

WHAT FUNDS

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The Ernest Cook Trust

The **Ernest Cook Trust** is one of the UK's leading outdoor learning charities. Rooted in the conservation and management of the countryside, the Trust actively encourages children and young people to learn from the land through hands-on outdoor learning opportunities on its estates and by offering grants. The Trust currently owns and manages 22,000 acres of landed estates in Buckinghamshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire, and Oxfordshire: it upholds the highest standards of estate management throughout its land, farms and buildings, remaining true to Ernest Cook's vision.

As well as offering a wide-ranging programme of land-based learning for children and young people, the Ernest Cook Trust gives grants to registered charities, schools and not-for-profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest either in the countryside and the environment, the arts (in the broadest sense), or in science, or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy.

Large Grants programme: At the Autumn meeting only projects covering **environment & countryside** and **literacy, numeracy and science** are considered. Most awards are in the range of £4,000 – £12,000. Deadline July 31st.

Small Grants Programme:

Meetings to consider applications for the small grants programme take place bi-monthly throughout the year. Most awards are in the region of £1,000 to £1,500

For further information visit their website: <http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/>

The Wolfson Foundation

Grants are generally given for capital infrastructure (new build, refurbishment and equipment) supporting excellence in the fields of science and medicine, health & disability, education and the arts & humanities.

Autumn round—Health & Disability, Science & Medicine and Arts & Humanities

Stage 1 applications: accepted no later than 1 July

Stage 2 applications: deadline 1 September

Funding decision: December

Autumn round—Secondary Education

Stage 1 applications: deadline 10 June

Stage 2 applications: deadline 15 July

Funding decision: December

[Click here for more info.](#)

Masonic Charitable Foundation

The Masonic Charitable Foundation offer Community Support grants for charities that help people experiencing poverty and disadvantage, sickness and disability or barriers to education and employment.

In 2015 over £4.5m was awarded to support charities across England and Wales.

Large Grants— Over £5k—Deadlines

Enquiries	Application	Meeting	Outcome
3rd July	28th July	October 2017	November 2017
2nd October	27th October	January 2018	February 2017

Small Grants—£500—£5k—Deadlines

Applications	Meeting	Outcome
16th June	August 2017	September 2017
21st July	September 2017	October 2017

<https://mcf.org.uk/charities/>

The Weavers' Company Benevolent Fund

The Weavers' Company Benevolent Fund was set up in 1973 with funds from The Worshipful Company of Weavers, which is the oldest City of London Livery Company and has a history dating back before 1130 AD.

The Benevolent Fund is the Charity through which the Company directs its main charitable giving and the Charitable Grants Committee apply the income to support work in the following areas of interest.

- Young Offenders
- Prisoners and Ex-prisoners
- Young disadvantaged people, especially those at risk of criminal involvement

They are especially interested in helping smaller organisations which offer direct services. Organisations must normally be registered charities or in the process of applying for registration. The Company will consider funding up to £15,000 per annum and will normally award a grant for one year only. To make sure grants of this size have an impact, they will not normally fund large organisations.

The deadline for applications for the November meeting is **31st July 2017**

<http://www.weavers.org.uk/content/grant-application-guidelines>



The Act Foundation

ACT provides grants to individuals and other charities, principally in the UK, with the aim of enhancing the quality of life for people in need, particularly those who have a physical or mental disability or the aged.

Priorities:

- People with physical and mental disabilities
- the aged and those in need
- Hospices and end of life care
- Support for young carers

<http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk/content/apply-grant-charity>

Lloyds Bank Foundation—Invest Programme

The Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales provides funding to enable charities and CIOs in England or Wales to break or prevent the cycle of disadvantage.

