

## **Commitments Statement**

The following are our commitments to our partners and how we seek to work in our grant making:

## Our funding practice for ongoing funding opportunities

- We understand established charities want unrestricted and multi-year funding so in the Regional Programme, we offer three year funding.
- We will embody a spirit of partnership and mutual respect. This will be reflected in the way we work and our processes:
  - 1. We will acknowledge grant applications within a month of the closing date.
  - 2. We will ensure that first stage application to final decision will take up 4 months maximum.
  - 3. We commit to not wasting your time and will only ask for more information where we need to.
  - 4 We will not ask you to produce information for us that is already available elsewhere, where possible using published sources and using reporting or applications you have created for others.
  - 5. We will always give clear feedback: on rejected applications at first stage, at full proposal stage, and on reports prepared for us.
  - 6. We will be open to queries by phone or email at all stages of application.
  - 7. We are open to meeting you in person to learn more about your work and commit to investing in our relationship with you.

We commit to the <u>6 Practices of Trust Based Grantmaking</u> from the Trust-Based Philanthropy Project

## <u>Learning</u>

We commit to learning from our partners and sharing back the learning that we gather. We will do this by:

1. Ensuring that reporting to us is useful to partners – in particular, we encourage partners to share their own analysis of enablers/ barriers, and feedback from their



- community. We will only ask for bespoke reports if there is a clear case for doing so.
- 2. We will proactively share the findings of our own learning as a funder and that of our partners where appropriate.
- 3. We foster peer learning through events and connecting partners. We also offer a support offer across our programme that caters to different learning needs.
- 4. We invite anonymous feedback from partners at regular points in the relationship with us, and publish the results so we can be held to account.

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