



Foundation
Derbyshire



National Charity

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Foundation Derbyshire & National Charities.

Foundation Derbyshire exists to improve the quality of life for Derbyshire residents, raising aspirations and providing opportunities, enriching communities and tackling local concerns.

Our donors come to us because they want to 'put back' into the places that they hold dear, spaces and communities which mean something to their personal journeys and stories. They seek out Foundation Derbyshire because they want to connect to charities and community groups at a local level.

Our priorities in terms of who we fund will therefore always come back to:

- Helping Derbyshire people and communities to provide services and activities on their doorsteps, driven by localised knowledge and needs.
- Ensuring local residents are directly involved in the governance of their services, shaping how they operate from ongoing feedback and dialogue with those that walk through their doors or attend services

Our donors have an expectation that we will be bringing them bids from:

- Groups based in Derby and Derbyshire
- Groups predominantly ran by local residents



What does this mean for national or regional charities

Foundation Derbyshire is consistently oversubscribed; donors will always prioritise local charities over nationals.

If you are a national charity seeking funds for a project with a Derby / Derbyshire focus we will not accept an application unless you have spoken to a member of the grants team first

During a national screening call a regional or national charity must be able to demonstrate:

- 1) The service or activity being requested is not already being provided by local groups. It must be unique and not available via existing Derbyshire not for profits.**
- 2) The costs / budget must solely relate to Derby / Derbyshire, we won't be able to contribute to UK wide budgets.**
- 3) We will need to have evidence of local connections and relationships to demonstrate reach into the county and city – this could be with local authorities, agencies, charities, schools or other bodies**

National charities providing services in hospitals

At the moment due to high demand and limited capacity to support statutory services, we can't accept applications from national charities delivering services into hospital settings.