

## **United Kingdom**

**The SPARK! grant will be given to non-profit charitable organisations (based on Charities Act 2011 c.25) such as the following:**

**Section 1 Charities Act 2011 (c.25) provides the meaning of “charity” in England and Wales (as well as in Scotland and Northern Ireland):**

- (1) For the purposes of the law of England and Wales, “charity” means an institution which—
- (a) is established for charitable purposes only, and
  - (b) falls to be subject to the control of the High Court in the exercise of its jurisdiction with respect to charities.

Section 2 describes the meaning of a “charitable purpose”:

- (1) For the purposes of the law of England and Wales, a charitable purpose is a purpose which—
- (a) falls within section 3(1), and
  - (b) is for the public benefit (see section 4).

**The Charities Act 2011 provides the following list of charitable purposes.**

1. The prevention or relief of poverty
2. The advancement of education
3. The advancement of religion
4. The advancement of health or the saving of lives
5. The advancement of citizenship or community development
6. The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science
7. The advancement of amateur sport
8. The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity
9. The advancement of environmental protection or improvement
10. The relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
11. The advancement of animal welfare
12. The promotion of the efficiency of the armed forces of the Crown, or of the efficiency of the police, fire and rescue services or ambulance services
13. Any other purposes currently recognised as charitable and any new charitable purposes which are similar to another charitable purpose

A charity is required to provide a public benefit.

## **Other Considerations**

Also approved for SPARK! are organisations that are recognised as tax-deductible by HM Revenue and Customs. However, all charitable organisations in England and Wales must be a registered by the Charity Commission and be able to provide a Registered Charity number.

**Some Specific Examples Include:**

- Old-age homes
- Parent-teacher associations
- Charitable hospitals
- Alumni associations
- Schools
- Youth organisations
- Salvation Army, Boys' or Girl's clubs
- Additional charity categories may be eligible based on local practices

**We Are unable to Approve Requests for Individuals or Projects that:**

- Pose a potential conflict of interest for DDI
- Are not aligned with DDI corporate values
- May involve DDI in controversial issues
- Pose safety or security risks for employees (e.g. clean-up work at disaster site, construction or remodelling work not under the supervision of a trained professional); or any type of volunteer activity not under the supervision of an eligible charity or school
- Are related to fundraising, such as walking or running in a fundraising race
- Consist of fundraisers for individuals rather than registered charities
- Benefit charities with the sole purpose of providing support to a named individual or a named family
- Influence legislation or involve electing candidates to public office
- Involve volunteer activities of programs offered by clubs, membership associations or fraternities/sororities
- Are non-profit state universities or health care/hospital systems