






Advocacy for people with learning disabilities, autistic people and people with learning disabilities who are autistic too:

A Henry Smith Charity programme

  	<p>This document is about a programme from The Henry Smith Charity that funds advocacy.</p> <p>A programme is a group of projects that are managed in a joined up way.</p> <p>When the document says us, our or we, this means The Henry Smith Charity.</p>
 	<p>When we were designing this programme, we talked to lots of people, groups and organisations who have an interest in advocacy.</p> <p>We found out that there is less money around for independent advocacy and self-advocacy groups and organisations.</p>

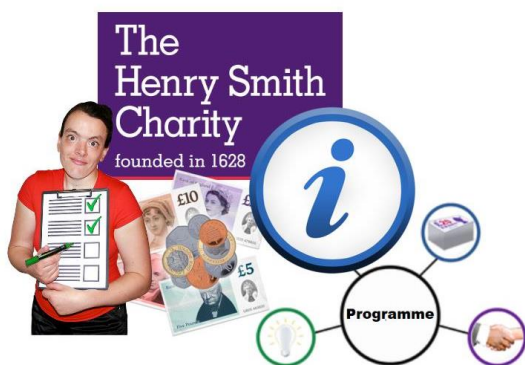


This is because most money for advocacy gets spent on advocacy the law says someone has a right to have.

This means only certain types of advocacy gets any funding.

Our aim is to help more people get the independent advocacy support that is right for them.

We also want to help advocacy and self advocacy groups and organisations show what independent advocacy achieves.

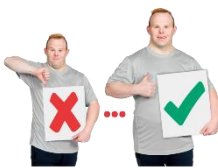


This document has information about:

- the Henry Smith Charity.
- the programme.
- how much money is available.
- who can apply for the money.
- how to apply for the money.

Many different people helped us to develop this programme including advocacy organisations.

About The Henry Smith Charity



The Henry Smith Charity is an organisation that gives out over 30 million pounds a year in grants.

Most of our grants are made through our two main grant programmes.

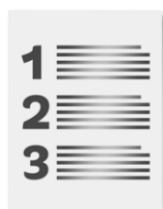
These are called:

- Improving Lives.
- Strengthening Communities.

Both programmes give money to organisations supporting people to make positive changes to their lives.

[Information about who is allowed to apply for these grants is on our website.](#)

Improving Lives gives money to lots of different projects. Some of the projects support people with learning disabilities, autistic people and people with learning disabilities who are autistic too.



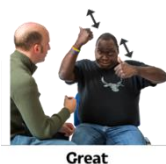
This includes projects that help people through advocacy and self-advocacy.

If your organisation can't apply for this grant, you might be able to apply to the **Improving Lives Programme**.

Please read through the programme guidelines and ring us up if you have any questions on **020 7264 4970**.

If you are reading this online you can read [a list of grants we have given out already](#) on our website.

About The Programme



This programme provides grants for small to medium sized charities.

These are charities that earn up to 2 million pounds a year.

The grants are to provide high quality advocacy in areas where it is most needed.

Organisations that apply should already provide independent advocacy services.



We are interested in supporting independent advocacy support that is:

- flexible,
- long term,
- keeps going,
- could help people who have more than 1 issue.

This could be:

- one-to-one advocacy.
- self-advocacy support.
- peer advocacy.



This could also include projects for particular groups such as advocacy for parents with learning disabilities.

We are interested in giving money to organisations that can show how they involve people who are autistic or have a learning disability in their work.

This might be through co-production (working together) or through use of feedback from people who have used your services to make it better.

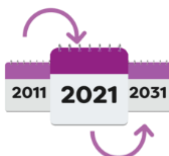
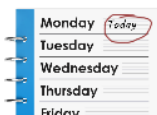
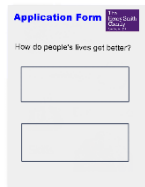
You are more likely to get a grant if you can show:

- you really understand independent advocacy.
- you are good at managing an advocacy service independently.
- you know about the law and the rights of the people your service is for.



Recognising quality
in independent advocacy

an NDTI Programme



It would be best if your service has an advocacy kite mark. This is an award that shows your service is good.

Advocates should be qualified, trained and supervised.

Your organisation should have strong local connections.

In your application you will be asked to show how people's lives get better because of your support.

This will be through things like:

- having more choice and control.
- rights.

Outcomes should include things that will happen:

- straight away,
- after a little while, and
- in the future.



Your organisation should be able to show how they check their work meets the needs of the people their service is for.

Important Information



This programme is for **advocacy** not services that just give advice or organise befriending or peer support groups.

