

FAQs: Closure of Peter Harrison Foundation funding programmes to new applications

The Peter Harrison Foundation will close to new funding applications until further notice from Wednesday, 2 April 2025. We've prepared these FAQs to help address your questions about this decision.

Why is the Peter Harrison Foundation closing to new applications?

In the last 18 months, we have experienced an unprecedented demand for funding, resulting in a **success rate of less than 5%**. This surge has been driven by increasing pressures on the charitable sector and changes in the funding landscape.

To responsibly manage our limited resources and minimise wasted time and effort for applicants, we have decided to pause new applications indefinitely. This will allow us to focus on our current commitments, manage pre-closure applications, and review our funding strategy to better deliver charitable impact in the future.

How long will the closure last?

We cannot give a timescale at this point. We first need to manage the backlog of applications and then take time to review our funding strategy and make decisions about how the Foundation will operate in the future. We will announce any changes to this status on our website and through our communications channels.

What if I've already been awarded funding?

All existing grants will be honoured according to the terms and conditions of the funding agreement. This closure does not affect current grant holders.

What if I've already applied for funding. How will this affect our application?

We will still process your application according to our published deadlines.

We are prioritising applications that are most closely aligned to our funding mission. To ensure our resources have the greatest impact for those in the greatest need, we are **implementing more focused criteria to direct support to exemplary, high impact work that is most closely aligned with our mission**. With demand at unprecedented levels, this change allows us to focus our limited resources on projects that

deliver **meaningful, long-lasting outcomes for people with disabilities and those living in areas that have the highest levels of deprivation.**

Can I apply for funding before 1 April deadline?

You may apply for funding if you fit our eligibility criteria.

Please note that

- organisations whose previous applications were not successful must have waited at least one year after they were notified of the outcome of their previous application before re-applying.
- organisations awarded a grant by the Foundation must have waited at least two years after submission of the final grant report before re-applying.

To help us manage the significant rise in applications we are prioritising applicants whose work most closely aligns to our mission. Unless you meet the criteria below you are unlikely to be successful:

For **Active Lives** we will prioritise the applications that meet **all** of the following criteria:

- o work with people living with disabilities in the top 10% of areas of deprivation (Indices of Multiple Deprivation decile 1) **AND**
- o from organisations with a track record of working with this population **AND**
- o have a robust plan for wider impact of the project through dissemination, training etc

<https://peterharrisonfoundation.org/about-our-grant-programmes/active-lives/>

For **Positive Futures** we will prioritise the applications that meet **all** of the following criteria:

- o work with children and young people living in the top 10% of areas of deprivation (Indices of Multiple Deprivation decile 1) **AND**
- o from organisations with a track record of working with this population **AND**
- o have a robust plan for wider impact of the project through dissemination, training etc.

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Please be aware that unprecedented demand has led to a **drop in the overall success rate to less than 5%**.

What is the Foundation's plan for future funding?

We are currently reviewing our funding strategy to ensure it remains effective and impactful. Updates about any new funding policies or opportunities will be shared via our website and social media channels.

I have a question about my current grant or application. How can I get help?

Please contact us at enquiries@peterharrisonfoundation.org for any specific queries related to your grant or application.

I have feedback or would like to make a complaint. How do I proceed?

We welcome your feedback. Please visit our [Contact page](#) on the website for more information on how to share your feedback or lodge a formal complaint. You can find our Complaints Policy [here](#)

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate this challenging period. The Peter Harrison Foundation remains committed to achieving its charitable objects and will continue to work towards impactful change.