The Hardman Trust
For the long term

Grant Application Form (Male) 2026

Registered Charity No 1098118 Company number 04629036

Please take care to read these notes before completing the form

The value of a grant is **£100** to **£1,500**

- **Applicants are eligible to apply for one grant only and only before release / liberation**

The grant can be used for

- wellbeing
- education
- training
- employment or
- other purposes to help you take your next steps towards your future.

To be eligible for a grant you must:

- have **served at least ten years in prison** on your current sentence, at the point of release
- be within two years of your estimated date of release or liberation (if in Scotland)
- If you are in a male prison in England and Wales you must have Cat C or D status

Your application must be **fully completed** and countersigned / endorsed by two members of staff

Closing dates for application rounds are:

- **1st February**
- **1st May**
- **1st November**

This is a rolling grant application system, if your application comes in after the cut-off date you will be entered into the next round. Please talk to the Hardman trust staff if you have any queries around eligibility / release dates and when best to apply. **Grants are valid for 2 years after they are granted.**

When you have completed this form

- Take a photocopy, for your reference
- Give the original application form to the Hardman Liaison
- Please try to limit the amount of attachments sent i.e certificates and brochures.
- Please send as one scanned copy and not as multiple sheets where possible.

What happens next?

After the Hardman Liaison has had the form endorsed it is scanned and emailed to **grants@hardmantrust.org.uk**, as a PDF. When we receive it, we will review your application and, if eligible, we will arrange for one of our volunteers to have a chat with you about it. The volunteer may arrange an in-person visit or chat via telephone, this is arranged through our Liaison at the prison. Remember to include post-release contact details – especially if you are near your release date – as we may need to contact you directly to arrange this chat.

Evaluation

If successful, you will be required to complete an evaluation three-months after you have claimed your grant. This is to help us gather feedback and data on our grant program.

We are unable to provide grants for the following purposes

- personal vehicle driving lessons or towards the purchase or running costs of a personal vehicle
- courses where statutory or other charitable funding is available
- medical costs
- furniture, white goods or rental deposits
- leisure clothing
- laptops, unless for a business or academic reason
- mobile phones

Please see the Hardman Directory (available on our website) for further funders available that can support. The Hardman Directory is also available on the Virtual Campus (VC).

Grant Application - your details

Please answer all fields as fully as possible

Name
Prison
ID Number
Your Category: **C or D** **Open or Closed**
Date of Birth
City of Birth
Post release city / county
Offence
Date of sentence
Sentence of tariff in years and months
Length of sentence served

You must have been in prison on this sentence for 10 years of more

Estimated earliest release date
Please circle if you are: **IPP** **Lifer**
Date or last parole
Date of next parole

Please tell us your age bracket: 18 - 24 25 - 44 45 - 54 55+

Please tell us which ethnic group you identify with:

Asian

Asian British Black

African

Caribbean

Black British Mixed

Multiple Ethnicity White

Caucasian

Other

Who is the Hardman Liaison at your prison?

Email address

Contact details

Post - release contact details

Please ensure you provide us with a telephone number and / or email address if you have one. This will help us contact you once you have been released to complete your assessment or send you your grant information.

Email address
Phone number
Address

If possible please provide us with contact details of a family member or friend

If you provide these details you are giving us permission to contact them if we are unable to contact you

Name
Email address
Phone number

Please provide the details of your external Probation Officer or Criminal Justice Social Worker

Please try and provide the full email address and phone where possible so we can make contact with them if you have been released / liberated. This will help us to notify them if your application has been successful (and they may also need to sign a document for us before you receive your grant)

Name
Email address
Phone

Grant Application - your request

What would you like the grant funding for?

What is the amount of money you are requesting from this grant? £

If your application is for tools or equipment, please complete the Tools List at the end of this form.
If becoming self-employed, please answer the business questions at the end of this form.

Please answer the following questions to help with your application assessment:

1. **What are the best things you have done whilst in prison?**

I.e achievements in education, personal development, peer mentoring

2. **What will the grant enable you to achieve?**

I.e consider your goals for the future

3. **Is there anything you would like to tell us that you think may be relevant to your application?**

4. **Have you previously applied to / or are currently applying for grants with other organisations / funders?**

5. **If you are applying for a HGV or LGV licence do you hold a current and valid UK driving licence?**

Submitting this form gives The Hardman Trust the relevant permissions to communicate with prison and probation services, and this includes the processing and handling of personal and sensitive data.

Your signature

Date

I have completed and included the following (where applicable):

The full application form	Yes	No
Tools List (if applicable)	Yes	No
Business questions (if applicable)	Yes	No

Thank you for completing this form.
Please return the form to the Hardman Liaison at the prison

Note - Hardman Liaison please ensure two staff endorsements are sent to us at the same time as the application. Thank you.

Grant application – Staff Endorsements

Endorsement one

Offender management or resettlement department

Name
Role
Email

Do you support this application?

If not, why?

How well does the application fit with an applicant's sentence plan?

Do you have any further comments regarding this grant application?

Signature

Date

Endorsement two

Learning, Skills, Education or PELS staff member (for example)

Name
Role
Email

Please tell us why you support this application:

Signature

Date

Grant application - Tools List

Please list the items you would like.
Please include the quantity of each item, the price, any cost of post and packaging and the total price.

Please photocopy this sheet if you need more space.

Item	Quantity	Price

Cost of post and packaging -

TOTAL cost - £

Grant application – business questions

Please answer these questions if you plan to become self-employed

1. Where will you be based and how will you attract new clients?

2. Will you need transport and how will this be provided?

3. How much do you plan to charge on an hourly/daily basis?

4. Have you considered the seasonality of the role?

5. What other issues have you considered – costs, residential vs commercial etc?

6. Are you aware of Business in a Box? You can use your grant to fund BIAB. Please see the attached information.