

Project Guidance

When you are applying, you will have the option to select one of four project categories. These are:

1. Product testing, repair, and replacement events

Projects under this category involve checking household electrical products to ensure they are safe to use, repairing faulty appliances, or replacing dangerous or recalled items. Examples include community drop-in events for free PAT testing of small appliances.

2. Educational workshops and events

These projects deliver hands-on or informative sessions to help people understand electrical safety in the home or beyond. The focus is on building knowledge and encouraging safe behaviours. Examples include school or youth group workshops on electrical safety basics.

3. Awareness raising activities

Awareness raising projects may include campaigns or materials designed to increase public understanding of electrical safety risks and encourage preventative actions. These can be local, regional, or national in scope. Examples include any type of multimedia campaign such as creating and distributing leaflets or recording and sharing radio or video content.

4. Home repair and direct interventions

Direct support for individuals or households where unsafe electrical installations or appliances pose an immediate risk. These interventions typically involve professional assessment and remedial work. Examples include electrical rewiring for low-income households in unsafe conditions.

Please note that for home repair and direct intervention projects there are additional criteria that need to be considered, as these will be checked before any money is granted. For instance, recipients must be owner-occupants of their residential dwelling who are unable to afford the electrical work required, which must be defined as minor, and the householders must meet one of the following criteria:

- Live with a child under five years old,
- Live alone or with others and have reached state pension age,
- Live alone or with others and are disabled or chronically ill,
- Live with others who have reached state pension age or are disabled, chronically or under 18 years old.

If your project does not neatly fall into anyone of these categories, please select the one you feel is most accurate, as you will have the chance to outline your project fully in your own words.

This year, we are particularly keen to support awareness raising projects that focus on demographics with vulnerabilities. For instance, translating and sharing safety materials among refugees or migrant groups; or developing materials for those with additional needs.

We also promote the combining of PAT testing events with awareness raising or educational content because we have learnt through our evaluations that this has a much greater and longer lasting impact amongst communities.

Moreover, while we appreciate the importance of standard projects such as PAT testing and awareness raising, we welcome applications for projects that show creativity and uniqueness. For instance, last year we funded an educational initiative that harnessed the power of VR.

If you have further questions, please contact enquiries@electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk