

The Eddie Byers Fund

Information for applicants

The Eddie Byers Fund exists to enrich and support individuals and communities through English language teaching. It is a grant scheme that helps change lives through learning.

English is spoken by billions of people around the world. For many, learning English brings significant new opportunities in employment, education and travel – for many it is a life changing skill.

The Eddie Byers Fund therefore provides funding to create English language learning opportunities that might not otherwise be available and that would be transformative for individuals and their communities, whether by enabling employment, education, integration, teaching or more.

It was created in memory of the late chief executive of English UK, who was passionate about the transformative power of education. The fund also supports English UK's charitable mission to advance the education of international students in the English language.

Funding worth up to £2,500 per project (at the discretion of the fund committee) will be available each year. A maximum of £10,000 will be available for grant awards each year for an initial three years. Funding is available to UK registered charities only.

Eligibility

We are looking for projects from organisations that fulfil the following criteria.

The applicant must:

1. Be a UK registered charity
2. Be able to deliver the proposed project and impact reporting.

The project must:

1. Use English language teaching to improve the prospects and opportunities open to an individual and/ or their community
2. Be a specific activity, extra provision or items/ materials beyond those generally offered. General contributions to overheads and salaries are not eligible for funding.
3. Be non-discriminatory and support individuals regardless of religion, political affiliation and gender.
4. Not be possible without an Eddie Byers Fund grant.

Application process

The Eddie Byers Fund opens to applications in the spring of each year. A link to the application form can be found online at englishuk.com/eddie-byers-fund.

- Applications can only be submitted by a UK registered charity
- Application forms must be completed in full and submitted by midnight on the deadline
- Applications will then be assessed against the short listing criteria below
- Successful applicants will be informed no later than four weeks after the deadline.

Only one application is permitted per organisation in each funding round.

Short-listing criteria

The Eddie Byers Fund committee will shortlist review applications against the following criteria, based on the information provided in your application form.

Focus on English: The project described has English language learning at its heart and uses English language teaching to support individuals and strengthen communities.

Impact: The project described will have a significant, positive impact on individuals involved as well as their wider communities, whether through the integration, skills and contribution of an individual or direct engagement.

Need: The project described will meet real need, reaching those who would not otherwise have access to services and for whom the project will make a significant difference.

Deliverable: The project described is clear, well thought out and achievable. The applicant demonstrates real understanding of the issues faced by the beneficiaries and is well positioned to meet those needs.

Terms and conditions

Applicants for The Eddie Byers Fund agree to be bound by these terms and conditions:

- One application is permitted per organisation in each funding round, however an application can include funding for/ that benefits multiple people as part of a single project.
- All applications must be completed and received in full by midnight on the deadline date.
- Applications that do not meet the conditions set out herein, that are incomplete or ineligible, or that are received after the deadline will not be considered.
- All applications must be received via the Eddie Byers Fund application form (found online here: englishuk.com/eddie-byers-fund). English UK accepts no responsibility for applications that are lost, corrupted, damaged or delayed in transit.
- Grants will be awarded by the Eddie Byers Fund committee on a discretionary basis based on the merit of each application. The committee's decision is final.
- Successful applicants will be notified within four weeks of the deadline.
- Successful applicants will display an Eddie Byers Fund logo on digital platforms (website, social media etc.) and promotional materials to acknowledge the grant.
- Amounts offered may vary from the sum requested at the discretion of the Eddie Byers Fund committee.
- Grant money will be allocated to the applicant (UK charity) - funds will not be awarded directly to an individual.
- No other alternatives to the grant will be offered and the grant is not transferable.
- The grant recipient is responsible for arranging travel, accommodation, insurance and visas where applicable. English UK may be available to assist if necessary.
- English UK is not responsible for government decisions – (for example rejected visa applications). Should a beneficiary for any reason be prevented from taking up the award, then English UK reserves the right to revise or withdraw the funding.
- Grant monies must be allocated within six months and spent within 18 months of award.
- Project must begin within six months of award.
- In accepting the grant, the recipient agrees to take part in promotional activities to publicise the Eddie Byers Fund.
- In accepting the grant, the recipient agrees to complete impact reporting as specified by English UK. This may include photographs, video footage, quotes, surveys, interviews and invitation to attend the English UK Annual Conference. Reporting requirements will be specified with the grant offer.
- The promoter of the Eddie Byers Fund is English UK, 47 Brunswick Court, London, SE1 3LH.
- If not all grant monies are allocated to suitable projects, the remaining funds will be rolled over to the following year.