

Give it a Go Grant - What You Need to Know

What's the Give it a go Grant?

UEA SU has a £3,000 pot of money set aside for clubs and societies to use on certain expenses and activities. Your request will be looked at by the Student Communities Coordinator.

What's the goal?

The goal of the "Give It A Go" funding program is to enhance the student experience. It does so by offering a diverse range of beginner-friendly, one-off activities that allow students to explore new interests, learn new skills, and gain unique experiences. The program promotes friendship and community building while requiring minimal commitment, enabling students to try as many events as they like. Additionally, it provides a platform for campus clubs and societies to attract new members and generate extra income through taster sessions. In essence, "Give It A Go" aims to enrich student life by introducing variety, fostering personal growth, facilitating social connections, and supporting campus organisations.

Will our grant always get approved?

Some requests get the green light, while others might not. Here are some usual reasons why some requests might not go through:

1. **Insufficient Clarity and Detail:** If the proposal lacks clear objectives, a well-defined plan, or specific budget information, it may be rejected.
2. **Ineligibility:** The requesting organisation or project may not meet the eligibility criteria set by the grant provider, such as an application received from a student group that isn't officially registered and recognised by the SU.
3. **Poor Alignment with Grant Goals:** If the proposal doesn't align with the goals and priorities of the grant provider, it's unlikely to be accepted.
4. **Competitive Applicant Pool:** Grant programs often receive numerous applications for limited funds, making it highly competitive. Even well-prepared proposals may not be selected due to the stiff competition.
5. **Lack of Demonstrated Need:** If the proposal fails to convincingly demonstrate the need for the funding, it may not be considered a priority.
6. **Inadequate Impact Assessment:** Grant providers often want to see how their funds will make a measurable difference. Proposals that lack a clear plan for evaluating impact may be rejected.
7. **Ineffective Communication:** Poorly written or poorly presented proposals may not effectively convey the project's significance or its potential for success.

8. Overambitious Budget: An unrealistic budget that overestimates expenses or underestimates the necessary funds can lead to rejection.
9. Incomplete Application: Failing to include all required documentation, signatures, or supporting materials can result in disqualification.
10. Failure to Meet Deadlines: Submitting the application after the deadline is a common reason for rejection.
11. Previous Unsuccessful Applications: If the SU has previously received grant funding but failed to meet its obligations or achieve its goals, this can negatively impact future applications.
12. Limited Funding Availability: Sometimes, grant programs may have exhausted their available funds or may not have sufficient resources to support all worthy proposals.
13. Lack of Innovation or Uniqueness: Proposals that do not offer a novel approach or unique solutions may not stand out in a competitive field

Who can apply?

All approved clubs and societies with over 20 members can apply for this grant.

What can we ask for?

You can ask for money for things your society needs or events you're planning that will enable you to run a brilliant Give it a Go (free taster) session. For example, you could ask for funding to cover travel costs, or equipment that would help your society's activities.

In some cases, you can use the money to cover food costs, for example if there is cultural significance or if the activity is directly related to the running on the student groups core function.

You can not use the money to purchase alcohol.

Unfortunately, we can't give out physical cash – only online payments and / or reimbursements.

Is there a limit to how much we can get?

We are offering funding of up to £50 per session.

How do we apply?

Just fill in the 'Give it a Go Funding' application form which can be located [here](#). You will receive an email confirming whether or not your application has been successful within a week of submitting your application with further details on what to do next.

Who decides if we get the money?

The Student communities Coordinator.

Can we apply during the summer?

Yes, you can apply for the Societies Grant over the summer.

Are there any deadlines?

You will need to apply for a grant in the same academic year as you plan to run the taster session. i.e. you can't apply for a grant in May and spend the money the following September.

Got more questions? If you're still curious about the Societies Grant, email union.opportunities@uea.ac.uk for more info. They're here to help!