

1Voice – Communicating Together

Financial Assistance

1Voice has a small amount of money that can be made available to those in need of financial assistance to attend the 1Voice annual national residential weekend. The purpose of the financial assistance is to enable individuals and families to attend the national weekend who otherwise would not be able to do so due to cost alone.

Money may also be available to assist individuals to organise events associated with 1Voice. This is dependent on the funds position at the time of applying for funding.

All financial awards will be made in line with our Funding Policy (see below).

How to apply

All funding applications should be made via email to events@1voice.info or in writing to the registered office address – Lymm Business Centre, Lymm Library Annexe, Davies Way, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 0QW.

Applications will be reviewed, in confidence, by a small team of trustees. 1Voice aims to advise applicants of the outcome of decisions via email/mail within one month of the closing date for the round of applications. For the 2020 national residential weekend the application deadline is 31 March 2020 at 23:59. There is no specific deadline for applications to hold events.

Applications should include:

- The name and correspondence address of all of the applicants,
- The amount of financial assistance that is being requested. For events a clear budget overview should be provided.
- A brief (no more than 300 words) description of the reason for the application and the expected benefits of attending a 1Voice national residential weekend or the aims and purposes of the proposed event.
- Event organisers only: a pre-event form and risk assessment will need to be completed prior to the event. Also, event organisers will need to adhere to 1Voice Safeguarding Policies and Procedures. Further information and help will be provided upon receipt of an application for funding.

1Voice Funding Policy

Applications for funding will be reviewed in confidence by a small group of trustees and will be made in line with the following guidelines:

- Applicants must be members of 1Voice and live in the UK. Membership of 1Voice is free and an online application form can be completed at <http://www.1voice.info/membership-form>.
- A maximum of £500 will be allocated per event per family. The maximum amount awarded to individuals applying for financial assistance is the cost of attendance less a £20 administrative charge.
- Priority will be given to applications for financial assistance from people who are unemployed or on low incomes.

- Priority will be given to new families with an AAC user under 18 applying to attend a national event and you would be unable to attend the national residential weekend without financial support.
- Attending a national residential weekend will have a positive impact on you and/or family members.
- 1Voice may apply for alternative sources of funding on behalf of an individual or event organiser applying for financial assistance. This will be discussed with the individual or event organiser and will only be pursued with an applicant's consent.