**Friends Provident Foundation - New Economy Infrastructure Funding.**

**Purpose of the Fund**

We believe that to realise our vision for a new economy, we need a strong, diverse and well-resourced movement of organisations who are **actively shaping and demonstrating alternatives to our current economic system.**

We recognise that the ecosystem of organisations focused on economic systems change is still developing and its capacity is stretched. As one of only a few funders in the new economy space we recognise the need to retain our commitment to working with these organisations (both those we have funded before and those we have not) with **flexible**, **unrestricted funding.**

**Who is this funding for?**

This strand will look to support anchor organisations\* working at the heart of the new economy movement. Applicants should meet all of the following criteria:

**\* What We Mean by "Anchor Organisation"**

An anchor organisation doesn’t have to be large—but it should be:

* A respected, established presence in the economic systems change space
* Strategically positioned to **influence others or lead networks**
* Working at a **national or cross-sectoral level**, or having a model others can learn from
* **Strategic alignment** with the [mission](https://friendsprovidentfoundation.org/what-we-do/building-a-4-d-economy/) of Friends Provident Foundation and its [funding priorities](https://friendsprovidentfoundation.org/grants/#funding-priorities).
* An **explicit and primary focus on economic systems change** (not just intersecting with economics through other issues)
* A **positive long-term vision** for what a fairer, more sustainable economy would look like.
* **A commitment to systemic** **long-term approaches** that address the root causes of economic issues—such as structural policies and financial systems—rather than just treating the symptoms with short-term fixes.
* A clear understanding of the **broader context of their work**. We want to avoid narrow, siloed approaches – recognising that transformative economic change requires holistic strategies that bridge multiple domains, actors and perspectives.

**Ineligible organisations**

* Organisations whose main focus is in other individual sectors of the economy (e.g. food, energy, technology, climate) and is not primarily on structural economic issues.
* Work that is primarily short-term or issue-specific without a systems change approach.

**What costs will we fund?**

This fund provides **flexible support for core costs** to help build capacity and resilience. This could include (but isn’t limited to):

* Staff salaries
* Rent or core operational costs
* Strategy development
* Partnership or coalition-building
* Policy and systems-level advocacy

We’re especially interested in funding organisations that are:

* Playing a **leadership or coordination role** in the new economy space
* Developing or amplifying **transformative economic ideas and practices**
* **Connecting and convening** across sectors, regions or movements

**How to Apply**

To find out how to apply please see the information provided on our website here:

[**https://friendsprovidentfoundation.org/grants/how-to-apply/**](https://friendsprovidentfoundation.org/grants/how-to-apply/)