

Call for Applications

The Board is seeking applications for the Frozen Funds Trust 2025 funding round.

This year we are looking to fund projects or programmes that clearly align with one of the following objectives:

- Support for the development of organisations run by service users for the benefit of other service users.
- Support for service user run and focussed research into mental health and intellectual disability issues.
- Support for workforce development of service users who work for the benefit of other service users.
- Support for arts and cultural initiatives by service users.
- Payments for the advancement in life of qualifying individuals.
- Support of advocacy, development and education initiatives run by mental health and intellectual disability service users.
- Support for or undertaking any other activities which are incidental to or conducive to the achievement of the above objects and purposes.

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

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

The proposals must be:

- For the ultimate benefit of people who use, or have used, mental health or intellectual disability services.
- Applied for by charitable organisations - individuals or groups without charitable status may apply but must have a fundholder or fiscal sponsor organisation with charitable status to administer the funds on their behalf.
- Run, or administered by charitable organisations on behalf of individuals or groups without charitable status.

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.

New annual grant - Sir Robert Martin leadership grant

This grant honours the contribution of Sir Robert Martin, a disability rights activist who promoted the self-advocacy movement internationally and was a member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities from 2017 until his death in 2024.

Sir Robert Martin was also a member of the Frozen Funds board from 2007 until 2021.

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):

- 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/ 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/individuals with learning disability to develop a business idea

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

As this is a new annual grant offering, we welcome any applications/ideas that would advance the rights of people with learning disability, in the spirit of the work that Sir Robert Martin was known for.

Read more about Sir Robert Martin's life and work [here](#).

Application Process

1. Applications must be submitted by a registered charitable organisation.
2. Individual or groups without charitable status must apply through a charitable organisation that has agreed to administer the funds on their behalf.
3. Applications open from **12 May 2025** at 9am to **11 July 2025** at 5pm. Applicants will be advised of the outcome by **31 August 2025**.

Access the application form via the website: [Frozen Funds](#)

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