



# Rocket Science Grant & Programme Management



# WHO WE ARE



Launched in 2001, Rocket Science is a specialist research, consultancy and grant management organisation, working across different social and economic policy areas, including employability, education, health and housing.

# WHAT WE DO

## WE DESIGN, MANAGE & EVALUATE GRANT PROGRAMMES

For central and local government, corporate, independent and charitable funders. We can manage the life cycle of your grants, supporting a programme's delivery from start to finish and deploys specialist consultants to maximise impact and success.

- ✓ Fund design
- ✓ Market warming and promotion
- ✓ Delivery and monitoring
- ✓ Project evaluation and closedown

We provide custom-built portals, on-line application and assessment tools, data collection and analysis for the funds we manage. We can automate processes to maximise efficiencies for funders and applicants. Our grant management system provides automated eligibility checks, live dashboards, and a two-stage application process.

As a Crown Commercial Service approved supplier of grant and programme management services, Rocket Science has been quality-assured to manage grants for a range of funders, including national, regional and local government bodies. We also hold ISO9001 and Cyber Essentials for our quality management system and technical security controls.

# FUNDS UNDER OUR MANAGEMENT

Since 2018 we have managed over £54m of grants including:

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| <b>01</b> | <b>GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY YOUNG LONDONERS FUND</b><br>£34,400,000 awarded to 217 projects | <b>02</b> | <b>GOVERNMENT EQUALITIES OFFICE RETURNERS FUND</b><br>£1,500,000 awarded to 16 projects   |
| <b>03</b> | <b>DWP CHALLENGE FUND</b><br>£3,900,000 awarded to 19 projects                              | <b>04</b> | <b>L&amp;Q FOUNDATION PLACE MAKERS FUND</b><br>£1,700,000 awarded to 129 projects         |
| <b>05</b> | <b>YOUTH FUTURES FOUNDATION</b><br>tba  | <b>06</b> | <b>GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ACTIVE LONDONERS FUND</b><br>£1,250,000 awarded to 8 projects |

# 1 DESIGN



- **Identifying your needs and developing your strategy:** our consultants will help you clarify your programme objectives, map the landscape including potential beneficiaries, their journeys, outcomes and impact as well as anticipate risks and mitigations.
- **Co-designing your fund or programme:** we will work with you to produce a clear fund prospectus and applicant guidance, automated eligibility checker, simple application form(s) and reports, plus communication tools to ensure users' accessibility and confidence in the process.
- **Governance and stakeholder engagement:** we will facilitate programme design workshops to ensure all fund-management requirements are considered and that your governance is transparent, working to best practice including transparency and user engagement.

# 2 DELIVERY

- **Encouraging the right applications:** we support you to target potential applicants through our networks, running promotions and events, and through personal and effective enquiry handling.
- **Expert analysis and professional assessments:** our tailored assessment process will ensure only those meeting your requirements are considered, providing you with a prioritised portfolio of recommendations to inform your decision-making.
- **Efficient awarding and payment processing:** our team can communicate decisions, manage negotiations with successful applicants, along with confidential due diligence and the management of secure payments.
- **On-site monitoring and effective reporting:** we work with your grantees to help them fulfil their grant obligations. This can include site visits, capturing key data through simple online reporting forms, whilst ensuring compliance.



# 3 LEARNING

- **Facilitating partnerships and collaboration:** we support your grantees from application to completion, hosting learning events and online support to build a practitioner community, sharing knowledge and best practice. We also offer **FunderPlus** activities including capacity building and organisational support.
- **Regular reporting:** our grant management process includes regular reporting to keep funders informed and ensure transparency, along with learning reports to promote continuous improvement.
- **Adding value to support a legacy:** Rocket Science has extensive experience of developing tools that can be used post-funding, including replicating or scaling successful models and supporting a project or organisation's sustainability beyond its grant.



## BENEFITS OF USING OUR MODEL:

### FOR YOU

- ✓ Flexibility
- ✓ Transparency
- ✓ Consistency
- ✓ Quality Assurance
- ✓ Value for Money

### FOR YOUR GRANTEES

- ✓ Intuitive, easy to use process
- ✓ Sector knowledge and experience
- ✓ Access to an extended support team
- ✓ One system and one contact point
- ✓ Prompt and accurate payment



Rocket Science is a member of **London Funders**, and is a **Crown Commercial Services approved** grant management provider with **ISO 9001 Quality Assurance** accreditation. We have **Cyber Essentials** accreditation, ensuring a high level of protection against cyber attacks.

We are also a **Living Wage Employer**, a **Mindful Employer** and have **Investors in People** and **Investors in Young People** Gold accreditation.

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