

QA4 Quality Accreditation

Core standards and scores

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Standard	OCF score (/5)
Strategy, Governance, Definitions and Risk	
<p>Core standard 1</p> <p>A Community Foundation is an independent charitable philanthropic organisation serving a defined geographical area that builds an endowment to meet needs in local communities with evidence of philanthropy based business and financial models.</p>	5
<p>Core standard 2</p> <p>A Community Foundation has a broad-based board that follows and works towards good practice in charity governance</p>	5
<p>Core standard 3</p> <p>A Community Foundation has a comprehensive strategic three-year plan, as well as an annual business plan. Relevant structures are in place to ensure corporate effectiveness and resilience, and there is evidence of effective stakeholder engagement and feedback</p>	5
<p>Core standard 4</p> <p>A Community Foundation complies with relevant legislation, codes of practice and adopts good employment practices and embraces equality and diversity in all aspects of its work. It has an agreed set of key documents, policies and procedures that are reviewed on a regular basis</p>	4
Financial and Information Management	
<p>Core standard 5</p> <p>A Community Foundation complies with financial reporting requirements and maintains accurate financial records and controls. It makes effective use of IT systems (e.g. Digits 2) for production of key financial management data and reports</p>	5
<p>Core standard 6</p> <p>A Community Foundation has policies for investment of funds and a supporting financial strategy</p>	5

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Philanthropy Services – donor management and grant making	
<p>Core standard 7</p> <p>A Community Foundation continually seeks philanthropic funding from a broad range of donors to build endowed and flow-through funds and has a business management model based on philanthropy</p>	5
<p>Core standard 8</p> <p>A Community Foundation can provide a customised service to donors which respects their charitable interests, meets their needs and offers opportunities to involve donors in different ways; there is a robust framework for new donor recruitment and the management of relationships with existing donors</p>	5
<p>Core standard 9</p> <p>A Community Foundation has a clear focus on needs and impact analysis to help inform its future direction; operates a broad range of grant programmes that meet identified community needs and demonstrate impact</p>	5
<p>Core standard 10</p> <p>A Community Foundation publicises grant programmes and seeks to reach all sections of the community, it can demonstrate understanding and involvement in social issues and has an engagement framework that helps it to communicate with all its stakeholders</p>	4
Organisational and Network Development	
<p>Core standard 11</p> <p>A Community Foundation can demonstrate clear purpose; direction and goals; is able to evidence ambition, focus, prioritisation; impact on social causes; is a community leader in the local area and is an active member of the UKCF network</p>	5
Total	53/55

