



## **One Small Step Grant Fund**

### **GUIDELINES**

#### **What's the aim of the One Small Step Grant Fund?**

The One Small Step grant fund encourages initiatives that stimulate people into action to build a peaceful future. It is about spreading the message that we are all responsible for developing a peaceful society in Northern Ireland. The Fund will support small local projects organized by individuals – these projects should encourage people into action. The context is one of peace being an issue for each of us as individuals, for all of our organizations and for our communities.

#### **Who Can Apply?**

Individuals who wish to do something specific to further the concept and principles of One Small Step. Applicants should have the support and backing of a community based organization or group through which they can develop their work and manage any grant monies. They must be able to provide references for their work (see application form).

#### **What Sort of Initiative will be Eligible?**

- ◆ Activities that advocate the One Small Step principles to make a positive difference in the applicant's own life and that of their community (geographic or community of interest) in working towards a 'shared future'.
- ◆ Projects designed to get more people involved in building a peaceful society and that can act as a catalyst for further action.
- ◆ Projects should have demonstrable community impact spreading the One Small Step message.
- ◆ Proposals need to involve people locally and be clear and specific.
- ◆ Proposals should be well planned, deliverable and costed realistically.

*Applications will be assessed against the criteria listed above.*

Examples of eligible activities may include training, events, seminars or publications that promote cross community activities and understanding. All projects should give something back to the individual's community. Grants may cover eligible costs for transport, training, speakers and occasionally small equipment purchases where the link to the One Small Step concept and the need are clearly evident.

### **What Size of Grant will be Available?**

Grants will range from £500 to £1,500.

Partnership funding is encouraged.

### **What will not be funded?**

- ◆ Where One Small Step funding would be a small part of a large project
- ◆ Proposals that do not show how they will have an impact in the community
- ◆ Projects that have already started and established annual events
- ◆ Organization running costs
- ◆ Capital purchases and vehicles
- ◆ Holidays and day trips
- ◆ Promotion of religion
- ◆ Statutory organizations or to replace statutory funding

### **When to Apply?**

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis by the Community Foundation.

### **Application Process**

- ◆ Applicants should complete the Application Form available from the Community Foundation (or from website below).
- ◆ An original signed copy of the Application is required.
- ◆ Two non-related referees will be required. These should be people who are familiar with the applicant's work.
- ◆ All applications should be received at least 12 weeks before the start date of the project.

## **Background: The One Small Step Campaign**

One Small Step has been a campaign for social change focused on small, practical actions for building an inclusive and shared society. The campaign emphasized the important impact that each action planned by an individual person or group can make in building a shared society. It invited and challenged everyone to make a contribution to this goal. The campaign advocated three key principles which were:

- *"I commit to working for the common good and towards a peaceful future that is based on equality and mutual respect.*
- *I will take an active role in my daily life to ensure the society I live in is inclusive, peaceful, just and fair.*
- *I will personally work towards reconciliation, tolerance, mutual trust and the upholding of human rights for all."*

The main campaign closed with the publication of '100 Small Steps' in October 2008. Its principles continue to be promoted by the Community Relations Council for NI and the grant fund that ran parallel to the original campaign continues to be managed by the Community Foundation Northern Ireland.

For more information on the One Small Step campaign please see website:

[www.onesmallstepcampaign.org](http://www.onesmallstepcampaign.org)

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