Top Tips For Making A Successful Grant Application

Boost Your Chances of Success with these Top Tips

When it comes to putting the application together, try to set out clearly what you want to achieve and ensure you communicate upfront what you are going to do, who it is going to benefit and why.

Make sure that what you're applying for meets the criteria and priorities of the grant and the application demonstrates a solid plan.

Don't say you'll achieve enormous outputs if there's no chance that you will. Be realistic – everything in your budget should reflect in the narrative. Most grant recipients have at least one visit or audit after they have received the grant funding to check they are doing what they said they would.

Grants are sometimes only paid to you once you've spent the money in part or full, so planning your cash flow is important to ensure you have the available funds to bridge the gap.

Allow plenty of time to complete the grant application as this is not going to be a five minute job.

It might be worth seeking professional help with either completing the application or to spend a few hours reading it through and giving you feedback.