



The Donkey Sanctuary's Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

In a world typified by ever-connected global crises, donkeys, mules and the people who rely on them are increasingly impacted. The current global coronavirus pandemic has brought economies to a standstill, caused health problems and death for many communities and is worsened by climate change, natural disasters and conflict. These interconnected challenges are having a devastating impact. The Donkey Sanctuary is an international animal welfare organisation that aims to transform the lives of donkeys and mules, and support the people who depend on them for their livelihoods. The Donkey Sanctuary's Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund has been created to support a coordinated and collaborative funding response and will use the following criteria, which all applicants must meet to be eligible:

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- The project is a response to a need arising from an emergency where coronavirus exacerbates underlying vulnerabilities.
- The project demonstrates a positive impact, whether direct or indirect, on the welfare needs of working donkeys and mules, and the people who depend upon them.
- The project is a short-term intervention (3-6 months).
- The total grant requested from The Donkey Sanctuary for the project is between £15,000 and £30,000.
- The applicant has previously delivered impactful work in the proposed context (with evidence if requested).
- The applicant has a formally constituted governance structure in place.
- The applicant has a designated ordinary business bank account.
- The applicant is able to meet The Donkey Sanctuary's Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund reporting criteria.

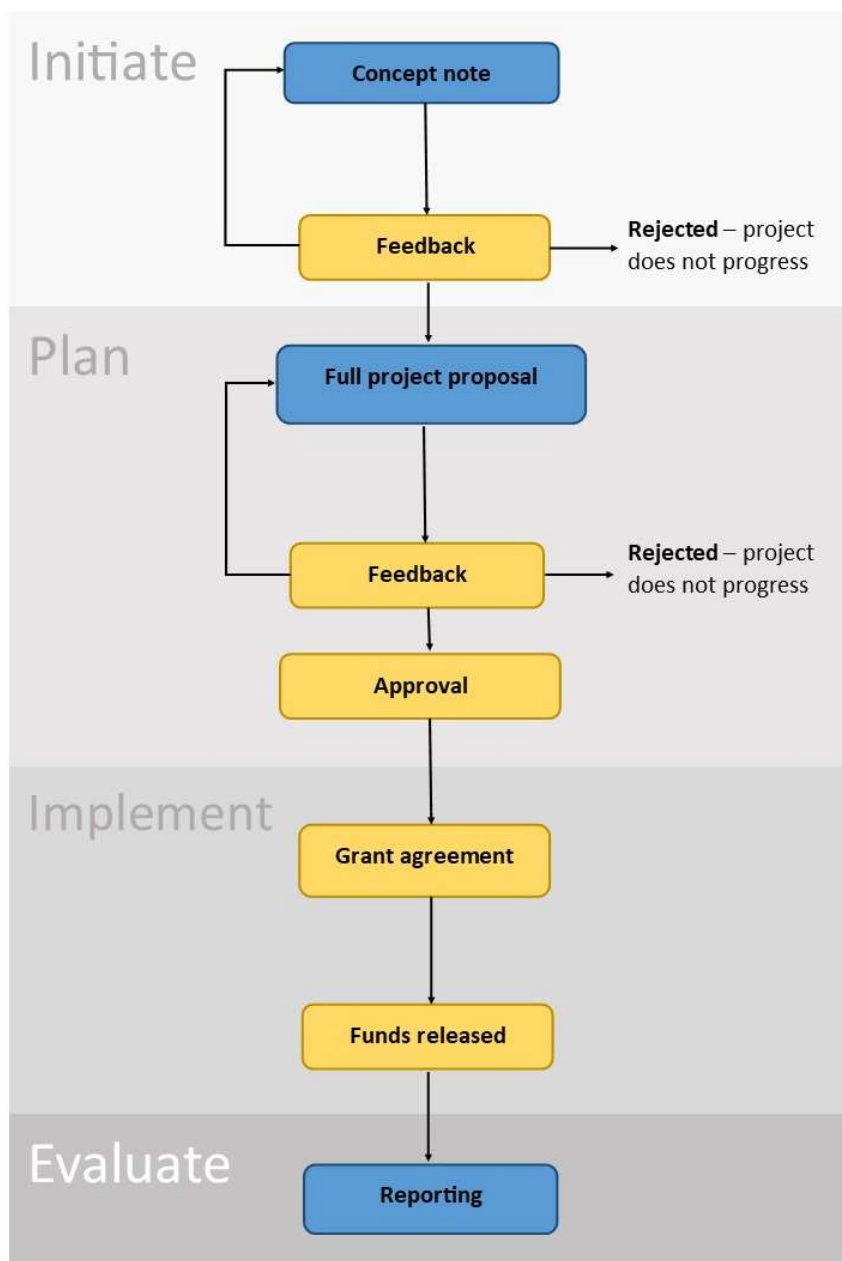
How to apply:

The deadline for the current phase of applications is **Friday 4 September 2020**.

1. Please complete the Application form, and follow the instructions at the bottom of the document
2. For further details on the requirements for each stage of application, please refer to the application guide and the Frequently Asked Questions document.

Application process:

Please note: we will respond to applicants as soon as possible, in no more than 20 working days.





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Guide for applications:

Process Phase	Tool	Assessing what:
Initiation	Concept Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfaction of eligibility criteria • Project feasibility within country context • Strategic alignment with The Donkey Sanctuary's vision and objectives
Planning	Full Proposal Budget Plan Risk Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical standards (welfare and development) • Resource management • Sustainability • Risk management • Accountability
Implementation	Grant Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms & Conditions • Roles and Responsibilities
Evaluate	Quarterly Reporting Lessons/Issues Log Exit Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intended versus actual impact • Lessons for the future • Responsible exit strategy



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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply to The Donkey Sanctuary Emergency Grant Fund?

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How do I apply?

You can access the application document via the website at:

<https://www.thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk/what-we-do/for-professionals/covid-19-emergency-response-fund>

Please download the application form and follow the instructions at the bottom of the document to send it back to us.

How long will it take to get a decision?

All applicants will receive a response from us as soon as possible, or within no more than 20 working days, after receipt of the concept note application.

My project will support people as well as animals – is that allowed?

Yes, as long as donkey and mule welfare is the primary component and supporting owners, households and communities are necessary to ensure better welfare for working animals.

How long will the fund be open for applications?

The current phase of applications will close at midnight on Friday 4 September 2020.

I want to apply but our organisation is not based within a developing nation. However our implementing partner is – can I submit an application?

The application for any grant must come from a partner based in Asia, Africa or the Americas, but you can be named as a project partner and offer support with the application.

What is The Donkey Sanctuary's due diligence process and why is it necessary?

The due diligence process is an exercise of care to confirm that the information provided by prospective partners is factual. Due diligence is a critical stage in approval, without which no grant will be issued. The Donkey Sanctuary's due diligence process is not only a legal requirement but also ensures that the organisation's resources are used transparently, ethically and in line with its vision and mission.

What are the reporting requirements associated with this grant?

Depending on the project's duration, The Donkey Sanctuary will require one or more financial and operational progress report (at least two for projects lasting more than three months) and a final report focussed on outcomes and learning from the project.

I have a project with an immediate emergency response need, but I also have options for continuation once the immediate need is met. Would there be additional funding available for continuation projects?

Yes, you will be asked to outline any options for ongoing outcomes and impact as part of the full proposal should your initial concept application be approved. The Donkey Sanctuary recognises that many of the impacts of coronavirus are linked to longer-term vulnerabilities. The Donkey Sanctuary seeks to invest in resilience-building projects where donkey and mule welfare improvements can also support sustainable livelihoods.