

'Over 40 Years of Funding the Arts'
Founding Trustee: AH Thornton MBE

AHT Enterprise Fund Introduction

The Mayfield Valley Arts Trust was founded 40 years ago by Tony and 'Scilla Thornton to support music making in Yorkshire, in particular the Sheffield Chamber Music Festival.

In its early years the Trust funded a wide range of music making as well as a small number of capital grants. For the last 18 years the Trust has focused its support on a small number of music organisations with which it has developed a close and productive relationship.

The objectives of the Trust are:

1) to support those organisations which are committed to helping young artists of recognised potential, by offering them a platform/audience which otherwise they would have difficulty in achieving;
2) to support those organisations that specialise in education through music, including SEND schools.

The Trust will **not** provide funding for the education of individual students.

The Trust will **not** fund the purchase of musical instruments for individuals, schools or organisations.

The Trust has now established a **RISK** fund, the AHT Enterprise Fund, named after Tony Thornton, to broaden the scope of its work within the current policy guidelines and, in particular, to **fund NEW initiatives**.

The AHT Enterprise Fund usually makes 2/3 awards a year. The maximum amount of an award will be £12,000. Applications for funding will only be accepted from organisations which have charitable status and a proven record of good governance and sound management.

Applications will be accepted to seed fund projects which might lead to a more substantial application in the future.

In the first instance please submit an expression of interest. A PDF form is available on the website. Follow the instructions on the form.

The deadline for expressions of interest is typically early October. The Trustees meet in late October, and projects of interest will be invited to make a full application. Generally, if your full application is successful, funds are awarded in the following April.

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