



## Drax Community Fund: FAQs (2026)

1. BEFORE APPLYING	
<b>a. Does the Drax Community Fund have any priority funding areas?</b>	<p>Yes. To be eligible, organizations must contribute to at least one of these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education, life skills &amp; employability</li><li>• Healthy communities</li><li>• Essential community services &amp; events</li><li>• Nature &amp; community spaces</li><li>• Low carbon communities</li></ul>
<b>b. Where do I need to be based to be eligible to apply?</b>	Eligible organizations 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>
<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>• Are for commercial use or promotion.</li><li>• Organizations, projects, or programmes that:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– advocate for or against any political party affiliation, ideology, or campaign, or any legislation or government policy,</li><li>– advocate for or against any religion or faith,</li></ul></li></ul>



	<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,</li><li>– are for commercial use or promotion.</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>	Organizations 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>	The Terms and Conditions for Applicants can be found in the Drax Community Fund Application Form.  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.
<b>2. WHILE I AM APPLYING</b>	
<b>a. How do I submit an Expression of Interest to the Drax Community Fund?</b>	Eligible organizations 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 2026 deadlines to apply?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 March 2026</li><li>• 31 May 2026</li><li>• 6 September 2026</li></ul>
<b>e. Do I need to submit a budget with my application?</b>	If you are applying for more than 2,000 (local currency), 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)s</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A letterhead documents 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><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>Volunteer-led community groups and social enterprises</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A letterhead documents 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 letterhead documents 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 organization's Articles of Association, Constitution, or other governing documents</li></ul> <p>Organizations working with children and / or vulnerable adults will need to submit a copy of their Safeguarding Policy.</p>
<b>b. We don't have a bank account, what should we do?</b>	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.
<b>c. 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></ul>

## Canada

### Community Fund Categories 2026

1	Education, skills & employability	CAD(\$)
1.1	STEAM Education	Provide access to STEAM education resources

1.2	<b>Literacy and Learning Resources</b>	School and non-school based educational materials and activities supporting learning and literacy	<b>Up to \$2,500</b>
1.3	<b>Life Skills and Employability</b>	Supporting workplace readiness, employability and life skills	<b>Up to \$5,000</b>
2	<b>Healthy Communities</b>		
2.1	<b>Mental and Physical Health</b>	Supporting programs and resources contributing to community resilience	<b>Up to \$5,000</b>
2.2	<b>Nutritional Health</b>	Supporting programs and initiatives focusing on nutrition and healthy eating	<b>Up to \$10,000</b>
3	<b>Community Services</b>		
3.1	<b>Operating Costs</b>	Support to deliver community-based programs	<b>Up to \$2,000</b>
3.2	<b>Equipment</b>	Support to purchase equipment for the benefit of the community	<b>Up to \$10,000</b>
4	<b>Nature Spaces and Community Spaces</b>		
4.1	<b>Nature Projects</b>	Projects that protect and enrich biodiversity, including forest, wildlife and ecosystem improvement, and education programs	<b>Up to \$10,000</b>
4.2	<b>Green Spaces</b>	Provide access and improving community green spaces that support people's connection to nature	
5	<b>Low Carbon Communities</b>		
5.1	<b>Low Carbon projects</b>	Infrastructure development and facility upgrades that contribute to energy efficiency, including installation of equipment that use renewable energy	<b>Up to \$10,000</b>

**Examples of projects we do not fund:**

- Sports teams or athletic events,
- Operating deficits and debt liquidation,
- Conferences and tradeshows,
- Endowments and memorials,
- Groups or individuals seeking funds to purchase tickets or tables at fundraising benefits

**UK**

## Community Fund Categories 2026

1	<b>Education, skills &amp; employability</b>		<b>GBP (£)</b>
1.1	<b>STEM curriculum</b>	Deliver or improve STEM education, purchase of digital resources for educational purposes	<b>Up to £5,000</b>
1.2	<b>Wider Curriculum</b>	Supporting learning outside the classroom and non-STEM education	<b>Up to £2,000</b>

1.3	Post 16 training and course	Supporting workplace readiness, or improvement of employability skills	Up to £2,000
<b>2 Healthy Communities</b>			
2.1	Physical and Mental health	Supporting participation in physical activities and sport, and mental health resilience*	Up to £500
2.2	Healthy Eating	Supporting projects that deliver healthy eating benefits	Up to £500
<b>3 Essential community services &amp; events</b>			
3.1	Operating costs	Support for not for profits to deliver community-based programmes, purchase equipment for the benefit of the community	Up to £5,000
3.2	Events	Support the delivery of community events or community fundraising initiatives	Up to £2,000
3.3	In-kind donation	Requests for prizes to support fundraising events in the community	Up to £50
3.4	Significant Impact Project	Projects which give significant impact to the wider community **	Up to £10,000
<b>4 Nature Spaces and Community Spaces</b>			
4.1	Nature projects	Support projects focussed on nature in our communities Small project £0 – 1,000 / Medium project £1,001-2,500 / Large project £2,501 – 5,000	Up to £5,000
4.2	Community spaces	Support for facility upgrades, and/or development of community spaces Small project £0 – 1,000 / Medium project £1,001 – 2,500 / Large project £2,001 – 5,000	Up to £5,000
<b>5 Low Carbon Communities</b>			
5.1	Energy Efficiency	Support for energy efficiency, or renewable energy upgrades/Support for projects that reduces energy consumption Small project £0 – 1,000 / Medium project £1,001 – 2,500 / Large project £2,001 – 5,000	Up to £5,000

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- **Address a fundamental community need** identified through community engagement.
- **Involve the community** in the planning and implementation, creating a sense of ownership and ensuring the solution is locally relevant.
- **Foster collaboration and partnerships** between local groups, non-profits, businesses, and government, which enhances available resources and expertise.
- **Be sustainable and scalable**, meaning the positive effects continue over the long term and potentially inspire similar initiatives in other communities.

## US

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<b>5 Low Carbon Communities</b>			
5.1	Low Carbon projects	Support for energy efficiency, or renewable energy upgrades for schools and community buildings Small project £0 – 1,000 / Medium project £1,001 – 2,500 / Large project £2,001 – 5,000	Up to \$5,000

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