

Everyday Impact Fund

Funding Call Guidance

Overview

GOSH Charity is excited to launch another round of the 'Everyday Impact Fund'. We want to fund the little things that make a big difference, going above and beyond to transform the experiences of patients and their families at GOSH. Projects must deliver direct benefit for patients and families that are under clinical care at the hospital and may not benefit named patients only.

All members of GOSH staff are eligible to apply for funding from this call. We recognise that frontline staff have a unique understanding of the day-to-day challenges for families at GOSH, and we are keen to support you in turning your ideas into action for the benefit of patients and their families.

Projects should align with one, or more, of GOSH Charity's strategic objectives for patient and family experience and you will be required to explain how your project is aligned to this in your application.

The Charity's new [Grant Management System](#) has now launched. All applicants are required to submit their outline applications through the Grant Management System. We will only accept and consider applications submitted through the Grant Management System. Please refer to [Appendix 1](#) for guidance on how to access and use the new system.

Remit

The Everyday Impact Fund will support initiatives that will have a direct effect on improving the lives of patients and families at GOSH. Research funding requests and projects with indirect benefits to patients and families (i.e. staff benefit projects) are not within the scope of this funding call. The Everyday Impact Fund is also unable to support:

- Projects focused on treatment and clinical outcomes
- Refurbishments
- Asks for equipment alone
- The running/attendance of externally hosted events

We have a funding envelope of £100,000 for this round. The maximum amount that can be applied for is £10,000 per project.

There is minimum funding request of £2,000, and projects can be a maximum of one year in length. Projects which intend to continue beyond the length of grant awarded should have considered potential routes to long-term financial sustainability.

If you have any questions about the eligibility of your project, please contact the grant funding team at GrantEnquiries@GMS.gosh.org.

Eligibility

All members of GOSH staff are eligible to apply.

With this funding scheme, the charity aims to improve the healthcare experience for patients and families by supporting initiatives that go beyond NHS funding provisions. To

see examples of what you can apply for, consider the updated remit above, and browse the full list of successful projects funded in the previous round on the [Everyday Impact Fund webpage](#).

Previous unsuccessful applicants to the Everyday Impact Fund are eligible to resubmit their application, provided they can clearly demonstrate how they have addressed the feedback from the Healthcare Panel. We would also welcome new ideas from previous applicants both successful and unsuccessful.

Please note: Current Everyday Impact Fund grant holders must contact us on GrantEnquiries@GMS.gosh.org before submitting a new application for a different project. The Everyday Impact Fund exists to support novel, innovative pilot projects in gathering data and demonstrating impact at GOSH, therefore re-applications for previously awarded projects are not eligible.

Prior to applying, you should explore whether alternative funding options from the hospital or department budgets would be more appropriate for your project.

Projects must align with at least one of GOSH Charity's strategic objectives for the patient and family experience (see below).

Strategic alignment

Projects must align with one, or more, of GOSH Charity's strategic funding objectives for patient and family experience and you will be required to explain how your project is aligned to this in your application. The objectives are outlined below.

Objective 1: To provide a "home away from home" for patients and families at GOSH. This objective is all about creating a 'home away from home' for patients and their families at GOSH. We want to support projects that will make GOSH as warm, welcoming and child friendly as possible, as well as projects that will help to minimise stress and provide support to families facing difficult times. Examples of projects in this area might include improving comfort, opportunities for engagement, and providing support to meet the daily needs and routines of GOSH patients and families.

Objective 2: To provide fun and relief for patients and families at GOSH.

Projects in this area should aim to provide patients with opportunities to have fun and experience relief from the stress and worries of being in hospital. Projects in this area might aim to reduce boredom in waiting rooms and on wards, enhance opportunities for playfulness and fun or support entertainment initiatives throughout the hospital.

Objective 3: To help patients and families at GOSH to cope.

Having an unwell child has an impact on the whole family and can influence many aspects of life, making it difficult to cope. We want to fund projects that will support patients and families by helping them to cope with the range of challenges they may encounter while under the care of GOSH. Projects in this area may aim to improve mental wellbeing, provide support with childcare responsibilities or help families to connect with others going through a similar situation.

