

Fundraising Project Proposal

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Project name:

Why are you doing this – what is the evidence that this project is needed?

Core – the basics

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Project – fixed projects you could do with the right funding

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Visionary – how would you achieve your charity's vision if money was no object?

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Who will benefit – directly?

How many, detail on the demographic group (age, gender, geography, race, religion etc.) – describe

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How do we know they want this support?

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Who will benefit – indirectly?

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How many people will benefit – directly and indirectly (keep separate) and over what period of time (think about cumulative benefits)

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Is there anything else important we ought to know about the beneficiaries (direct and indirect), such as how exactly they are disadvantaged/deprived/in need of support?

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What will the project deliver – be practical, use plain English, explain steps and process

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Who will deliver the project? – name names, describe roles, are you working in partnership with anyone

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Why is that person/org the best person to deliver – *credentials*

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What is the project timescale?

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What does success look like at the end of this project?

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What difference will this project make to the affected group.

What will participants be able to do/say/be as a result

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Can you divide benefit/impact into short/medium and long term? If so, please describe.

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How will you evidence your impact?

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What would happen if you did nothing or you didn't exist?

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What makes your approach different or unique?

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What are your organisation's key strengths?

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Describe your organisation's track record – tell us how we know you are effective in delivering projects

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Name some SMART objectives you'll measure success against

Specific – Objectives should specify what they want to achieve or change.

Measurable – You should be able to measure your outputs and outcomes.

Achievable – Are the objectives you set, realistic with the resources you have?

Relevant – Your activities or project is relevant to the needs you are addressing

Time – When you want to achieve the set objectives

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How will you monitor your progress against those objectives?

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How will you evaluate your effectiveness?

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