

# Tampon Tax Fund 2018/19

Large grants are available for charitable, benevolent and philanthropic organisations from across the UK that are working with disadvantaged women and girls or women in the UK.

## Fund Information

Funding body: Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)

Maximum value: Discretionary

Application deadline: None specified

## Background

At Autumn Statement 2015 the Chancellor announced the Tampon Tax Fund which will allocate funds generated by VAT on sanitary products to projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls across the UK.

## Objectives of Fund

The funding is for projects which address one of the following categories:

- Violence against women and girls.
- Mental health and wellbeing.
- General programme (for which the Government has identified a number of sub-themes).

## Value Notes

There is £15 million for the current fund which covers 2018-19.

The minimum grant is £1 million. There is no maximum level of grant.

The grant must represent more than 50% of the applicant's collective annual income.

Grants may be for one or two year projects, with a maximum of two years up until 31 March 2020.

## Who Can Apply

Charitable, benevolent and philanthropic organisations based and working in the UK can apply.

This includes:

- Registered charities.
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations.
- Community Interest Companies (registered at Companies House or CIC regulator).
- Co-operatives that can provide their governing documents.
- Independent Provident Societies that can provide their governing documents.
- None of the above but the organisation has a formal constitution (set of rules) or governing document which shows its objectives and management structure.

## Location

UK

## Terms and Conditions

Standard terms and conditions apply and these will be made available during the application process.

## Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Academic research
- Advocacy
- Appeals
- Arts - unless projects can demonstrate significant benefit in terms of social inclusion
- Campaigning and awareness raising
- Core costs - other than for those directly related to the project applied for
- Debts or loans
- Fees for professional fundraisers
- Individuals
- Major capital projects related to premises or buildings
- Organisations that are mainly fundraising bodies
- Party political organisations
- Projects outside the funding priorities
- Projects that go beyond three years
- Promotion of religious beliefs
- Rapid response to emergency situations
- Retrospective funding
- Schools, colleges and hospitals
- Services run by statutory or public authorities (see note)
- Vehicles

## Eligible Expenditure

The funding is for projects that focus on one of the following categories:

**Violence against Women and Girls** - Applications will be considered from organisations that support women and girls affected by or at risk of violence or abuse. This includes domestic violence and abuse, sexual violence, so-called 'honour-based' violence, stalking and prostitution and sex work, and applications are encouraged from consortia that cover multiple crime types. Projects should include early intervention and prevention of VAWG crimes, as well as victims' services. Proposals must provide **additional activity** not currently within mainstream provision. This can be through:

- Providing new services not currently commissioned locally or nationally.
- New approaches to existing services already provided.

- Improving understanding and response to violence and abuse of women and girls, such as through research or capability-building projects.
- Responding to new challenges, such as those posed through technology or the internet.

**Mental Health and Wellbeing** - Applications will be considered from organisations that promote mental wellbeing and prevention of mental illness for vulnerable and disadvantaged women and girls. This includes applications that promote mental wellbeing, public health prevention, early intervention, digital innovations, community based provision and working across sectors. Proposals should provide additional activity not currently within mainstream provision. This can be through:

- Providing new services not currently commissioned locally or nationally.
- New approaches to existing services already provided.
- Improving an understanding and response to mental health issues such as through research to build the evidence base and capability-building projects.
- Responding to new challenges, such as those posed through technology, digital innovation or the internet.

**General programme** - Applications will be considered from organisations working to improve the lives of disadvantaged or under-represented women and girls. As an indication, the work may be in the following areas (this is not an exhaustive list) and proposals that address other issues will be considered:

- Alcohol and drug abuse.
- BAME services.
- Education and employment.
- Engaging excluded and vulnerable women through sport.
- Female offenders.
- Gender equality.
- LGBTQI specific services.
- Multiple complex needs.
- Older women.
- Period poverty.
- Women with disabilities.
- Women with learning disabilities.

The funding may cover some capital costs which are directly related to the project's costs as part of a larger grant.

Applications will be considered for projects that are genuine new developments of previously funded projects provided that there are new potential outcomes and there is a proven need for the proposed service.

## How To Apply

The deadline for applications closes at midnight on Sunday 28 January 2018. Applicants will be notified of a decision in Spring 2018.

New guidance notes and the application form can be found on the GOV.UK website.

The completed application form should be submitted by email to [tff@culture.gov.uk](mailto:tff@culture.gov.uk).

### **Payment Procedure**

Payment is made in arrears and can only be paid in advance by exception.

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## **Useful documents & links**

### **Useful Links**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tampon-tax-fund-application-form-2018-2019-funding-round>

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## **Addresses and contacts**

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

- Enquiries**

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