

# Spark<sup>\*</sup> The Spark Foundation

*Providing the **Spark** that makes a difference for those who are, or have been, in care.*



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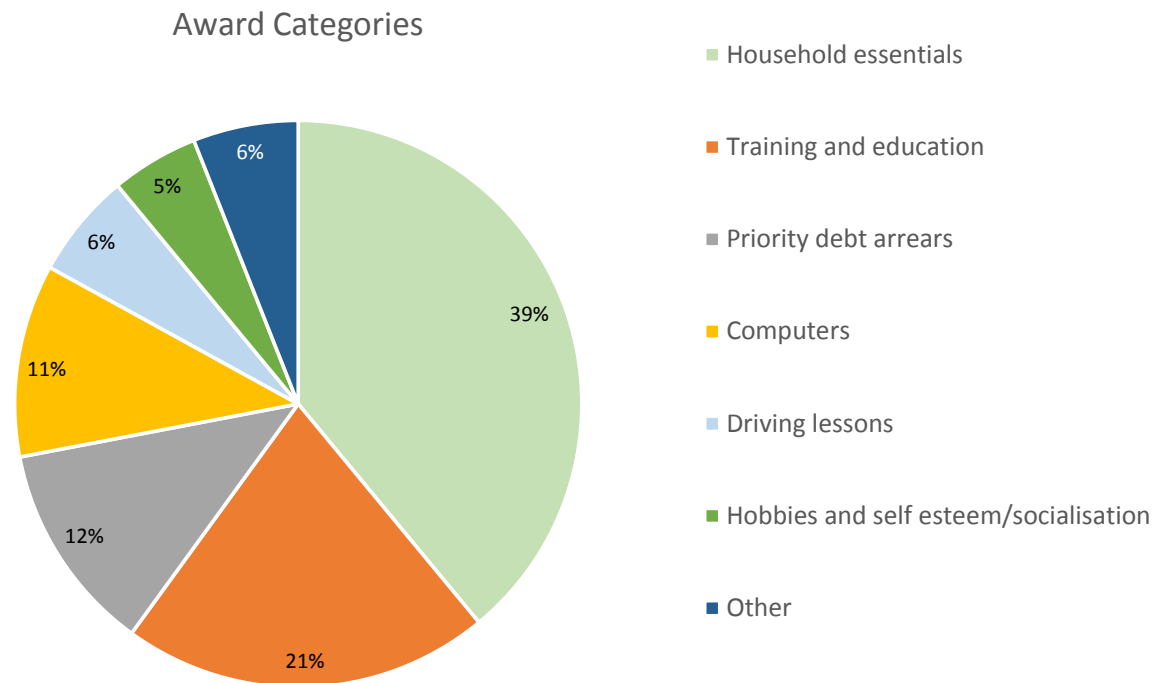
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## Who we are and what we do

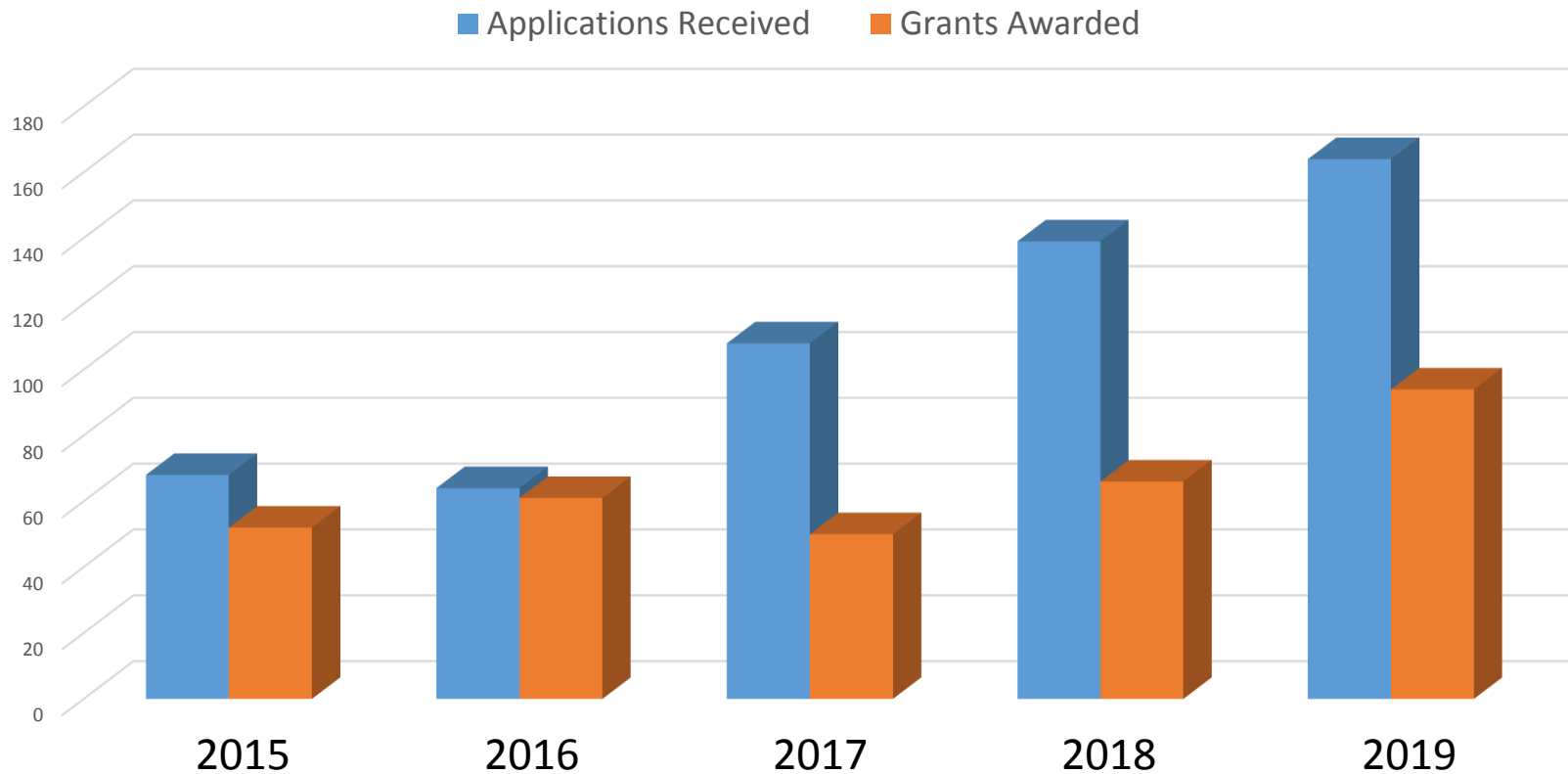
- The Spark Foundation runs a small grants programme for young people up to the age of 26 who either are or who have been in care in England and Wales.
- The aim of the grants is to help with education or training, encourage hobbies, skills and social interaction, and provide those who are leaving or who have left care with those essential domestic items that families normally provide.
- How did it start? A Kent based fostering agency founded a Children's Foundation in 2003. Its success grew and in 2015 it was re-launched as a totally separate charity entitled The Spark Foundation.

