate in the project?

4)

- a. Details on the total budget of the project.
- b. Information on other sources of finance for the organisation.
- c. Information on other sources of finance for the proposed project.
- d. How much is requested from the Fermanagh Trust.

5) How do you record and assess the progress of your project?

6)

- a. A copy of the group's constitution and rules.
- b. Latest Annual Report (if available).
- c. A copy of the group's most recent audited accounts (if available) or latest statement of accounts.
- d. Details of charitable status if any.

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