

Hints and Tips on completing funding applications

What makes a good application?

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10 Top Tips

Make this your checklist



1 -Evidence the need

Its not just about what you think



2 -Involve your beneficiaries

They will be fundamental to the design of the project



3 -Plan your project

Know how it links to your organisation
and your aims



4 -Outcomes

Are you clear about the difference
your project will make



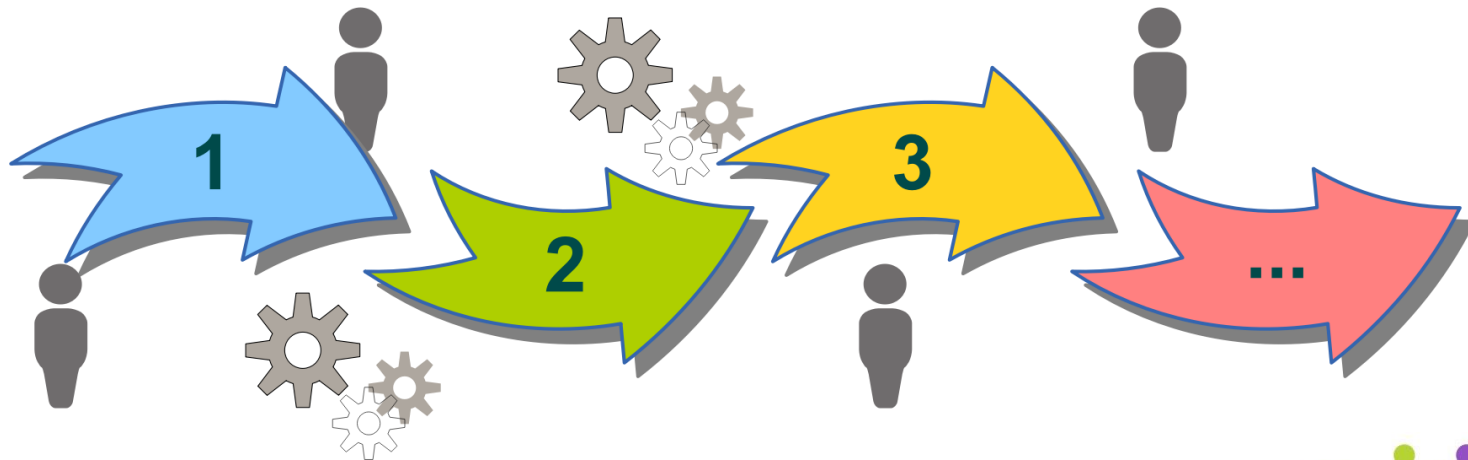
5 -Get your finances sorted

Know your budget



6 -Get your governance sorted

Insurances, policies and procedures



7 -Don't chase funding streams

Funders can tell if your forcing your project to fit



8 -Be aware of timescales

Consider the time you will need to allow



9 -Read the guidance

Its written for the benefit of the applicant



10 -Find a critical friend

They can be more honest

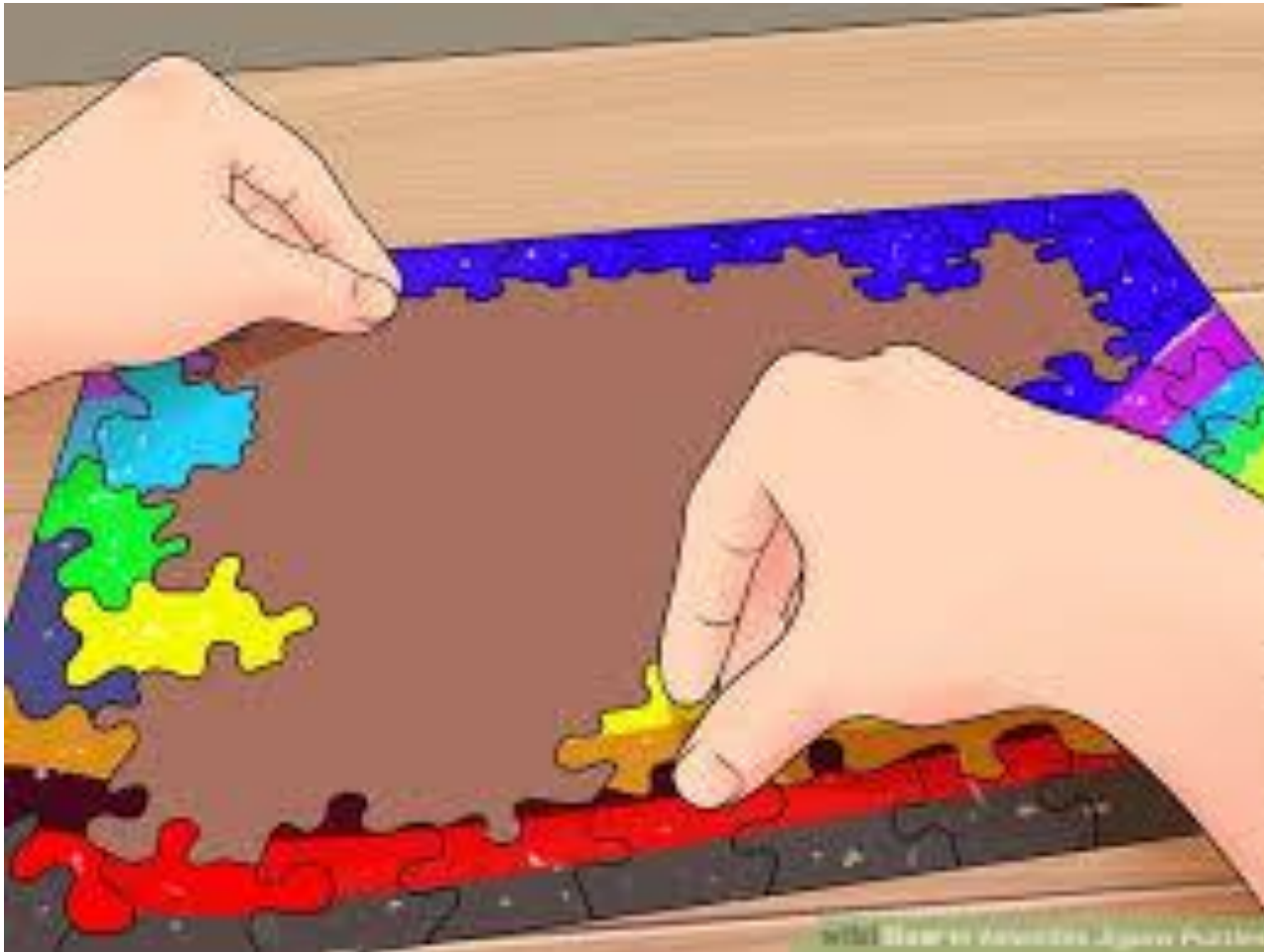


To sum up

- Do not ASSUME the funder knows your group or it's track record.
- Read the guidelines
- Include relevant information e.g. beneficiaries, current and new
- Emphasise voluntary commitment to your project. What efforts your making including support other than grant assistance.

To sum up

- Paint a picture



Blisworth 1st Scout Group



Lack of natural light

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No proper disabled access

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Kitchen Damp

Blisworth 1st Scout Group



Left: Old Scout Hall

Right: New Scout Hall under construction

A picture paints a thousand words



BLISWORTH 1ST SCOUT GROUP
NEW COMMUNITY HALL
"SANDRA O'CONNOR HAD A DREAM"
AND THANKS TO HER TIRELESS EFFORTS
IN NOVEMBER 2011 THOSE DREAMS CAME TRUE

Tony Marsh

John Smith

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To a gathering of the Troup Lord Boswell cuts a tape to symbolise the opening of the new building - The Scout Hall, and later enjoys hospitality with Sandra O'Connor, Scout Troup Leader.

Images of the Troup are not approved.