## The needs we meet

In 2019 we made grants amounting to £44,520, meeting needs as follows:



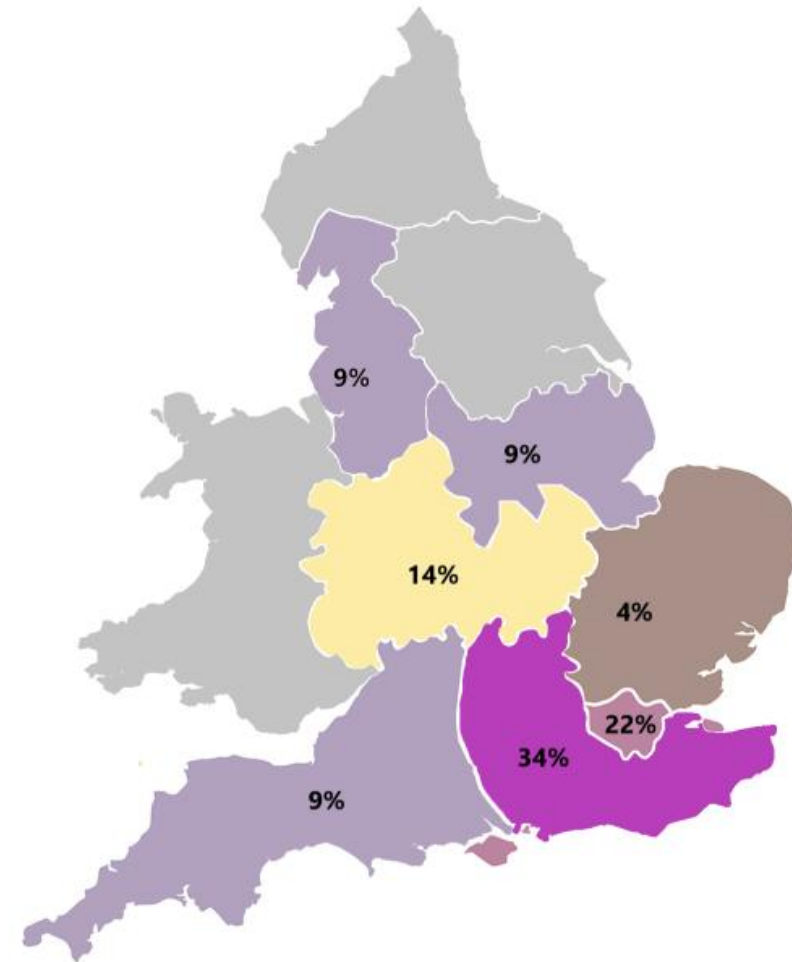
## Numbers applying for and receiving grants



Monitoring data is also maintained on age, gender, ethnicity, nationality, and disability

## Coverage

In 2019, we made grants to young people from 51 Local Authorities/Organisations, as far as apart as Exeter, Peterborough and Manchester



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## The difference we make

- *“I can’t begin to explain how much this means. This should now prevent any eviction.....it’s a massive relief”*
- *“I am really grateful for Spark Foundation’s help.....My house is going to feel like a home again”*
- *“Just wanted to say a very big thank you and that I couldn't of done it (passing driving test) without the extra financial help. I am so grateful and it has made me more independent”*



**Our ambition is to be able to give these essential grants  
to all those whose applications meet our criteria**

We estimate we need to find another £10,000-£20,000  
annually just to keep pace

Can you become one of the fostering agencies that  
donate regularly?



**Thankyou for taking the time to read this slide deck.**

We'd love to hear from you!

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