



## Drax Community Fund: FAQs (2025)

1. BEFORE APPLYING	
<b>a. Does the Drax Community Fund have any priority funding areas?</b>	<p>Yes. To be eligible, organisations align with <u>at least one</u> of these focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Education, life skills and employability</li><li>b. Physical and mental health, well-being and community safety</li><li>c. Youth programmes</li><li>d. Essential community services</li><li>e. Improving community buildings and public spaces.</li></ul>
<b>b. Where do I need to be based to be eligible to apply?</b>	<p>Eligible organisations must operate in one of the locations where Drax operates an asset in the UK, US or Canada. See: <a href="#">Where We Operate - Drax Global</a></p>
<b>c. Which types of organizations are eligible for funding?</b>	<p>Not-for-profit organisations, including *community groups, schools, registered charities and social enterprises. <b>In the US, this excludes 501(c)(4)s.</b></p> <p>*Volunteer-led community groups and social enterprises may be eligible for funding if they are able to provide the supporting documents set out in section 4.a</p>
<b>d. Are there any <u>ineligibility</u> criteria that I should be aware of?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Retrospective funding for projects that have already taken place.</li><li>• Individual sponsorships, personal appeals or proposals that will benefit only one person.</li><li>• Funding requests for any projects or activities relating to or associated with:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ political lobbying or advocacy for or against any political party affiliation, ideology, or campaign, or</li></ul></li></ul>



	<p>any legislation or government policy; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ advocacy for or against any religion or faith.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organisation, programmes or projects that:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ discriminate or restrict services based on gender, race, religion, creed, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law;</li> <li>○ 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;</li> <li>○ 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; or</li> <li>○ operate for commercial use or promotion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>e. What is the minimum / maximum amount I can apply for?</b>	See <b>Annex 1</b> for indicative funding limits. Please note that we may not be able to award the full amount you apply for due to budget limitations.
<b>f. How many times can I apply for funding?</b>	Organisations can apply to the Drax Community Fund once per calendar year. If an application has been unsuccessful an organization may be invited to re-submit the following year.
<b>g. Where can I find the Terms and Conditions?</b>	<p>The Terms and Conditions for Applicants can be found in the Drax Community Fund Application Form.</p> <p>If your application is successful, you will receive a Donation Award Letter confirming that the relevant donation has been approved, as well as the amount. The Award Letter will also include a summary of the key provisions of the Terms and Conditions and the eligibility / ineligibility criteria; the applicant must continue to comply with the Terms and Conditions if they are successful in obtaining the grant.</p>
<b>2. WHILE I AM APPLYING</b>	



<b>a. How do I submit an Expression of Interest to the Drax Community Fund?</b>	Eligible organisations can submit an online expression of interest (EoI) here: <a href="#">Community Fund - Drax Global</a>
<b>b. Can I submit an Expression of Interest offline?</b>	Contact <a href="mailto:communityandcharity@drax.com">communityandcharity@drax.com</a> to register an Expression of Interest and request an application form.
<b>c. What will happen after I submit an Expression of Interest (EoI)?</b>	Our team will review your EoI. If it meets our basic criteria, we will send you an application form to complete and return to <a href="mailto:communityandcharity@drax.com">communityandcharity@drax.com</a>
<b>d. What are the 2025 deadlines to apply?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 March 2025</li><li>• 2 June 2025</li><li>• 1 September 2025</li></ul>
<b>e. Do I need to submit a budget with my application?</b>	If you are applying for more than £2,000, you will need to submit a budget to show how the funding will be used.
<b>f. I have a question about my application, who should I contact?</b>	Contact <a href="mailto:communityandcharity@drax.com">communityandcharity@drax.com</a>
<b>3. AFTER I HAVE APPLIED</b>	
<b>a. How will I know if my application has been received?</b>	We will endeavour to send you an email notification within 14 working days of your application being submitted.
<b>b. How will I know if my application has been successful?</b>	We will endeavour to notify you if your application has been successful within four weeks of the application deadline (as set out in section 2.d)