Objective 4: To treat every patient at GOSH as a whole person.

This objective focuses on holistic care and support. It's important that children at GOSH are treated as whole people with individual personalities and interests, and don't feel defined by being a patient in hospital. We want to provide opportunities for children and young people to express themselves, explore their interests and socialise with peers, ensuring that we provide specific, tailored support to teenage and young adult patients. Projects in this area might facilitate self-expression, provide opportunities to explore new hobbies and socialise, or create a bespoke provision for older patients.

Application process

Before you apply:

Please discuss your project ideas with the relevant teams at GOSH, such as your Associate Chief Nurse, finance, procurement, infection control, safeguarding, and health and safety. Support from the relevant teams must be demonstrated in your application.

The GOSH Charity team will be holding an information webinar for potential applicants on 1st October 2026. You can register for the webinar [here](#), and a recording of the webinar will be made available following the event for anyone who is not able to join on the day.

We will also be running drop-in sessions to support GOSH staff with their applications. These will be held online during the application period. Please visit our webpage for the exact time and date of these sessions. If you would like guidance or to discuss your project before you apply or require support with any reasonable adjustments when applying for this scheme, please contact the grant funding team at GrantEnquiries@GMS.gosh.org.

Application:

Applications will open on 7th September 2026 and the deadline to submit your application is 28th October 2026.

You should submit your application through the online form on the [Charity's Grant Management System](#). Once you have created an account you will see the option to apply. You will be able to save your work and return to complete your application at a later date, if you wish. If you have trouble accessing the application portal, please contact GrantEnquiries@GMS.gosh.org.

Your application will need to be signed off by your Associate Chief Nurse and a Finance Officer. You should discuss your idea with these individuals before you apply and keep them informed throughout the application process. Once you have nominated your signatories in the online system, they will receive an email asking them to approve your application. Please note this sign-off must occur before the final deadline, so make sure you leave plenty of time for submissions ahead of this date.

You can find our FAQ's on the Everyday Impact Fund section of our [webpage](#).

Review and assessment:

Applications will be checked for eligibility and completeness by the Charity's Grant Funding team. Following this, eligible applications will be reviewed and scored by a dedicated [Healthcare Panel](#) which will include lived experience experts, healthcare professionals, hospital representatives and charity staff.

Applications will be scored using five criteria:

1. **Patient benefit.** Projects must have a clear and tangible impact on improving patient and family experience at GOSH, delivering immediate patient/family benefit.
2. **Deliverability.** You must have a clear plan for how you will deliver and implement your project, and you will need to detail this in your application. You should have identified and mitigated any risks or challenges which might prevent you from delivering your project.
3. **Patient and public involvement/EDI.** You should involve patients and families in the planning of your project and explain how you have done this in your application. You should also have plans for how you will continue to bring patient and family voice into your work, with clear plans for how you will measure impact and collect feedback. Your project must also aim to benefit a wide range of patients and families. You should therefore consider how your project will engage underrepresented groups.
4. **Multidisciplinary approach.** You should consult members of different teams at the Trust during project planning process as this coordination will likely benefit the reach and impact of the project.
5. **Strategy Objectives, outcome and impact**
You must select suitable strategic objectives and outcome measures in your application. You should also have a suitable plan in place for collecting this data.

In order to be funded, applications will need to score sufficiently highly against each of these criteria. The Healthcare Panel are responsible for making the final funding recommendation.

Funding outcomes:

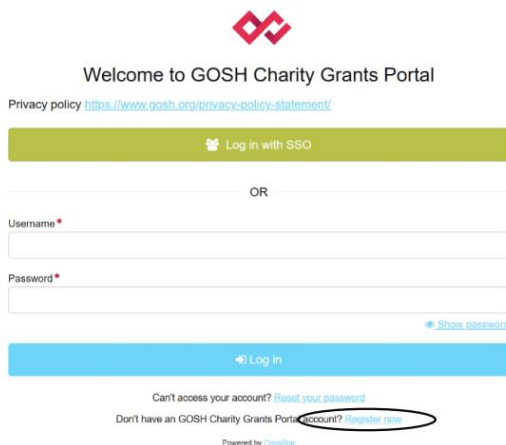
After the Panel review period, you will be informed of the funding decision for your application by January 2027. We will provide top-line feedback on unsuccessful applications.

Appendix 1: Guidance for creating an application using the new Grant Management System

As this is a new system, we strongly encourage applicants to access the system and begin preparing their application as early as possible, and to allow additional time before the submission deadline in case of any technical issues and support being required. If you experience any issues, please contact the Grants Team as early as possible so that we can provide support to (grantenquiries@gms.grants.org).

Logging in or registering

When you access the Grant Management System, you will be asked to log in. If you previously had an account with us on our old system, please select Reset your password to access your account on the new system. If you have not previously had an account with us, please select Register now to create a new account.

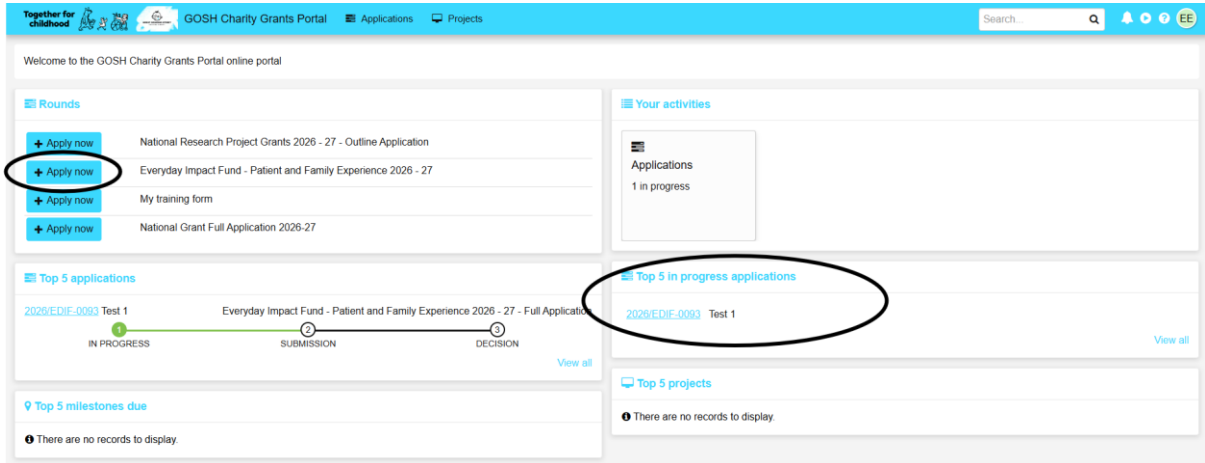


The screenshot shows the login page for the GOSH Charity Grants Portal. At the top, there is a red logo consisting of two interlocking diamonds. Below it, the text "Welcome to GOSH Charity Grants Portal" is displayed. A link for the Privacy policy is provided: <https://www.gosh.org/privacy-policy-statement/>. There is a green button labeled "Log in with SSO" with a Twitter icon. Below this, the word "OR" is centered. The login form includes fields for "Username*" and "Password*", both with red asterisks indicating required fields. A blue link "Show password" is next to the password field. A blue "Log in" button is at the bottom of the form. Below the button, there are two links: "Can't access your account? [Reset your password](#)" and "Don't have an GOSH Charity Grants Portal account? [Register now](#)". The "Register now" link is circled in red. At the very bottom, it says "Powered by [CloudBe](#)".



Grant application portal dashboard

Once you have logged in, you will be taken to the grant application portal dashboard. To start a new application, select Apply now. You will also be able to see any applications that are currently in progress, provided that you are either the lead applicant or you have been given view or edit access to an application.

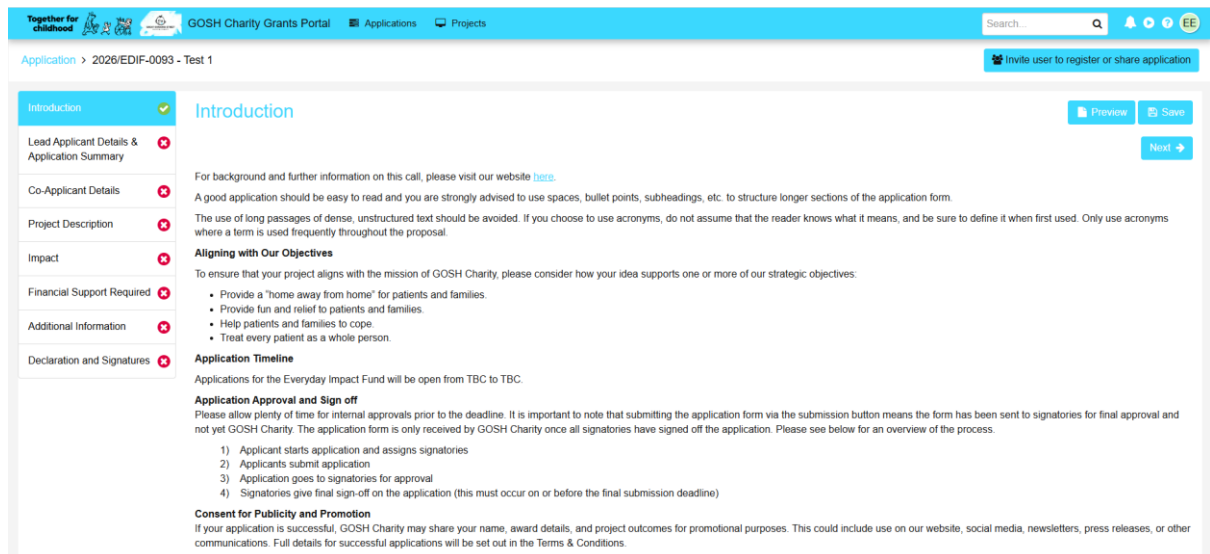


The screenshot shows the GOSH Charity Grants Portal dashboard. The top navigation bar includes the GOSH logo, the text 'GOSH Charity Grants Portal', and links for 'Applications' and 'Projects'. A search bar is on the right. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Welcome to the GOSH Charity Grants Portal online portal**
- Rounds**: A list of grant rounds with 'Apply now' buttons. The first two rounds are circled: 'National Research Project Grants 2026 - 27 - Outline Application' and 'Everyday Impact Fund - Patient and Family Experience 2026 - 27'.
- Your activities**: A section showing 'Applications' with '1 in progress'.
- Top 5 applications**: A progress bar showing the status of the current application (2026/EDIF-0093 Test 1) across three stages: IN PROGRESS, SUBMISSION, and DECISION. The 'Top 5 in progress applications' link is circled.
- Top 5 milestones due**: A section showing 'There are no records to display'.
- Top 5 projects**: A section showing 'There are no records to display'.

Application Form

Once you have selected Apply now, you will be taken to the application form. You can move through the application form by selecting Next at the bottom of each page, or by using the tabs on the left-hand side of the screen to move between sections. You can save your application as you work through the form. You can also preview your application as a PDF before submitting.

