

# The Foundation

## Our purpose

At Esmée Fairbairn we help organisations that aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities throughout the UK, both now and in the future.

We make the majority of our grants in four areas:

- > Arts & Heritage
- > Education
- > Environment
- > Social Change: Enterprise and Independence

The remainder is made through our other two grantmaking areas:

- > Fifth Fund makes grants that fall outside the specific programme priorities and focus on important practical innovations or emerging issues.
- > TASK (Trustees' Areas of Special Knowledge) grants are made to organisations known to individual Trustees and in which they take a personal interest.

| 2006   | Value          | No of projects |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Grants</b>  |                |                |
| > Arts and Heritage  | £5.46m         | 109            |
| > Education  | £5.81m         | 135            |
| > Environment  | £6.00m         | 86             |
| > Social Change  | £7.63m         | 139            |
| > Cross Programme  | £0.42m         | 4              |
| > Fifth fund   | £1.13m         | 3              |
| <b>Sub total</b>   | <b>£26.45m</b> | <b>476</b>     |
| > TASK grants  | £0.86m         | 105            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>£27.31m</b> |                |
| <b>Average grant size</b><br><i>(excluding Fifth fund and TASK grants)</i> | £53,478        |                |
| <b>Eligible applications received</b>                                      | 1,549          |                |
| <b>Successful applications</b>   | 25%            |                |

Detailed listing of grants are set out on pages 25-40

## Grantmaking by country

£ per head of population

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Scotland         | £0.37 |
| England          | £0.25 |
| Northern Ireland | £0.25 |
| Wales            | £0.24 |
| UK-wide*         | £0.17 |

\*Grants covering two or more countries

# Programme review

# Grantmaking aims and objectives

## Arts & Heritage

**Arts** – We currently have a primary focus on contemporary Visual Arts. We are particularly interested in Visual Arts proposals that fit one or both of our main funding priorities: Serving Audiences and Supporting Artists.

While we are prioritising visual arts, we will only consider applications for performing arts and multi-disciplinary arts from organisations that have received a grant since 1999. These must fit one or both of our main funding priorities.

- > Serving Audiences: We aim to expand high-quality arts provision in parts of the UK less well served than others.
- > Supporting Artists: We aim to support the professional development of talented artists throughout their careers.

**Heritage** – The Heritage programme aims to preserve and provide public access to our national heritage, particularly outside Greater London.

## Education

The Foundation's Education programme covers two broad areas of interest: New Approaches to Education and Hard-to-Reach Learners. We look to support imaginative and flexible approaches to learning that are unlikely to be funded through statutory education sources. Where appropriate, we will support the costs of professional and curriculum development of teachers, research and evaluation.

New Approaches to Education aims to improve the quality, breadth and relevance of learning for young people (0-16) in pre-school and statutory education by testing new approaches to teaching and learning. Hard-to-Reach Learners aims to develop new ways of inspiring hard-to-reach learners to engage with education, primarily outside formal education settings.

## Environment

The Environment programme promotes environmental improvements which balance the needs of people and wildlife. Integral to this is:

- > countryside which is rich in diverse habitats and species.
- > a reduction in carbon emissions, together with well planned, sustainable urban and rural developments, offering a good quality of life to all.
- > a UK food industry supplying a wide range of high quality, sustainably produced goods, which are predominantly made locally.

Within the broad objectives stated above, the programme supports three interrelated themes:

- > UK Biodiversity.
- > A Low Carbon Economy.
- > Sustainable Food Systems.

## Social Change: Enterprise and Independence

The programme aims to enable people and communities facing disadvantage to improve their lives and prioritises those at greatest need. We support organisations which enable individuals to develop their potential, activities which are enterprising and initiatives which tackle institutional or structural barriers.

We will only consider proposals for work which matches our specific funding priorities:

- > Enterprising Communities: We want to enable people and organisations to be more enterprising and to develop new ways of tackling the needs of those at greatest disadvantage.
- > Financial Independence: We want to support work which improves access to financial services for individuals, voluntary and community organisations and businesses which are unable to use traditional sources of finance.