# Local Collaborations Programme 2025

## Expression of Interest Example Form

This form is for guidance only  
 and not for submission to Lloyds Bank Foundation.

We can only accept applications online,   
unless you have arranged for your application to be made in a different format.

To apply please visit [lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk](http://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk)

Accessibility

We can fund up to £500 of accessibility support to enable you to apply for this programme, including:

* BSL interpreters
* Language translation
* Scribes
* Dyslexia software

Please email us at collaborations@lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk or call 0370 411 1223 to let us know of your specific requirements. Unfortunately, we do not provide funding for external bid-writers.

The application guidance will be available to download on our[**website**](https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/funding) in Easy Read format, large print format and Welsh by the end of March 2025.

If you are using AI to help write your application

We understand that AI tools can help charities save time on writing applications and we support charities using these technologies. However, we want to help charities use this technology as best as possible. We are seeing an increase in AI-generated applications, and in many cases, this is not giving charities the best chance of success. These applications are often generic, do not give a clear voice to the charity and do not highlight the unique strengths of the work.

**Please ensure that you are not relying on AI to fully respond to questions within the application and that you only use it for preparing a first draft, formatting, and spell checking.**

We read every single application we receive and do not use AI in any part of our decision making. We want to hear your unique voice, so please use your time to tailor your responses to add context and details specific to your charity and collaboration and to convey your own story or approach.

Programme Overview

This Expression of Interest is for a **two-year grant of £100,000**. If your application is successful, the grant will be paid in two annual instalments of £50,000. Collaborations will have the opportunity to apply for an extension of a further year and an additional £50,000 during the project.

This funding can be used for **costs associated with supporting your collaboration and your influencing work.**

**This funding cannot be used to cover the costs associated with providing direct support or services to the people you work with.**

**A small charity (the 'applicant organisation') must make the application on behalf of your collaboration. The charity must have an income between £25,000 and £1,000,000.** We will check this by looking at the charity’s latest accounts published on the Charity Commission website. Please take our [**eligibility quiz**](https://lloydsbankfoundation.typeform.com/to/zTfWuSTR?) before completing this form – it could save you and your collaboration partners valuable time if you are not eligible.

**Closing date:** We will close for applications on the **30 April 2025 at 5pm.**

We get more applications than we can fund in any one round. Last year we received 150 applications across the three themes of which 113 were eligible. We funded 15 grants (13% of the eligible applications). We are expecting to make 15 grants in this round.

We will keep you informed of the progress of your application. If your application is taken forward after the eligibility and shortlisting stages, we will let you know by 11 July 2025.

If you progress to the second stage of our assessment, we will arrange a virtual meeting with you and some of the collaboration partners. These will be completed between 14 July and 22 August 2025.

All applicants will be informed of the final funding decisions by 10 October 2025 at the latest.

Expression of Interest Guidance

Please read the Expression of Interest [**guidance document**](https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/media/3rtde1fb/local-collaborations-programme-guidance-february-2025.pdf) and refer to this document while completing this form. **Your answers cannot be changed once you have submitted the form to us**

You can email us if you have further questions about the programme at [collaborations@lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk](mailto:collaborations@lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk) or speak to us by [**booking a meeting**](https://calendly.com/lbfewgrants/) (available until 25 April 2025).

Information about the Applicant Organisation

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| Legal name of organisation |  |
| Name organisation is known by (if different from above) |  |
| Registered Charity/ CIO number |  |
| Registered address of organisation |  |
| Please indicate in which region/nation your charity is based | **Select one item from drop-down list:**  • East Midlands  • East of England  • London  • North East of England  • North West of England  • South East of England  • South West of England  • Wales  • West Midlands  • Yorkshire & The Humber |
| Website |  |
| X (formerly Twitter) |  |
| Facebook |  |
| LinkedIn |  |
| Contact name for the applicant organisation |  |
| Position in organisation |  |
| Email address  Note - after you submit your funding application online, an email receipt and copy of the submitted application will be sent to this email address. |  |

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| Q1. Please confirm that you meet the following requirements: (Tick boxes)  We may ask you to provide copies later. You must have the following to be eligible to apply for a grant from the Foundation. Please see the [**Frequently Asked Questions**](https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/media/u5elzbt4/faqs-local-collaborations-february-2025.pdf) for information on how we will assess your approach to safeguarding. |
| **`Adults at risk/safeguarding policy** |
| **An appropriately trained Designated Safeguarding Lead/ Officer (DSL/O) – Level 3 (England), Level C (Wales)** |
| **Public liability insurance** |

Information about the Collaboration

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| Q2. Please provide information about the other organisations in your collaboration below. Including the applicant organisation there should be a minimum of three organisations in the collaboration.   * The applicant organisation's details (information you provided on the previous page) do not need to be re-entered here.   **Note that you can add as many collaboration partners as needed within the online Expression of Interest form.** | | | | | |
| **Name of organisation** | **Type of organisation\*** | **Key contact full name** | **Key contact position in organisation** | **Key contact email address** | |
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\*e.g., charity, community interest company, community organisation, housing association, local authority etc.