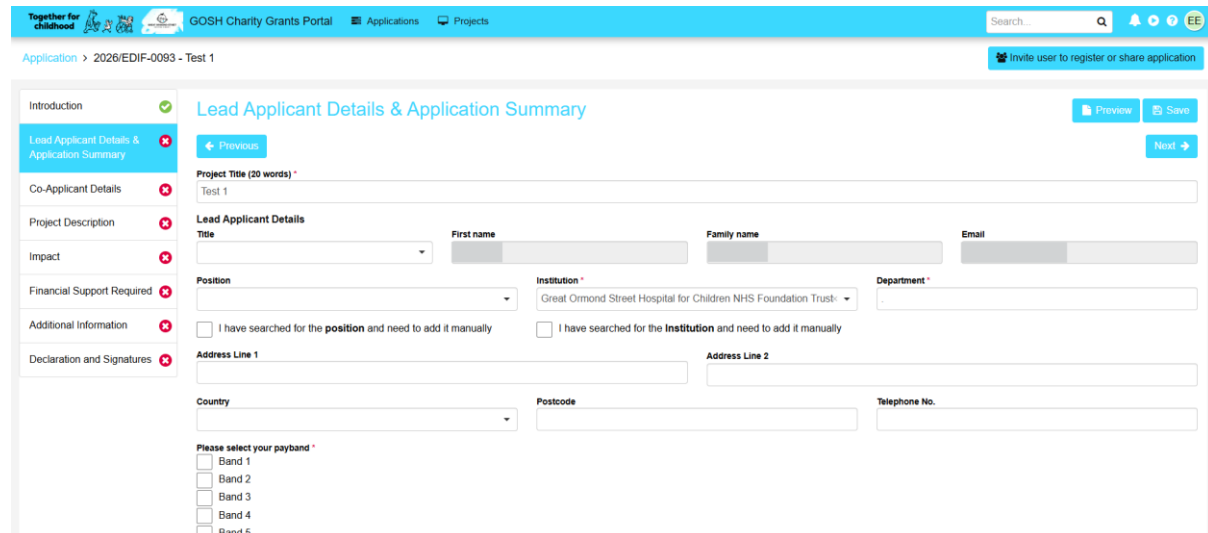


The screenshot shows the GOSH Charity Grants Portal application form. The top navigation bar includes the GOSH logo, the text 'GOSH Charity Grants Portal', and links for 'Applications' and 'Projects'. A search bar is on the right. The main content area is divided into several sections:

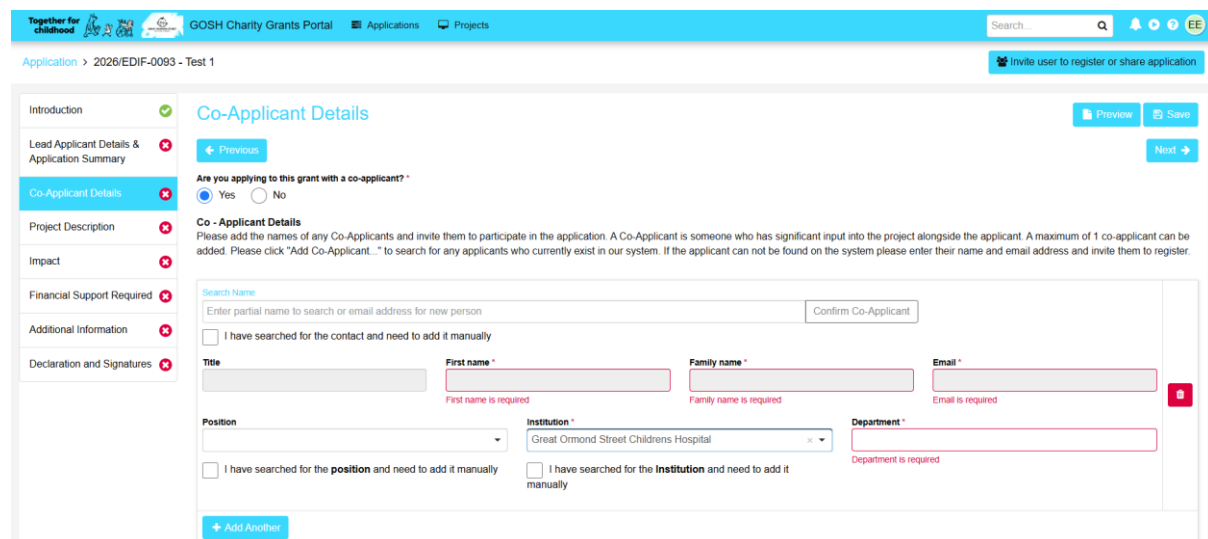
- Application > 2026/EDIF-0093 - Test 1**: The current application details.
- Introduction**: The active section, showing background information and a list of strategic objectives. The 'Introduction' tab is highlighted in the left-hand navigation menu.
- Lead Applicant Details & Application Summary**: A section for providing details about the lead applicant and the application.
- Co-Applicant Details**: A section for providing details about co-applicants.
- Project Description**: A section for providing details about the project.
- Impact**: A section for providing details about the impact of the project.
- Financial Support Required**: A section for providing details about the financial support required.
- Additional Information**: A section for providing additional information.
- Declaration and Signatures**: A section for providing declarations and signatures.