The main things we want the money to help



We want the money to:



- help organisations to provide good independent advocacy and maybe offer more and different types of advocacy too.



- make life better for people with learning disabilities and autistic people now and in the future.



- bring together organisations that are given grants into a network and support them to make change happen in their local areas.

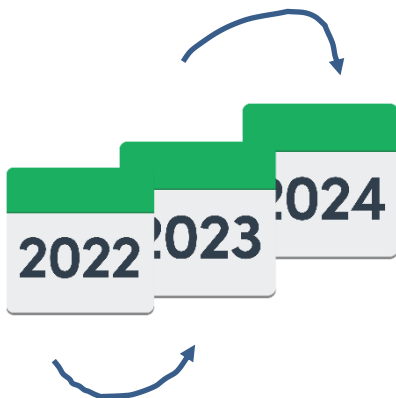
- find out how life is better for people and use this to show how independent advocacy helps.



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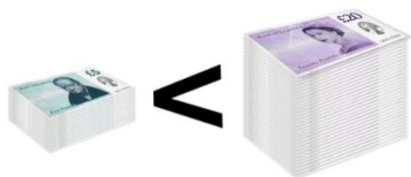
They will have responsibility for doing what they said they would do.

What you can apply for



- All together we have **nearly 2 million pounds of grant money available.**
- you can apply for grants of **up to £180,000.**
- The funding is for **up to 3 years** (we expect you to ask for money to spend over 3 years unless you have a good reason for asking for money for a short time).
- **Grants will be made to individual charities.**
- **You will have to do the work and tell us about the work you are doing.**

Who can apply for a grant



Organisations must:

- earn less than 3 million pounds a year.
- work in England, Wales, Scotland, or Northern Ireland.
- be at least 1 and a half years old.
- have published their first yearly report about how much money their organisation has and what they have been spending it on.

We are looking for organisations that are expert and have the right experience to do this work

We mostly give money to registered charities but will give grants to other types of not for profit organisations, such as Community Interest Companies (CICs).

We are looking for organisations that will talk to us and the other organisations funded through this programme to share knowledge and learning about good work.



Organisations must have experience of providing independent advocacy support for people with learning disabilities and autistic people.



Organisations that are waiting to hear about another application they have made to the Henry Smith Charity grant programme are unable to apply. Organisations that already have a different grant from the Henry Smith Charity can apply.



Organisations must not have enough savings to be able to run their charity for a year.



The amount of money you ask to get each year should not be more than half of what you earn now.

Are you interested?



If you are interested in applying to this programme, you need to let us know. We call this an 'expression of interest'.



The important questions we would like you to answer are on the next page. There is also some other information about your organisation we will need.

If you are reading this online **clicking here** will open a page on our website



that has the full form for writing your expression of interest.

Questions



1. Tell us about your organisation in **300 words**



2. Tell us who your work is designed to support and what they want support with in **500 words**.

Please include:

- numbers of people in your area with learning disabilities, autistic people and people with learning disabilities who are autistic too.
- services available to them.
- Information about what the people who use your service need and the challenges they face.
- If your work fills a gap in the services people get, or if the work you want to do will fill any gaps



3. Tell us what you want the money for in **200 words**.

Please say:

- the types of advocacy provided and the types of issues you provide support around.
- how long you usually support people and how often you talk to them.
- any changes this money could make happen for example supporting more people for longer.
- who will do the work.

4. Please say how you make sure the advocacy you provide is good (**500 words**).

This should include:

- any involvement of autistic people or people with learning disabilities in your organisation or service design.
- any partnership working or relationships with local people, groups, and organisations.





- what the people you support say will help them have a good life.
- any quality marks, or other things you have to help make sure what you do is good quality.
- Any training or qualifications held by your advocates.

How to apply

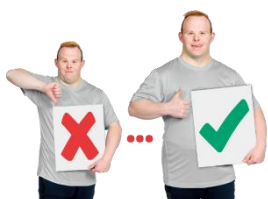


- You must send us your expression of interest to us by **15th November 2021**.
- We will look at all the expressions of interest and choose the organisations we want to make a full application. This is called a 'shortlist'.
- These organisations will be asked to complete a more detailed application and will be visited by a member of the Henry Smith team.
- We haven't got enough money to give to everyone that applies.



- We will decide who to give money too based on how well what they want to do matches what the fund wants to achieve.
- We will tell you if you got the money in **March 2022**. Organisations that get grants should start doing the work in the next 6 months.
- If you want to talk to us about an application, please contact **administration@henrysmithcharity.org.uk**

Evaluation and Support



We will be working with another organisation to check how well the programme is helping the things we want to happen.

We will also help the organisations that get grants make the changes they think will make their local areas and advocacy better.