<b>4. IF MY APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL</b>	
<b>a. What supporting documents and information will I need to provide?</b>	<p><i>Registered charities, not-for-profit organizations, and US 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A bank statement dated within the last three months with the organization’s legal name, address, and account details visible</li><li>• Name and telephone number (for bank account verification)</li><li>• An IRS letter confirming 501(c)(3) status (US only)</li></ul> <p><i>Volunteer-led community groups and social enterprises</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A bank statement dated from the last three months with the organization’s legal name, address, and account details visible</li><li>• Name and telephone number (for bank account verification)</li><li>• A letter of constitution, confirming the organization’s name, how they operate, their financials, and how they benefit the community</li></ul> <p><i>Community Interest Companies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A bank statement dated from the last three months with the organization’s legal name, address, and account details visible</li><li>• Name and telephone number (for bank account verification)</li><li>• A copy of your letters of association / memorandum</li></ul> <p>Organisations working with children and / or vulnerable adults will need to submit a copy of their Safeguarding Policy.</p>



<b>b. How and when will I receive my donation?</b>	<p>We aim to disburse all funding within three months of an application being approved. In some instances, this may take up to six months.</p> <p>Donations will be made by BACS payment into the organization's bank account. In some instances, it may be possible to pay by credit card.</p>
<b>c. We don't have a bank account, what should we do?</b>	<p>The Drax Community Fund cannot make donations into an individual's bank account. Any applications without a bank account will <u>not</u> be eligible for funding.</p>
<b>d. Do I need to submit any receipts or records to evidence how the funding has been used?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recipients of funding are required to submit a short report within six months of the project being completed</li><li>• Organizations in receipt of more than £2,000 are required to submit receipts for any purchases (if applicable).</li></ul>



## Annex 1: Community Fund categories and indicative funding limits.

			Canada \$	UK £	US \$
<b>1</b>	<b>Education, life skills, &amp; employability</b>				
1.1	STEM education resources	Deliver or improve STEM education	1 – 10,000	1 – 10,000	1 – 5,000
1.2	Literacy resources	Supporting or improving literacy skills	1 – 2,500	1 – 2,000	1 – 2,500
1.3	Training & courses	Supporting workplace readiness, or improvement of employability skills	1 – 2,000	1 – 2,000	1 – 10,000
1.4	Wider curriculum	Supporting learning outside the classroom and non-STEM education	1 – 5,000	1 – 2,000	1 – 2,500
1.5	Digital resources for educational purposes	Purchase of digital resources for educational purposes	1 – 2,000	1 – 5,000	1 – 2,000
<b>2</b>	<b>Physical and mental health, wellbeing and safety</b>				
2.1	Mental health	Supporting programmes or resources to support mental health resilience in the community	1 – 5,000	1 – 2,000	1 – 10,000
2.2	Physical health	Supporting participation in physical activities and sport	1 – 3,000	1 – 1,000	1 – 3,000
2.3	Healthy eating	Support programmes and initiatives focussing on healthy eating	1 – 10,000	1 – 2,000	1 – 5,000
<b>3</b>	<b>Youth programmes</b>				
3.1	Purchase equipment	Support the purchase of equipment for youth programmes	1 – 3,000	1 – 1,000	1 – 2,000
3.2	Trips/travel	Support participation in youth activities	1 – 1,500	1 – 1,000	1 – 1,000
3.3	Events	Support access to youth focused events, and camps	1 – 10,000	1 – 1,500	1 – 2,500
<b>4</b>	<b>Essential community services</b>				
4.1	Operating costs	Support for not for profits to deliver community-based programmes	1 – 2,000	1 – 2,000	1 – 10,000
4.2	Equipment	Support to purchase equipment for the benefit of the community	1 – 10,000	1 – 5,000	1 – 5,000
4.3	Events	Support the delivery of community events or community fundraising initiatives	1 – 3,000	1 – 2,000	1 – 2,500
4.4	In-kind donation	Requests for prizes to support fundraising events in the community	1 – 500	1 – 50	1 – 500
4.5	Multiple categories	Internal use only – organisations which apply for multiple categories which support a high impact project for the community	1 – 10,000	1 – 10,000	1 – 10,000
<b>5</b>	<b>Improving community buildings and green spaces</b>				
5.1	Nature projects	Support projects focussed on nature in our communities Small size project 0 – 2,000 Medium size project 2,001 – 5,000 Large size project 5,001 – 10,000	1 – 10,000	1 – 10,000	1 – 10,000
5.2	Community buildings	Support for facility upgrades, energy efficiency improvements, development of community spaces Small size project 0 – 2,000 Medium size project 2,001 – 5,000 Large size project 5,001 – 10,000	1 – 10,000	1 – 10,000	1 – 10,000