Grant Criteria 2025

**About WACCL and Our 2025 Grant Opportunities**

WACCL (Wakefield Annual Charity Christmas Lunch) is a fundraising initiative led by a dedicated group of local businesspeople, created to support charities working with children and young people across the Wakefield district.

We are proud to partner with Prosper Wakefield district, an experienced and independent local grant-making organisation. This partnership helps ensure a smooth and transparent application process and that every pound raised goes where it is most needed and has the biggest impact!

Over the years, the Christmas Lunch has grown into a flagship event for the local business community, and thanks to its success, we’ve been able to support incredible causes such as Levi’s Star, Theatre Royal Wakefield, Cyclists Fighting Cancer, Wakefield District Sight Aid and Forget Me Not Children’s Hospice, to name a few.

We know there are many fantastic organisations making a real difference in our communities. Whether you’ve received funding from us before or this is your first time applying, we warmly invite you to be part of our 2025 grants round.

**Criteria for Application**

To be considered for funding you must satisfy the following criteria:

* Be a charity or organisation that supports children and or young people. (Defined as babies up to young people aged 25 or younger)
* Be based in the Wakefield district or explain how the money would be used to benefit specifically young people in the Wakefield district.
* Be able to send at least one paying guest to the lunch on the 11th December 2025 and potentially be able to speak about the charity or supply a short video to play on the day.
* Explain to us what the funds would be used for and, if possible, detail a specific project that could benefit from the support
* Work with WACCL to create joint PR activities post and pre-event as appropriate
* Promote WACCL as a beneficiary of the organisation pre and post the event for a minimum of 12 months
* Provide evidence to WACCL of how the donation was spent and the benefit received.

Please submit your application by email to applications@wakefieldchildrenscharity.org

Applications close on Monday 8th September 2025. Successful beneficiaries and all applicants will be notified no later than 30th September 2025.