



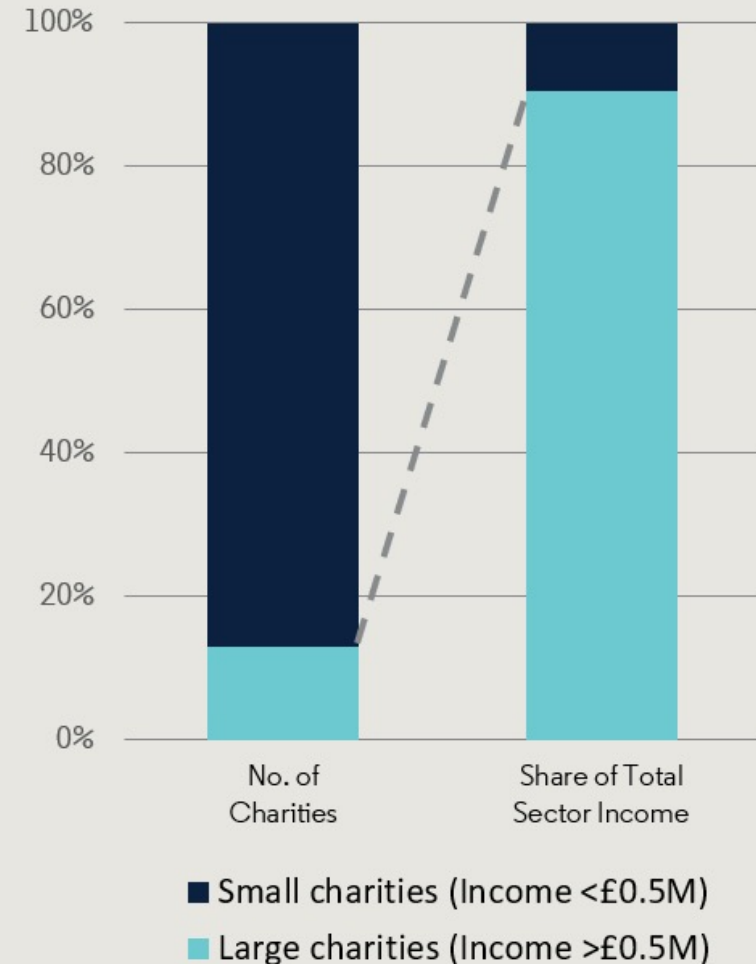
# An Introduction to The Fore

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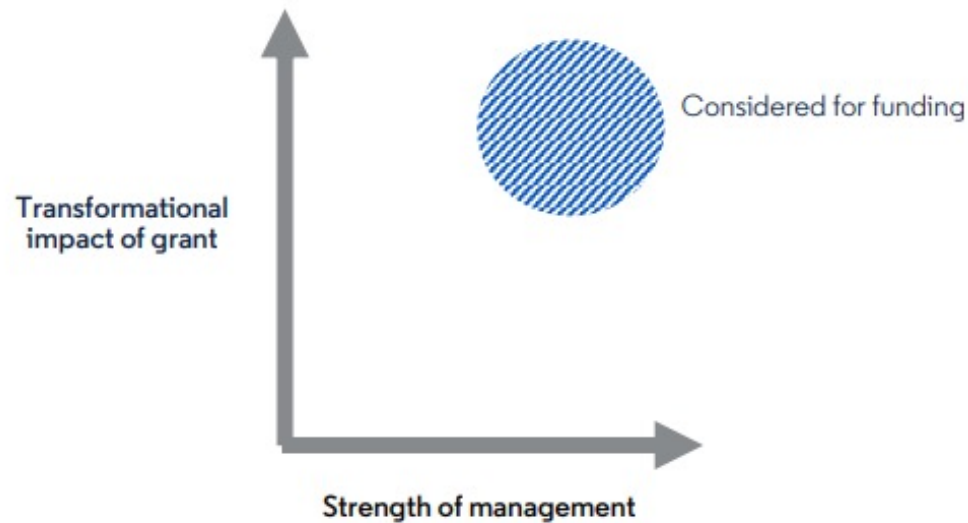
- Launched in 2017 after a four year pilot run by The Bulldog Trust.
- Has since given over £4m in grants to over 300 organisations.
- Mission is to help small charities and social enterprises unlock their potential, in a sector where they are under-supported.
- Works with partners to provide a 'venture philanthropy' package - funding, skills support and impact measurement.