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| Q3. Where is your collaboration?  Please tell us where your collaboration is based and the geographical area where you want to influence change. For example, it could be within a local authority area, e.g., Salford; across counties, e.g., Devon and Cornwall; or across a region, e.g., Yorkshire and Humber.  We will not fund collaborations operating or seeking to influence change at a national level.  We funded 15 collaborations in the first round of this programme. In this round we will not fund collaborations in the same local authority/place that are addressing the same key issue, as one we have already funded. **Please refer to our guidance document, section ‘Eligibility’ for a list of specific themes/places that we would not fund during this funding round.**  Word count: Maximum 50 |
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| Q4. About your collaboration  Please tell us:   * How, why and when you came together as a collaboration? * What is the role of small charities in the collaboration? * What strengths will different partners bring to the collaboration? Does this include experience of influencing change locally? * What, if anything, you have achieved so far.   Suggested word count: 250 – 400 words, maximum 500. |
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About the Collaboration’s Influencing Work

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| Q5. Please select the influencing area of interest which best fits with the work that you are doing or plan to do. We appreciate that your work may fit across more than one area of interest and you can tell us about this in the sections below. We ask you to select one option to ensure you have a focus for your work.  Select one option. |
| **Social Security System** - Ensure benefits are not taken away unfairly  **Social Security System** - Increase the availability of support for people facing crisis/destitution  **Social Security System** - Improve the quality and appropriateness of employment support  **Accommodation** - Improve the affordability of accommodation  **Accommodation** - Improve the appropriateness of accommodation  **Accommodation** - Increase the availability of accommodation  **Support for Asylum Seekers and Refugees** - Increase the availability of support for asylum seekers and refugees  **Support for Asylum Seekers and Refugees** - Improve the appropriateness of support for asylum seekers and refugees  **Support for Asylum Seekers and Refugees** - Improve access to legal support for asylum seekers and refugees |

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| Q6. What is the change your collaboration wants to achieve?  Please tell us:   * What is the issue you want to address? * What would success look like if you achieved your aims?   Suggested word count: 300 – 500 words, maximum 600. |
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| Q7. Who is your collaboration trying to influence?  We want to understand who your influencing target is. Please tell us:   * Who or which organisation(s) you will need to influence to achieve the change you want to see. * Who has the power to make the change(s) you are seeking?   Suggested word count: 150 - 200 words, maximum 250. |
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| Q8. How will your collaboration influence change?  Please tell us:   * How will you convince your influencing target (local decision makers/ other organisations) to make the changes you are seeking? * What activities will you undertake to work towards this change? * Does this work build on work you or others have already done? If so, how has it informed your plans? * Why do you think your approach will work? * When will you undertake these activities?   Suggested word count: 300 – 500 words, maximum 600. |
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| Q9. Why is now the right time to do this work?  Please tell us:   * What is the opportunity to influence locally? Are there changes or upcoming events that might mean your influencing work could have more traction? This could include new, different, changing relationships with statutory agencies or stakeholders, review points or new plans/strategies, building on local/regional campaigns or existing work.   Suggested word count: 300 – 500 words, maximum 600. |
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| Q10. How will you work with and support people with lived experience to influence change? By lived experience, we mean people directly affected by the issues your collaboration is trying to influence around, rather than learnt experience.  Please tell us:   * What role will people with lived experience have in shaping, informing and delivering this work? * How will people with lived experience be supported to participate? * How do you know if/ how people with lived experience want to engage in this work?   Suggested word count: 300 - 500 words, maximum 600. |
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#### Additional information

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| This question is optional. You can use this space to tell us anything further in support of your Expression of Interest.  Word count: Maximum 200. |
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#### Declarations and Contact Preferences

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| Please read the statement covering the basic terms and conditions of our funding. If you submit the application, you are agreeing to these. At the point we formally offer the grant there will also be specific terms and conditions and these will be provided in writing. If you do not want to agree to these there will be an opportunity to decline the grant. (Tick boxes) |
| I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the organisation and the collaboration. |
| To the best of my knowledge, the information given on this form gives a true and accurate account of the collaboration's work. |
| I confirm that my organisation authorises Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales to carry out the following actions without the need to obtain further agreement from me, my organisation or the collaboration.   * Publish details of financial support given to my organisation/ the collaboration and my organisation's/ the collaboration’s activities. * Share my/ the collaboration’s details with Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales external partners for the purposes of providing the collaboration with support. * Pass details obtained about the collaboration through the application and assessment process to external agencies and partners, including other grant-making bodies for the purposes of evaluation and funding. * Use the supplied contact details to issue a Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales customer satisfaction survey. * Use details about my organisation/ the collaboration obtained through the application and assessment process in a Lloyds Bank Foundation for England & Wales press release or publication. |