



Rocket Science your trusted grants partner

Rocket Science has over 15 years' experience of helping funders across the public, charity and private sectors to design, manage and evaluate their grant programmes.

As a trusted partner of several government agencies, charitable trusts and endowed funders, we provide a unique blend of grant management, design, evaluation and capacity building support. We ensure that every pound you spend has the greatest possible impact.



"(You) understood what we needed from the start and [were] flexible within a really tight timeframe. We acted on everything Rocket Science produced. Really happy".

Governance and Corporate Affairs,
South Tyneside Council

We can...



Design and Development

Review your existing internal grant-making processes to inform future best practice

Help develop the business case for your fund, the rationale, cost-benefit assessment and realistic outcomes

Design the fund's governance, guidance for applicants, assessment and communications strategy, following co-production and culturally-informed approaches

Provide systems and processes to manage one or multiple grant streams, either using our own grant management system, or advising on the best solution for your needs.

Our additional support includes free tools, training and advice to build the capacity and capability of both applicants and grantees, ensuring that your investment extends far beyond the grant award itself. These include:

Application and Assessment

Engage and support applicants, including market warming, providing one to one advice and video and/or telephone support

Manage applications, including eligibility checking and shortlisting

Establish and implement a robust assessment and decision-making process using our online grant assessment tools

Carry out proportionate due diligence to support any recommendations for funding.

Mobilising and Monitoring

Manage the grant award process, including grantee induction, drafting grant agreements and payments

Support grantees with mobilising their project, verifying policies and procedures; assuring systems for reporting

Monitor and report on progress and outcomes using our real-time data dashboards.

Application information and support webinars, surgeries and in-person events

Developing customer journeys and logic models to help frame monitoring and evaluation plans

We can also provide a bank of trained and qualified assessors to meet short term requirements if you need extra help.

Evaluating and Learning

Evaluate the design and impact of your grant programme using both formative and summative methods

Develop communities of learning to bring grantees and funders together to learn about what works, areas for development, build capacity and networks

Work with you to share learning and insights with different stakeholders, policymakers and communities.

Free Organisational Assessments to help grantees pin point areas where they need help to become more resilient

A free Costing Tool to help grantees cost their project fully across the grant period.



"I wanted to drop you a line to say thank you to you and your team for the support you have given us. To say it has been a challenging year would be a huge understatement but despite all the challenges, we are still standing, and this gives us hope.

We value our partnership with the Young Londoners Fund but with most business/funding arrangements, it's the people that determine its success and you have been brilliant.

Your support has been unwavering and for this we are truly grateful".

A recent grantee

"Rocket Science have been instrumental in helping us create positive, lasting change for our residents and Fund has engaged more grassroots organisations than ever and allowed us to be flexible with our offer during the pandemic".

L&Q Fund Manager

Clients include

- City Bridge Trust
- North of Tyne Combined Authority
- Department of Work and Pensions
- L&Q Foundation
- Government Equalities Office
- Youth Futures Foundation
- Greater London Authority
- Partnership for Young London
- London Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) through MOPAC
- Several councils, including South Tyneside Council, Newcastle City Council, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames.



“Thank you for all your support in the Newcastle Fund’s journey so far. You have made our process simpler, clearer, and more effective, and we appreciate the enthusiasm and professional approach of the Rocket Science team”.

Newcastle Fund Manager,
Newcastle City Council



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