# What we are looking to fund

The Fore helps early-stage organisations unlock the next stage of their development, enabling them to scale, become sustainable and ultimately put them in the best possible position to drive social change.

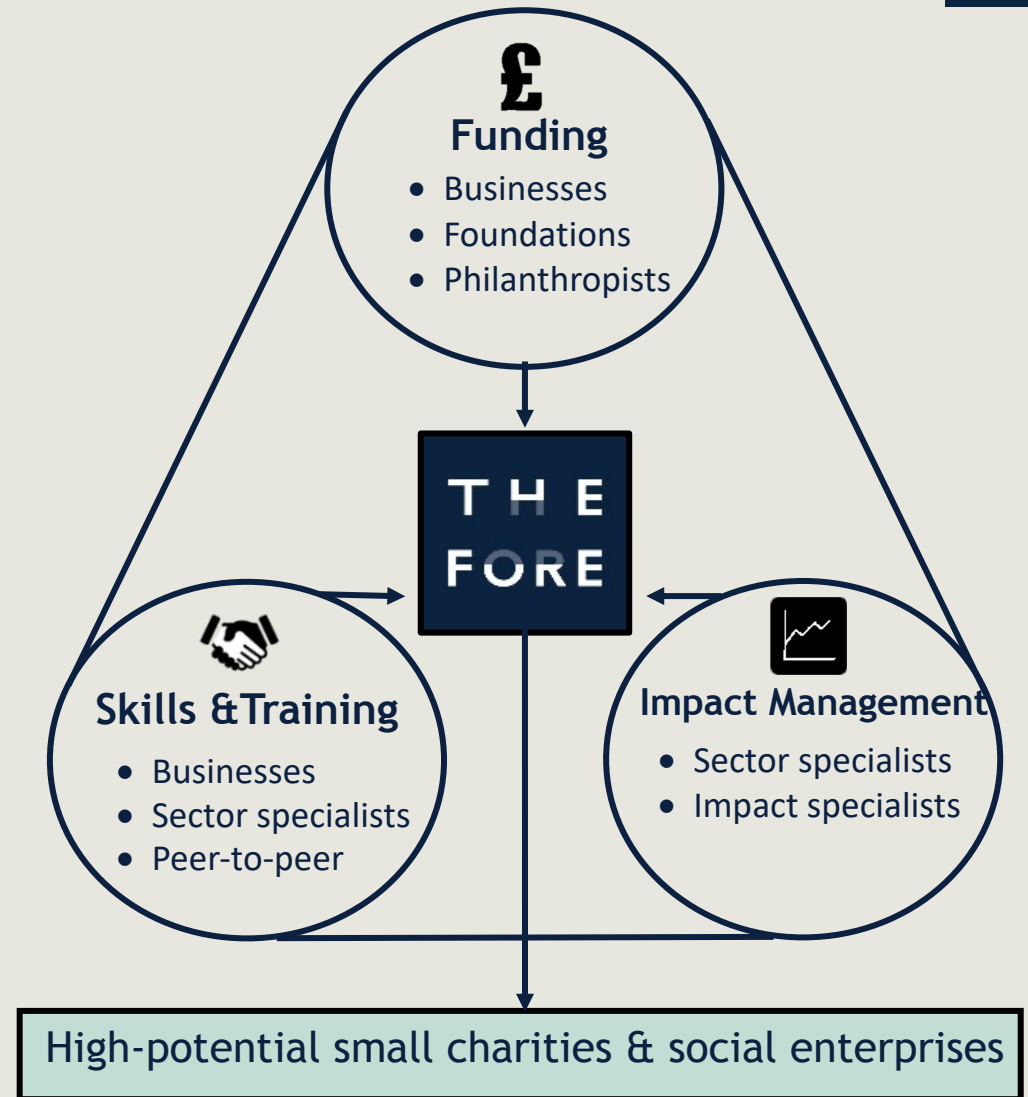
The two main qualifying factors are the transformational impact a grant will have on an applicant organisation and the strength of the management:



