

SO1 Regional Grants Programme

FAQs re closing of programme

Introduction

In September 2025 Blaggrave's Regional Grants Programme will be closing to new applications after ten years to make way for our new strategy. We have compiled a list of questions you may have; but please feel free to reach out to us at grants@blagravetrust.org if you have questions that aren't answered below.

1. Why is your regional programme closing to new applications?

We are so proud to have worked alongside a cohort of incredible and inspirational partners over the past ten years of the regional programme and we recognise that their hard work, resilience and willingness to be led by the young people they serve has led to considerable impact within Berkshire, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Wiltshire and Sussex. We will be honouring all our existing commitments, some of which extend to 2027.

In recent years, we have begun funding young change-makers directly and seen the inspirational change that can happen because of youth-led change. As a small funder we have limited resources and we want to prioritise the areas, communities and young people that have the greatest need for our support. We want to work more deeply within specific communities rather than spreading ourselves too thinly across a broad region. To do that we will close the regional programme over the next three years, and plan where we will place our focus before moving forward.

In the meantime we will honour all existing commitments to partners, some of which extend until 2027.

2. When will it re-open?

Our regional programme across all four counties; Sussex, Berkshire, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and Wiltshire; will not re-open to new applications in its

current form. We hope to announce our place-based and youth-led grant-making strategy in January 2026.

3. Will you still be funding in my region?

The specific areas of our focus will be announced in January 2026. We are still very much committed to the South East but will share where specifically our investment will be in the area in due course.

4. Have you considered the impact of the closure of this programme?

We recognise the already challenging funding climate in which our partners are operating. While it won't be of consolation to organisations in the areas we will no longer be funding, the closure is driven by our belief that a place based approach is the most impactful way to use our resources to drive forward transformational change.

5. Where can I go for funding instead?

We hope to introduce our existing partners to new opportunities wherever possible. Please check our website for lists of available funding within our region.

6. Why are you announcing this now?

Although our regional programme will continue supporting partners until 2027, we're making this information available now to give partners as much notice as possible. We are in the process of thinking through how else we may be able to support as we transition to a new strategy and will update folks as soon as possible, in the meantime please do reach out to us for a chat and we will do what we can to support you.

7. I've been pledged three years of funding, will future years still be honoured?

We are honouring all existing commitments. If you are an existing partner and you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your grant manager.

8. What will you be funding in future?

Our new strategy will be announced fully in early 2026. Please check back for updates.

9. I have feedback

We always welcome your thoughts and feedback as it helps us to improve.
Please contact us at grants@blagravetrust.org with any feedback or questions.