

HANDWORTH CHARITY

Eligibility

The Trustees may at their discretion give grants to applicant organisations with a charitable purpose that operate within the Ancient Parish of Handsworth (covers postcodes: B18, B19, B20, B21, B42, B43, B44).

As a small Charity with limited funds and staff resources we are not able to address the underlying causes of poverty, so we are not in a position to eliminate local poverty. We look to give grants that will reduce hardship and improve wellbeing of the users and clients you are working with.

Trustees have recently agreed a programme of funding of grant support up to £10,000 to organisations with income up to £1million or less (as shown in their latest accounts), that either operate within the Ancient Parish of Handsworth or can demonstrate that a majority of their users and clients reside in the Parish.

In light of the impact of COVID-19 in Birmingham, and the easing of restrictions, but the uncertainty of when a second wave of the pandemic might occur, Trustees will look to fund projects/initiatives that have developed plans to provide services and support to their clients and users that have been impacted disproportionately due to pre-existing inequalities (race/ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, faith), poverty and social exclusion by the pandemic in the Ancient Parish of Handsworth. Four areas of concern that Trustees will prioritise for this Programme:

- Needs of older adults (age of 55 years upwards) -Initiatives aiming to alleviate isolation and loneliness; initiatives that meet the specific needs of people with all forms of dementia including Alzheimer's; initiatives that address the needs of older carers; initiatives that support older adults living in their own homes and remaining independent.
- Needs of children and young people (up to the age of 18 years)- Initiatives that enable children and young people to catch up with their education, training and learning and achieve their potential; develop their social and life skills.
- People with mental health issues – Initiatives that support people to manage mental ill health (depression, suicide, self-harm); initiatives that support mental wellbeing and resilience for those living in poverty (consequences of the pandemic, economic downturn, UC and welfare benefits affecting families)
- People who are homeless – Initiatives that provide emergency accommodation; initiatives that provide advice and information and advocacy support; initiatives that improve the co-ordination of support services

Applications can be related to one or more of the areas of concern.

Trustees will prioritise proposals:

- That demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the needs of the users/beneficiaries/participants you are/will be working with and the barriers they face to access support and why.
- A track record of work with the named client/users of at least 2 years.
- How the project proposed is tailored to the particular additional needs that have become more evident due to the pandemic.
- How the adjustments relate to the local context and the target group(s) you will or are working with.
- That can demonstrate a user voice or empower users in their work.

- A clear rationale as to why this approach has been chosen, and how the outcomes will be understood.
- That demonstrate they have a more direct reach into the groups of people and issues the programme will address; expertise on the issues and connection to the people with the lived experience we want to support.
- That are in partnership or working closely/jointly with other key agencies to ensure a pathway of holistic support is being provided.

Grants can contribute to overhead and running costs of the project as well as specific project costs, essential equipment, materials or capital items. Trustees are unable to contribute to salaries, but will cover volunteer costs and sessional staffing costs.

As this a one-off Programme, Trustees will expect a grant offer made to be used within a 12-month period.

Trustees will not consider:

- paying for equipment/good/ work where statutory funding is available;
- paying legal fees;
- settling debts;
- paying for items/work retrospectively;

Guidance

We do not use an application form for organisations to apply. We prefer to accept applications sent by email but will accept postal applications. Trustees welcome applications for grants from all sections of the community that operate within the Ancient Parish of Handsworth (and decisions that are made have regard to the Charity's available funding levels. Our Equal Opportunities Policy is available on request.

The next trustees meeting is in November. Applications should be sent in before the end of October. We will endeavour to acknowledge your application within 2 weeks of receiving it. Trustees may want to follow up applications with a phone call or online meeting to learn more. This will be arranged by email.

Successful applicants will be informed of the decisions by email. All grant applications are assessed on a case by case basis. Trustees' decision is final and as a small Charity with limited resources, we are not in a position to enter into any correspondence or discussion with unsuccessful applicants.

The confidentiality of your personal information is of paramount concern to us. We will process and hold your personal information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Our Privacy Policy is available on request.

Key Information to be provided in a written application

Organisational Details

- ✓ Name of organisation
- ✓ Address
- ✓ Key Application Contact name and contact details (email, postal address if different, phone no.)

About your organisation

- ✓ History
- ✓ What you do and why you do it

- ✓ Legal status (give charity registration no if available)
- ✓ Website address and/or social media platform used

About your Project - Give a brief summary:

- ✓ Of the aims and objectives
- ✓ Evidence of need and barriers
- ✓ Project activities to achieve the objectives (over what period of time, who is it targeted at and how many will benefit, in what area of the Ancient Parish of Handsworth, who will be involved in delivering the project)
- ✓ What will be the benefits and outcomes for those involved in the project?
- ✓ How will you know that you are making this difference?

Budget breakdown

- ✓ Amount being sought from the Charity and towards what
- ✓ Other funds secured or applications made
- ✓ How any shortfall would be addressed

Please endeavour to keep the application to no more than 4 sides.

You'll need to provide a copy of your constitution, the latest annual report and end of year accounts and safeguarding policy.

If you have any questions or queries please email: info@handsworth-charity.co.uk

Completed applications should be sent to: info@handsworth-charity.co.uk