



Drax Foundation – eligibility criteria for applicants

The Drax Foundation is a donor advised fund set-up by Drax Corporate Limited (“Drax”) and operated on Drax’s behalf by the Charities Trust (an independently registered charity with the UK Charity Commission, Charity No. 327489). The Drax Foundation provides grant funding for projects and programmes that deliver lasting socio-economic change in the regions where Drax operates. Drax prioritises organisations that can demonstrate an in-depth understanding of local conditions, and who represent the diversity of our local communities.

Eligibility criteria

Applications **must** meet the following criteria prior to applying

1. Must be a registered charity or formally constituted non-profit organization or social enterprise
2. Must address a significant societal need and make a positive contribution in the regions where Drax operates.
3. Must be able to show a commitment to sustainable development (e.g., by contributing to the UN [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs))
4. Must have clear objects and measurable targets and outcomes.
5. Applicants must have been operating for a minimum of 12 months at the time of applying, and have available published financial data
6. Must contribute to **at least one** of the following of Drax Foundation’s focus areas:
 - a. STEM education and skills development; and/or
 - b. enhancing biodiversity and green spaces in local communities.
7. In addition to core focus areas, we prioritise projects and organizations that also contribute to the following:
 - a. advancing gender equality;
 - b. supporting indigenous communities; and
 - c. supporting underserved groups
8. To the extent the applicant supports children or vulnerable people, the applicant must have a safeguarding policy.

Ineligibility criteria

Applications are **not** valid in relation to the following

1. Projects that do not align with the Drax Foundation’s focus areas.
2. Retrospective funding for projects that have already taken place.
3. Individual sponsorships, personal appeals or proposals that will benefit only one person.
4. Organisations, programs, or projects that:
 - d. advocate for or against any political party affiliation, ideology, or campaign, or any legislation or government policy.
 - e. advocate for or against any religion or faith;
 - f. discriminate or restrict services based on gender, race, religion, creed, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law;
 - g. directly or indirectly, engage in, support, or promote any offensive, obscene or sexually suggestive material, propaganda, potentially misleading information, or defamatory or disparaging material about other people or companies or endorse any form of hate, hate group or terrorist activities;
 - h. promote any activities that may be unsafe or dangerous or considered gaming, betting, or gambling or relate to raffles, prize draws, games of chance, lotteries, or similar activities.
 - i. are for commercial use or promotion.
5. Projects that are unable to start within twelve months of the grant award date.
6. Any organisations or individuals other than registered charities or formally constituted non-profit organisations or social enterprises based in the UK, US, or Canada.

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