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Introduction

The Wetsuit Project is supported by the Finisterre Foundation CIC number 13677545. The Wetsuit Project adapts wetsuits for people who face barriers in accessing the sea for reasons of physical and/or mental disability. This policy sets out our application policy for the Wetsuit Project and should be read in conjunction with The Finisterre Foundation CIC’s Grant Making Policy.

How We Fund The Wetsuit Project

In November 2021, the Wetsuit Project will receive restricted donations from Finisterre’s Blue Friday marketing campaign. In 2022, we plan to seek external funding from other grant-making organisations. We may also allocate some of the Foundation’s unrestricted funding to continue the project.

How To Apply

Applications for The Wetsuit Project can be made through the Finisterre Foundation website. Initial applications must be through the online application form. Applications can be made in person, including on behalf of another person. Applications for children under 18 must be made by a parent or guardian.

How We Decide Which Applications To Support

Following submission, all applications will be presented to the Foundation’s board for consideration. In line with our mission, the board will consider what barriers the applicant faces to access the sea, and how an adapted wetsuit would improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the applicant. The decision of the Foundation’s board on whether to support an application is final. The Foundation’s board will not be obliged to provide an explanation to an applicant should their application be unsuccessful.

The Foundation aims to write to all applicants informing them of the outcome of their application within 6 weeks of their initial application. It is anticipated that the Foundation will receive more applications than it has funds to support, so even if an applicant fits within The Wetsuit Project criteria, unfortunately we might still be unable to fund a wetsuit adaption at this time. However, any successful applications we are unable to fund immediately will be added to a waiting list for future support should further funding become available.

How We Award Grants
Once an application has been approved by the Foundation’s board, we will work with the successful applicant (and / or their parent, guardian or carer if appropriate) and our partners at Bodyline to arrange for the wetsuit adaptation to go ahead.

**How We Monitor Grants**

It is important to us to understand the impact of our grants so we will ask successful applicants after they have had a chance to use the adapted wetsuit, what impact it has had on their lives.

**How We Approve & Review This Policy**

This application policy will be approved by the Foundation's board each time a new Wetsuit Project application round is opened.

Last approved by the Foundation's board: October 2021

Next review: October 2022