

# Grants and Funding Volunteer



Grants from charitable trusts and foundations are an **essential source of funding for community organisations** working with deaf children, young people and their families. This support allows communities to develop work that meets the needs of deaf children and young people. With your **knowledge of grants** and **persuasive writing skills**, you'll help **support communities** to research and submit life-changing funding bids.

## About you

- Aged 18 years and over
- Knowledge of potential funding sources both locally and nationally
- Ability to volunteer independently from home under your own initiative
- Well organised with good attention to detail
- Proactive and reliable
- Confident user of Microsoft packages and databases

## When and where

- Flexible timings depending on your availability
- Volunteering from home with the possibility of meeting groups locally

## What you will do

- Support community groups and organisations to identify and win new sources of funding
- Research trusts and foundations (both locally and nationally) that may support work in communities
- Prepare information about funders including deadlines and criteria for applications
- Develop links with funders and share information
- Work with organisations to write compelling applications that meet the required conditions
- Understand the boundaries of the role and ask for support where appropriate

## What will you gain from the role?

Other volunteers have told us that training and volunteering has given them:

- Increased confidence and new skills
- A broader understanding of childhood deafness and the issues faced by families
- A sense of achievement by making a positive difference

## Support and training

We will provide you with:

- Basic training to help keep yourself, others, and data safe
- Feedback on the funding bids to which you contribute and their outcomes
- A named point of contact at the National Deaf Children's Society
- Reimbursement of agreed expenses such as travel costs
- Clear information about what to do and who to contact if you are worried about something



We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of families, children and young people. You will be asked to complete a self-disclosure form, provide references, and complete our essential training.