

Small Grants for Charities from Trusts and the Lottery

This listing from the Directory of Social Change is for charities wanting small grants, usually for amounts of less than £5000. There are many further trusts making grants of this kind.

Unless there is an application form, send a brief letter on one side of a sheet of paper, saying who you are and what you achieve with the money, accompanied by your most recent annual report and accounts. If the trusts want more detail they will ask for it.

The full policies and practices of these trusts, and of many more are set out in the Guide to Major Trusts, Volume 1 from the Directory of Social Change.

Success rates given below are as at the end of 2002, and are a guide rather than precise figures.

Awards for All

Over 15,000 small lottery grants, generally for organisations with incomes of under £20,000 a year. Grant decisions are made within three months.

www.awardsforall.org.uk

Telephone: 0845 600 2040

BBC Children in Need

Nearly 2,000 small grants ranging from a few hundred to a few thousand pounds for projects for disadvantaged children in the UK, especially Northern Ireland, Wales, and Scotland.

www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

Telephone: 0208 576 7788

Comic Relief

About £1 Million over two years will be available in small grants, mainly for core and equipment costs for local organisations in the UK with a turnover of up to £100,000.

www.comicrelief.org.uk

Telephone: 0207 820 5555

Community Foundations

Mostly community foundations make small grants for community activity.

www.communityfoundations.org.uk

Telephone: 0207 713 9326

The Hugh Fraser Foundations

Over 250 grants, probably in almost all fields of charity, especially in Scotland.

Write to Heather Thompson
The Hugh Fraser Foundation
Turcan Connell
Princes Exchange, 1 Earl Grey Street
Edinburgh EH3 9EE

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Many small grants under £2,000 each year, to support local schemes to widen access to arts and education. Small grants committee meets monthly.
Success rate: varies, but usually 50% - 75%.

www.phf.org.uk

Telephone: 020 7227 3500.

Hedley Foundation

Around 300 grants between £1,000 and £5,000, for welfare charities. Success rate: 25% for all applications, 75% for those within the criteria.

www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk

Telephone: 020 7489 8076

Laing's Charitable Trust

Probably nearly 1,000 small grants a year to 'make a difference', in the fields of homelessness, disadvantaged youth, education and environment.

Success rate: about one in five for small grants

Write to:

Michael Hamilton, Secretary
Laing's Charitable Trust
The Waterfront
Elstree Road
Herts. WD6 3BS

Laing Family Foundations

Collectively over 500 small grants (normally under £1,000) a year in a wide range of fields (not arts).

Success rate: roughly one in five. Write, enclosing annual report and accounts, to:

Miss Elizabeth Harley
The Laing Family Foundations
33 Bunns Lane
London NW7 2DX

Lloyds TSB Foundations

Around 5,000 small grants a year, for social and community needs.
Success rate: 61% for England and Wales, 66% for Scotland and 81% for Northern Ireland.
For application forms:
England and Wales –

www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

Mercers' Charitable Trust

Around 500 grants a year for amounts under £5,000, to a wide range of charities
Success rate: probably 40-45% for eligible applications
Write to
Katherine Payne, Grants Manager
Mercers' Hall
Ironmonger Lane
London EC2V 8ME

Jack Petchey Foundation

Over 100 small grants each year for organisations working with young people in east London and west Essex.
Success rate: around 80% overall.

www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk

Telephone: 020 8252 8000

P F Charitable Trust

Probably at least several hundreds small grants each year, to 'a wide variety of charitable causes' in England and Wales.
Write to D H Pocknee, Secretary
Ely House
37 Dover Street
London W1S 4NJ

Pilgrim Trust

£200,000 available each year for grants under £5,000 for social welfare.
Success rate: probably over 50% for applications within criteria.
Downloadable forms and guidelines available from the website:

www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk

Telephone: 020 7222 4723

Rank Foundation

Over 150 small grants under £5,000 for social welfare.

Success rate: about 25%.

Write to the general appeals office at:

PO Box 2862

Witnash

Leamington Spa CV31 2YH

Henry Smith Charity

Over £1 million available each year for fast response small grants, for small grass roots organisations with an annual income of under £25,000.

Success rate: about 35%

www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk

Telephone: 020 7320 6216/6277

Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust

Around 800 small grants a year to a wide range of causes, especially health and welfare.

Success rate: around 60% - 70%.

www.julesthorntrust.org.uk

Telephone: 020 7487 5851

Trust for London

Over a hundred small grants (up to £10,000) each for small, local London charitable organisations, primarily refugee and migrant groups, self help groups, supplementary and mother-tongue schools and groups working with people with disabilities.

Send a letter, enclosing your constitution, financial accounts and annual report to:

Bharat Mehta, Clerk

6 Middle Street

London. EC1A 7PH

Tudor Trust

Probably over 150 grants for amounts of £5,000 or under each year, in a broad range of fields. Grant decisions made within two to three months.

Success rate: 28% overall (i.e. for grants of all sizes)

Applications in writing only, to:

Mrs Jill Powell, Grants Administrator

7 Ladbroke Grove

London W11 3BD

www.tudortrust.org.uk

Telephone: 020 7727 8522

Variety Club Children's Charity

Around 150-200 grants a year for children's charities.

Application forms available from the website

www.varietyclub.org.uk

Garfield Weston Foundation

Probably at least several hundred small grants each year, covering most fields.

Success rate: about 50%

For more info email Fiona Hare

fhare@wittington-investment.co.uk

H D H Wills 1965 Charitable Trust

About 150 grants, mostly for £200-500, for a wide range of causes. Small grants considered monthly.

Write to Wendy cooper, Trust Secretary

Henley Knapp Barn

Fulwell

Chipping Norton

Oxfordshire OX7 4EN