

PALLADIUM UK

Community Investment Fund

GUIDELINES 2026



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The Palladium UK Community Investment Fund provides grants of up to £10,000 to support community-led projects across the UK. It is delivered by Palladium in partnership with the Kyeema Foundation.

What we're looking for

We're looking to fund locally led community organisations that make a clear and positive difference within the communities they serve.

Strong applications will show that the organisation:

- Responds to a clear local or community-identified need
- Is community led or shaped by lived experience
- Supports disadvantaged or underrepresented groups
- Strengthens inclusion, access, connection, or wellbeing
- Delivers meaningful outcomes for people or communities in Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Berkshire or Oxfordshire.
- Will fully utilise the funding within a 6-12 month timeframe

You do **not** need to be a large or long-established organisation to apply. We welcome simple, focused ideas that are well thought through and grounded in local knowledge.

Who can apply

You can apply if your organisation:

- Operates in Hampshire, Southampton, Isle of Wight, Berkshire, or Oxfordshire
- Delivers clear community benefit
- Is not-for-profit or grassroots
- Has an annual income of no more than £500,000 in the most recent financial year
- Is applying for up to £10,000
- Can deliver the project within 6–12 months
- Can receive grant funds into a bank account in the organisation's name

We welcome applications from small and early-stage organisations, even if you don't have a long operating history.

You are not eligible if your application is:

- For the benefit of one individual only
- For retrospective costs, debt, or fundraising
- Discriminatory or harmful
- Outside the purpose of the fund

Safeguarding and ethical practice

We have a zero-tolerance approach to harm.

Applicants must have safeguarding practices that are appropriate to the nature of their work, particularly where activities involve children, young people, or adults at risk.

Further information and documentation may be requested during later stages of the process.

Application Process

The fund uses a two stage application process.

Stage one – Expression of Interest

- Submit a short online form outlining your idea
- We check eligibility and shortlist applications

Stage two – Full applications

- Shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a full application. At this stage, applicants will be asked to provide further detail on how the funding will be used, who will benefit, the outcomes it is expected to support and how the grant will be managed. Additional information on inclusion, organisational capability, and safeguarding will be requested where relevant.
- Full applications are reviewed and funding decisions made.

Key dates

1 April	Open for EOI submissions
30 April	EOI submissions close
31 May	Review + shortlisting
1 June	Shortlisted applicants invited to submit full applications
30 June	Full applications due
31 July	Final funding decision made
31 August	Due diligence and contracting

To apply, submit an EOI using the online submission form available on the Palladium Let's Make It Possible website.

Questions and enquiries on the fund can be sent to: Palladium@kyeemafoundation.org

We assess applications based on:

- The community need and how well the project or core, ongoing activities respond to it
- The difference the work will make
- The organisation's ability to deliver safely and effectively
- Value for money
- Inclusion and accessibility

We aim to fund a range of organisations and may consider balance across communities or themes. Due to the volume of applications, decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

What happens if you're funded

If your application is successful, you'll be asked to:

- Deliver your project as agreed
- Provide simple updates on progress and outcomes
- Provide basic financial reporting against the approved budget
- Share photos or stories (with consent) to help us communicate the impact of the fund
- Reporting will be proportionate to the size of the grant.

Palladium and Kyeema

For the over 20 years, Palladium has committed 1.5% of our profit before tax to supporting entrepreneurs, start-ups and innovative organisations to advance the communities, economies, and societies in which we work. Many of our initiatives are managed by our partner, Kyeema Foundation.

About Palladium: Catalysing an Enriched Future for All



Palladium works with governments, businesses, and investors to solve the world's most pressing challenges. We have over 60 years of experience creating strategies, building partnerships, mobilising capital, and implementing programs that transform societies, economies, and lives.

We are in the business of making the world a better place, and we believe that collaborative models and systemic approaches are the way to achieve progress and success. We are clear that it's no longer enough to pursue social progress or commercial growth. In fact, we don't believe you can have one without the other. When you have both, that's what we call "Positive Impact".

About Kyeema Foundation



Kyeema Foundation works to sustainably improve the livelihoods of communities. We work alongside partners and communities to support locally led solutions that strengthen resilience, expand opportunity and create long-term benefits.

Kyeema has a long-standing relationship with Palladium, who have supported Kyeema since its establishment in 2003. Palladium helped establish Kyeema as a registered not-for-profit and has continued to provide financial, volunteer and operational support over time.

This partnership combines Kyeema's experience managing community-focused initiatives with Palladium's networks and expertise, helping locally led projects to deliver meaningful and lasting impact.