

Healthy Lungs for Life Grants 2026

The 2026 Healthy Lungs for Life (HLfL) grants campaign will open in March 2026. Grant winners will be announced in May 2026 for activities taking place later in the year.

The Healthy Lungs for Life campaign raises awareness of the importance of lung health across the life course, empowers individuals and communities to take action to protect their lungs and influences policy and practice to reduce the global burden of lung disease.

The campaign focuses on prevention, early intervention and education to help ensure healthier lungs for everyone. We are particularly committed to supporting projects aimed at children and young people, recognising that building healthy habits early in life is essential for achieving positive long-term lung health outcomes.

Grant opportunities

In 2026, two types of grants will be available:

- **Standard grants:** Up to €1,000 for new applicants to support lung health events and awareness activities.
- **Enhanced impact grants:** Three €5,000 grants for organisations that have previously received a HLfL grant and successfully delivered impactful activities. These larger grants are designed to support the expansion, scaling or deepening of proven initiatives, enabling recipients to reach wider audiences and achieve greater long-term impact.

Activities must support one or more of the HLfL campaign topics:

- **Air quality:** Increase knowledge of the impact of poor air quality on lung health and actions to reduce exposure
- **Smoking cessation:** Highlight the benefits of quitting smoking
- **Physical activity:** Promote the importance of physical activity for maintaining healthy lungs
- **Vaccination:** Raise awareness of vaccinations to prevent lung infections
- **Climate change:** Educate communities on the impact of climate change on lung health

Examples of events and activities:

- Public lung function (spirometry) testing
- Information stalls
- Public talks or workshops on campaign themes
- Spirometry training events for healthcare professionals
- Online awareness campaigns

Eligible costs:

- Materials, equipment, or facilities required to deliver the project/event
- Producing educational materials or PR support
- Travel reimbursements for volunteers

Application criteria

Who can apply:

- Not-for-profit organisations (e.g., respiratory societies, patient organisations, hospital trusts, clinics)
- Healthcare professionals or institutions

- Schools or community groups
- Gyms or sports centres

Note: Individuals must be affiliated with an eligible organisation or institution.

Timing

Events can be held any day, but we encourage applications around these international awareness days:

- World Asthma Day
- World No Tobacco Day
- International Day of Clean Air
- World Lung Day
- World Environmental Health Day
- World COPD Day

Assessment

Applications are reviewed by a multi-stakeholder panel and assessed against four key elements:

1. Value for money
2. Number of estimated beneficiaries
3. Geographical scope and location
4. Potential impact on beneficiaries and HLfL campaign topics

Priority will be given to:

- Projects in areas with a greater need for lung health awareness or in low-resource settings
- Projects aimed at children and young people
- Public spirometry testing events (compliant with local regulations)
- Face-to-face events over online events

Requirements for successful applicants

All grant recipients must:

- Display the logos of Healthy Lungs for Life, FIRS, and CADSET on all promotional materials and activities supported by the grant
- Submit a project report summarising activities, outcomes, and impact within four weeks of the final activity. Guidance will be provided before your project
- Ensure the project aligns with HLfL objectives and is delivered ethically and professionally

What we will not fund

- Projects not approved by the judging panel or carried out without approval
- Projects promoting tobacco products, pharmaceutical companies, or services/views contrary to ELF standards
- Projects funded by organisations that contradict ELF ethical or professional boundaries

How the grant process works

1. Submit your application by the published deadline. Late submissions will be reviewed at the next deadline. Check the ELF website for dates.
2. Applications are reviewed by the multi-stakeholder panel according to the assessment criteria.

3. Decisions will be communicated within three weeks of the deadline to the contact details provided in the application.

For successful applicants:

- Accept the grant offer and confirm that project plans are accurate
- Receive instructions for claiming the grant (requires a myERS account; not needed to apply)
- Begin your project within one week of confirming your grant
- Submit your project report within four weeks of completing your activities

Guidance for Healthy Lungs for Life grant application questions

This guidance is designed to help you complete your application for HLfL grant funding. Please answer each section clearly and concisely.

1. Contact information

a. Applicant

- Provide the personal information of the person submitting the application.
- Ensure that all details are accurate, as this is how HLfL will communicate with you regarding your application.
- If you have a myERS account, enter your registration number (optional).

b. Organisation

- Provide details of the organisation you are applying on behalf of.
- If applying as an individual or group, provide details of the organisation or institution you are affiliated with.

2. Organisation information

a. Mission statement (max. 50 words)

- Provide your organisation's mission statement.
- If applying as an individual or group, explain your personal or collective motivation for this project.

b. Reach

- State the number of individuals your organisation typically supports each year, including social media and website audiences.
- If applying as an individual/group, estimate how many people you expect to engage if successful.

3. Project information

a. Project need and impact (max. 500 words)

- Explain why your project is needed and what evidence supports this.
- Describe the expected impact on your audience and how it will meet one or more HLfL campaign objectives.
- Include any measures you will use to track impact.

b. Project activities (max. 500 words)

- Describe the activities, how you will deliver them, and how you will raise awareness.
- Explain how your project will specifically engage children and young people, if relevant.

c. Project type

- Indicate whether your project will be **face-to-face** or **virtual**.
- Indicate whether it is a standard impact grant, or an enhanced impact grant. Enhanced impact applicants can request up to €5,000; standard applicants can request up to €1,000.

d. Project location

- List the city/region/country where the project will take place.
- For virtual projects, indicate where most beneficiaries are expected to be located.

e. Awareness day

- Indicate if your project aligns with one of the following awareness days:

- World Asthma Day
 - World No Tobacco Day
 - International Day of Clean Air
 - World Lung Day
 - World Environmental Health Day
 - World COPD Day
- f. Project dates**
- Provide the start and end date(s) of your activities.
- g. Target audience**
- Describe who your project is aimed at and select relevant audience groups.
- h. Expected beneficiaries**
- Estimate the number of people the project will benefit directly.
 - Include participants in activities, online engagement, and other measurable outputs.
- i. HLfL topics covered**
- Indicate which of the following topics your project addresses:
 - Air quality
 - Smoking cessation
 - Physical activity
 - Vaccination
 - Climate change

4. Financial information

- a. Total project cost**
- State the total cost of the project. Include the full project cost if HLfL funding is only part of it.
- b. Financial request**
- State the total amount requested from HLfL in €. Payment will be made in your local currency at the exchange rate on the day of transfer.
- c. Budget breakdown**
- Provide a detailed budget using the template provided.
 - Include costs for materials, equipment, promotion, and other items.
 - Volunteer activity is encouraged; staff salaries are not covered.
- d. Funding timing**
- Indicate if funding is required before activities can begin.

Note: grant processing may take several weeks once your project is approved.

5. Supporting information

- a. Source of information**
- Indicate how you heard about HLfL grants.
- b. Bank statement**
- Provide a bank statement for the organisation or individual account to which grant funds will be transferred (dated within the last three months).
- c. Terms and Conditions**
- Confirm that you have read and understood the HLfL grant funding terms and conditions.
 - Agreeing acknowledges that grants may be withdrawn or requested back if terms are not followed.

Contacts for further information:

If you need clarification on something to do with the grants process, please write to info@europeanlung.org and use the subject title 'HLFL grants'.