*We are particularly keen to support small organisations working with marginalised groups and that may have found it difficult to access grant funding in the past.*

# The offer

1. Up to £30,000 in unrestricted grant funding, which can be spread over 1-3 years.
  - ✓ Given current uncertainty, we understand that some funding may be needed to meet immediate, short-term needs during lockdown.
2. Access to pro bono support from skilled volunteers, through our corporate partners (optional).
3. Funded places on an impact measurement programme (optional).



# Example of a previous grantee

- **Overview:** The Listening Place offers free, face to face, on-going and confidential support for those with suicidal feelings, with remarkable results.
- **Grant:** It used funding from The Fore to open a second branch, demonstrating its scalability and meeting demand for its services.
- **Support:** The Fore introduced The Listening Place to Melissa Yang, Global Business Manager at BlackRock, who advised on strategy for preparing the volunteer training programme for expansion.
- **Results:** After one year, The Listening Place was able to double the number of people it supported and quadruple the size of its staff team.





# Who is eligible?

You must be one of:

- A UK-registered charity/CIO
- A CIC
- A Community Benefit Society

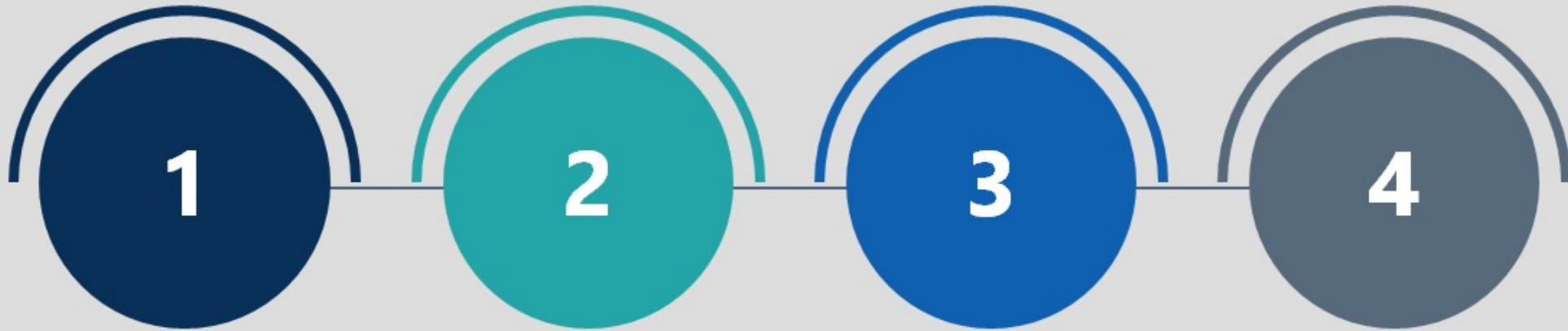
And you must have:

- An income below £500,000 in your most recent financial year



Organisations working in any sector can apply.

# Our funding process



## Registration

- Secures your place to apply
- Provide simple contact/organisation details via an online form – takes 2 minutes.
- Limited spaces, first-come-first-served.

## Submit Application

- No application form – tell us about what you need in your own words in 3 A4 pages or less.
- You will be emailed guidance on how to put together the best possible application.
- Deadline c.1 month after registration.

## Shortlist Interview

- Shortlisted applicants taken to interview

## Grants Awarded

- Grant offers made

# Feedback

- Our process is extremely competitive, so we guarantee every applicant feedback on their application.
- Applicants that are unsuccessful at the first stage will receive written feedback.
- Applicants taken to interview will receive verbal feedback.





# Key dates

- 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 10 am: Registration opens
- 6<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm: Deadline for applications from registered organisations
- November : Funding decisions annouced.

Thank you for listening.

Any questions?