

Call for Applications

The Board is calling for applications for the 2026 grant round.

Applications submitted in 2026 must align with the year's funding **theme**.

2026 funding theme

Building Capability, Choice, and Supported Decision-Making.

This funding round supports initiatives that strengthen people's skills, confidence, and independence, enabling them to have greater choice and control in their lives. Projects should promote supported decision-making, empower individuals to participate in decisions that affect them, and build capability across communities to lead, direct, and shape their own supports and futures.

The funding proposals must be:

- For the ultimate benefit of people who currently use, or have previously used, mental health or intellectual disability services.
- Submitted by charitable organisations. Individuals or groups without charitable status may apply but must have a fundholder or fiscal sponsor with charitable status to administer the funds on their behalf.
- Run by and for service users and directly address the 2026 funding 'theme'.

* *'Service users'* refers to mental health and intellectual disability service users.

* *'Individuals'* refers to individuals of the mental health and intellectual disability communities.

Up to \$10,000 per grant is offered to successful organisations. Successful organisations will be required to provide their accountability reports.

Late applications will not be considered. Please refer to detailed funding eligibility criteria [here](#).

Sir Robert Martin leadership grant

This grant honours the contribution of Sir Robert Martin's lifelong advocacy and leadership within disability communities. Read more about Sir Robert Martin's life and work [here](#).

This grant is to be awarded to a charitable organisation to support an individual or individuals with learning disability in self-advocacy work. Charitable organisations are encouraged to apply on behalf of the person/persons with learning disability they wish to support. The grant purpose could include (but is not limited to):

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- Professional/ personal development
 - Leadership development
 - Funding for accommodations to enable the person/persons with learning disability to participate in advocacy / representing people with learning disability in advocacy efforts
 - Travel to a conference/forum with a benefit of advocating for people with learning disability
 - Funding for an assistant or assistants to support the person with the learning disability to participate in advocacy efforts (e.g. could include travelling with the person to a conference)
 - Funding for an individual or individuals with learning disability to develop a business idea

One grant in the amount of \$10,000 will be awarded to the successful organisation.

Application Process

1. Applications must be submitted by a registered charitable organisation.
2. Applications [open](#) from **11 May 2026** at 9am to **10 July 2026** at 5pm.
3. Applicants will be advised of the outcome by **31 August 2026**.

More information is available via this link: [Frozen Funds](#)