

WSRA Guidelines for Project Funding Requests

The WSRA is pleased to receive funding requests from WSR Stations and other groups working on the railway. The Grants Policy and Process document, whilst specifically designed for Station and Infrastructure Projects, clearly sets out what we can and cannot fund.

There is an annual bidding round for Stations and other groups, outlined in the Policy, that starts in September each year for projects for the following year. The Trustees will consider each submission and make budgetary provision for those they agree to fund.

In addition to the annual process outlined above and in the policy, the WSRA is willing to receive emergency or exceptional funding bids for appropriate Heritage Projects along the railway and these may be considered outside of the timescales outlined in the policy. If the Trustees consider the project to be something the WSRA could help with there are a range of ways we can help.

- We may be able to fund or partially fund the project
- We may approve the project in principle and await available funding
- We may offer to promote the project and fundraise for it, using the wide range of fundraising tools at our disposal. As a registered charity, all our fundraising campaigns are eligible for gift aid.

The WSRA funding bid form should be downloaded and completed as fully as possible. Illustrations and plans are helpful to include. Projects where match funding is included, either in cash or in kind (eg volunteer labour) will always be well received.

If you have any questions about your project or would like an informal discussion, before submitting a proposal, please contact me on 01823 433856 or via email manager@wsra.org.uk

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