



The Royal Navy and Royal Marine Charity Framework of Funding Principles

The Framework proposes a clear set of principles for the future funding ambitions of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC).

The key aim of the Framework is to enable the military charitable sector and civilian organisations to play a significant role in delivering innovative, diverse and responsive services for the beneficiaries of The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity.

1. Background

A changing approach to Funding

Overall the RNRMC is supporting a shift to an ever stronger focus on understanding need, achieving value for money and better evidenced outcomes for beneficiaries.

Prevention and early intervention are key drivers to ensure beneficiaries needs can be addressed at the earliest opportunity.

The Director of Relationships and Funding will support engagement with the military voluntary and community sector and civilian charities who support naval beneficiaries.

2. Our Funding Principles

Puts **Co-production** at the heart of criteria development - involving partners in the earliest stage of needs analysis, beneficiary segmentation, planning and funding development, and review of impact,.

Ensure the best evidenced **outcomes** for beneficiaries.

Ensure **efficient use of resources** to target services that meets the funding priorities of RNRMC and makes best use of the resources achieving agreed outcomes.

3. Our Beneficiaries

“Men and women who are serving or have served in the Naval Service or the Auxiliaries or the Women’s Royal Naval Service, and their dependents”.

RNRMC Charity Mission

To raise and deliver resources, working with others, to provide the best support to serving and former members of the Naval Service and their families.

RNRMC Vision

A world in which our sailors and marines and their families are valued and supported for life.

RNRMC Purpose

To support serving and former Naval Service personnel and their families at any stage of their lives through delivery of support to, and advocacy for:

- Those in Need (Benevolence)
- Dependents after bereavement and
- The serving community including through improvements to amenities, efficiency, morale, welfare, sport and adventurous training.

4. Our Relationships Objectives

Having constructive relationships with organisations:

- Engaging in dialogue and partnerships where it is mutually beneficial to do so
- Being clear about the nature of relationships - consultative, partnership, funder
- Encouraging military voluntary and community organisations to work together where it would be beneficial to do so.

In particular when funding we will endeavour to:

- Allocate funding to deliver clear outcomes/impact, using relevant and consistent criteria for decision-making on individual grants
- Ensure that funding processes are transparent and fair
- Design monitoring and performance management systems that are proportionate
- Provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants
- Give honest and timely feedback to funded organisations about successes or deficiencies in performance
- Work towards the alignment of policies and systems across and within grant funding agencies

Expectations of organisations awarded funding by RNRMC:

- To ensure that they are eligible to apply for funding and should check the objectives of the funding framework are in line with the organisation's mission before applying
- To provide evidence of need
- To work together to form effective partnerships to meet the needs of joint beneficiaries
- To build the necessary governance and management structures for provision of projects/ services
- To provide evidence of performance measures and demonstrate agreed outcomes/impact
- To contribute to evidence and evaluation
- To engage with other funders to bring in further investment for the benefit of beneficiaries
- To consider and develop sustainability plans

All applications will need to demonstrate how they cover the following core elements which relate to quality and value for money:

- To work in partnership to make the best use of resources available
- To have an active plan to ensure access for all to meet the needs of beneficiaries
- To actively promote the support on offer to beneficiaries using networks and promotional material and media
- To target support to those beneficiaries or groups of beneficiaries most in need
- To have a clear plan for staff and volunteer recruitment, training, supervision and development
- To have a clear plan for monitoring quality and evaluation

- To ensure staff and volunteers have the right skills to support beneficiaries to achieve the outcomes they need
- To include a clear account of any other funding which is being drawn down from other sources and how this supports the delivery of the funded outcomes
- To ensure that beneficiaries are engaged in the feedback evaluation and the development of services/projects

RNRMC undertake to:

- Deliver a well-managed application process that is proportionate to the desired outcomes/impact
- Ensure the application documents are publicised on the website with a timeline for application, assessment and award
- Be clear about how bids will be assessed and what criteria will be applied to test the bids
- Making funding decisions and inform organisations' in good time to allow for the commencement of the project or service
- Provide constructive feedback to unsuccessful organisations
- Ensure prompt payment of grants
- Make payments automatically via BACS

5. Monitoring and reporting

Appropriate monitoring reduces costs, time and resources for both parties, and means that time and effort can be focussed on delivering results. Reporting should be proportionate to the nature and value of the opportunity with a focus on evidence that is meaningful to the beneficiaries. If a project/work stream is encountering problems, discussion should take place with an agreement and timetable of actions to improve performance, or to negotiate the end of support where recovery is deemed not possible.

6. Exit arrangements

Contingency planning for the end of a grant helps minimise the impact on beneficiaries. Planning in this way can help with long term sustainability and is encouraged when applying for funding.