Applicant details

In the application form, the lead applicant and any co -applicants will be asked to provide their Position . This field is not mandatory, but applicants may use it to enter their current salaried job title.



The screenshot shows the 'Lead Applicant Details & Application Summary' form. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with 'Introduction' (checked), 'Lead Applicant Details & Application Summary' (active), 'Co-Applicant Details', 'Project Description', 'Impact', 'Financial Support Required', 'Additional Information', and 'Declaration and Signatures'. The main content area has a 'Project Title (20 words)' field with 'Test 1' entered. Below this is the 'Lead Applicant Details' section with fields for 'Title', 'First name', 'Family name', and 'Email'. There are also fields for 'Position', 'Institution' (pre-filled with 'Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust'), and 'Department'. Two checkboxes are present: 'I have searched for the position and need to add it manually' and 'I have searched for the institution and need to add it manually'. At the bottom, there are fields for 'Address Line 1', 'Address Line 2', 'Country', 'Postcode', and 'Telephone No.'. A 'Please select your payband' section lists 'Band 1' through 'Band 5' with checkboxes. Navigation buttons 'Previous', 'Next', 'Preview', and 'Save' are visible.



The screenshot shows the 'Co-Applicant Details' form. The left sidebar is the same as the previous form. The main content area starts with the question 'Are you applying to this grant with a co-applicant?' with 'Yes' selected. Below this is the 'Co - Applicant Details' section with a text box explaining the role of a co-applicant. A 'Search Name' section includes a text box for 'Enter partial name to search or email address for new person' and a 'Confirm Co-Applicant' button. There are checkboxes for 'I have searched for the contact and need to add it manually' and 'I have searched for the position and need to add it manually'. The form includes fields for 'Title', 'First name', 'Family name', and 'Email', each with a red error message 'First name is required', 'Family name is required', and 'Email is required' respectively. There are also fields for 'Position', 'Institution' (pre-filled with 'Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital'), and 'Department', with a red error message 'Department is required'. A '+ Add Another' button is at the bottom. Navigation buttons 'Previous', 'Next', 'Preview', and 'Save' are visible.

If your application includes one or more co-applicants, you can add their details to the application form. Please note that adding a co-applicant to the form does not automatically give them access to the application. To allow a co-applicant or collaborator to view or edit the application, you must use the Invite user to register or share application function.

Together for childhood  GOSH Charity Grants Portal Applications Projects

Application > 2026/EDIF-0093 - Test 1

Invite user to register or share application

Introduction Co-Applicant Details

Lead Applicant Details & Application Summary

Co-Applicant Details

Project Description

Impact

Financial Support Required

Additional Information

Declaration and Signatures

Co - Applicant Details

Are you applying to this grant with a co-applicant?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Please add the names of any Co-Applicants and invite them to participate in the application. A Co-Applicant is someone who has significant input into the project alongside the applicant. A maximum of 1 co-applicant can be added. Please click "Add Co-Applicant..." to search for any applicants who currently exist in our system. If the applicant can not be found on the system please enter their name and email address and invite them to register.

Search Name
 Enter partial name to search or email address for new person

☐ I have searched for the contact and need to add it manually

Title First name * Family name * Email *

First name is required Family name is required Email is required

Position Institution * Department *

Department is required

☐ I have searched for the position and need to add it manually ☐ I have searched for the Institution and need to add it manually

Inviting users to register or share an application

The Invite user to register or share application allows you to collaborate with others by sharing your application. Using this function, you can control whether another user has view or edit access to the application. If the individual already has an account, the system will share the application with them. If they do not yet have an account, the system will invite them to register. The system will automatically identify which action is required.

Invite user to register, share & manage access

The list of users currently assigned to this application are listed below

SEND	NAME	USERNAME	ACCESS STATUS	MODIFY ACCESS
☒		Username or email address	No current access	Select an option