

GUIDELINES FOR GRANTS



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The National Marine Aquarium is the UK's largest public Aquarium with a strong marine conservation ethos. The Aquarium operates a wide range of programmes of education, conservation and research as part of its charitable objects.

Running through all of its activity, the Aquarium considers the marine environment at four geographical scales:

- Local Scale (Plymouth Sound)
- National Scale (UK Seas)
- Oceanic Scale (Atlantic)
- Global Scale

At each scale, the Aquarium exhibits examine the ecological conditions, scientific activities, historical perspectives and conservation issues. Through the Aquarium exhibitions, educational programmes, and internal and external projects, the Aquarium seeks to **Drive Marine Conservation through Engagement**.

Conservation through Engagement means putting individuals and communities at the heart of marine environmental issues, linking people with their seas and motivating them to take action. Large-scale conservation of the natural environment can result from the actions of motivated and well-informed individuals and collectives.

National Aquarium Ltd is a charity which gives small grants to organisations or individuals that operate projects to further the goals of the National Marine Aquarium. We support projects which enable individuals and communities to enjoy the seas, learn about our seas and, ultimately, develop active caring attitudes and behaviours.

Projects can be research-based, conservation-focussed, educational or community events – the unifying theme is Conservation through Engagement.

Application Criteria

1. Only applications made using the National Aquarium Ltd Application form will be considered.
 2. All projects should fit with the stated aims of the charity, driving Marine Conservation through Engagement.
 3. NAL can only support projects which follow best practice environmental and animal welfare requirements.
 4. Projects which target disadvantaged groups will be encouraged.
 5. Applications will be accepted from all sectors of society, there are no restrictions upon age range of groups carrying out the projects.
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6. There is no geographical restriction on where projects might be located, or where applications might come from. Consideration will be given to projects operating at every scale but priority will be given to local and national initiatives.
7. Applications will be accepted from other charities, other organizations, schools, colleges and individuals.
8. Projects should be discrete with a commencement and finish date (although they may form an individual module of a larger scheme).
9. Projects should have stated aims which can be measured as outputs.
10. Applications should be accompanied by references from competent persons capable of commenting upon the specific project in a professional capacity.
11. Funding for courses, expeditions, etc will only be awarded where the aims of the charity are fulfilled.
12. We would encourage applicants to use our grants in conjunction with other sources of finance, although where additional funding is necessary for the project to proceed, funding will be made available upon proof of match funding being in place.
13. The object of project support is to encourage worthwhile projects that can be shared with others, as such there is an expectation that dissemination of results will occur. Please provide details of how this is planned to take place.
14. Projects which demonstrate a novel approach are more likely to attract support.
15. A written report will be required at the end of the project.
16. Successful applicants may be asked to assist in the production of public communication of their project through the public audience at the National Marine Aquarium or elsewhere as appropriate.
17. The National Aquarium may wish to use extracts and results of the project exhibitions or programmes.
18. The National Marine Aquarium Communications team should be kept aware of any contact made with the press.

Applications will be screened by the National Marine Aquarium for compliance with the above criteria before passing to the Trustee Board for consideration. Trustee Board meetings are held in May and October each year. Notification of funding agreement will be issued within two weeks of each Trustee Board Meeting.
