



FUNDING POLICY

Our Only World gives one off grants (i.e. not continual funding) to a range of UK-based, marine conservation charities and 'not for profit' organisations. We welcome applications from a wide variety of groups and entities

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

What do we fund? The projects funded will achieve one or more of the following objectives:

1. To address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges locally and nationally.
2. To prevent or reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and / or species.
3. To add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.

Our Only World is particularly interested in grassroots projects which galvanise community action and in projects which increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation.

What don't we fund? We do not fund the following:

- Projects that have a political aim
- Retrospective funding
- Projects that only benefit one person

How are applications evaluated? Eligible applications will be evaluated against the following criteria:

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Measurable impact

How well does the project meet one or more of the three objectives? How far does the project have a positive impact on sea and coastal environment and /or species? How well does the application identify appropriate measures of success? Is it possible to effectively to evaluate the impact?

2. Community / grass roots base

How far is the project community-based with involvement of communities and the public in solutions to address marine conservation challenges? Does the project have elements of community engagement or citizen science?

3. Value for money

How well justified is the sum proposed? Is it good value for money? Are there other ways for the funding to be obtained?

4. Are there ongoing or wider benefits?

Will the project have lasting benefits and outcomes? Is it replicable and could it have wider applicability

5. Innovation and creativity. Does the project create an innovative approach to the problems facing the marine environment?

Measuring the success of funding.

Our Only World will require all organisations supported through grant funding to complete a short evaluation form once the project is completed. This will include:

A detailed account of the ways in which the funding has been used. An audit of grant spend (i.e. when expenditure took place, any unspent funds). Details of the specific activities undertaken. How the project has met the proposed outcomes and targets set out in the original application.

Applicants are asked to complete an application form, once these are received:-

Applications are initially filtered to ensure they meet the basic Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applications are shared with The Grants Panel

Applications are scored against our Evaluation Criteria

Final decisions are made and applicants informed in writing