The Invest Programme's funding will support longer term core or direct delivery funding for charities which are delivering clear outcomes as a result of their work with people aged 17 years and older who are experiencing multiple disadvantage through one or more of the following transitions points:

- Offending.
- Children and young people leaving a care situation.
- People moving from community based or institutional care for mental ill health.
- Unemployment.
- Homelessness/vulnerably housed.
- To independent living for those with a learning disability.
- From dependency on alcohol, drugs, gambling.
- From an abusive or exploitative relationship - domestic violence.
- From trafficking or sexual exploitation.
- To UK settlement - refugees and asylum seekers.
- To parenthood for young parents.
- Those taking on caring responsibilities.
- For older people losing independence.

The only exceptions are young people who are under 17 years of age and young parents. Or looked after children and disabled young people moving into independent living.

Funding is available for core organisational costs which are related to the day to day running of the charity. Consideration will only be given to requests for core costs where over 50% of the charity's work and expenditure meets the Foundation's criteria. Funding is also available for costs associated with the direct delivery of the charity's work.

Grants are available for between £10,000 and £25,000 per year for two or three years, with the opportunity for continuation funding for a further period of up to six years in total.

There is a two-stage application process. www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/

The deadline for initial applications to the Invest programme is 16 June 2017

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation has published new guidelines for 2017 which include raising the maximum amount for Large Grants, Hospices, Village Halls and Community Centres from £45,000 to £50,000.

The Foundation offers funding to established charitable organisations (including CICs, social enterprises, not-for-profit registered companies, voluntary organisations) in the UK that are working to address local issues in areas of extreme urban deprivation, or in remote and fragile rural communities.

The level of the applicant's income will determine which grants programme they can apply for:

- Groups with a total annual income of up to £100,000 can apply for Small Grants of up to £6,000 for revenue costs such as core costs, salaries, overheads, project costs. Decisions are made within four to six weeks.
- Groups with an income over £100,000 and under £250,000 can apply for Small Grants of up to £6,000 for one-off capital cost for new buildings, repairs and improvements, purchase of equipment. Decisions are made within four to six weeks.
- Groups with a total annual income of over £250,000 and under £500,000 can apply for Standard Grants of between £6,001 and £12,000 for revenue or one-off capital costs. Total cost of capital projects must be less than £1 million. Decisions are made quarterly.
- Groups with a total annual income of over £500,000 and under £5 million can apply for Large Grants of over £10,000 and up to £50,000 for one-off capital costs only. Total cost of the project must be for less than £1 million total. Buildings must be owned by applicant or leased for a minimum of five years. Decisions are made quarterly.
- Village halls and community centres with any income up to £5 million can apply for village hall and community centre capital grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 for new builds, repairs, improvements or extensions. Decisions are made quarterly.
- Hospices only can apply for capital grants of between £6,000 and £50,000 for new builds, repairs, improvements, extensions and equipment purchase. Decisions are made quarterly.

Grants Committee meetings are held in February, late April/early May, July and late October/early November. Applications need to be received at least six weeks before a meeting to be included on the agenda.

The Foundation operates a rolling programme and groups can apply at any time throughout the year.

<http://trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/grants/>

Feedback from the Third Sector's Annual Fundraising Conference.

23 May 2017 by [Liam Kay](#) [Third Sector Blog](#)

Make your applications clearer, grant-seekers urged

Representatives of four major trusts and foundations tell a panel session that charities should have a better understanding of what funders are looking for Grant applications: 'say why, not what'.

Charities that make grant applications need to be clearer and ensure they have a good understanding of what funders are looking for if they are to be successful, four representatives of major trusts and foundations have told *Third Sector's* Annual Fundraising Conference.

Speaking on a trusts and foundations panel session today, Regis Cochfert, director of grants and programmes at the **Paul Hamlyn Foundation**, said most grant providers received large numbers of applications and it was crucial that applicants "tell us who you are and what you want to do instead of spending most of your word count describing a context of which we are very aware".

Cochfert said that formulating common advice for grant applicants so they could build relationships with their funders was very difficult given the number of organisations that were applying for grants.

"In reality we manage 550 live grants, so we are struggling to have relationships with people we are supporting," he said. "It will be virtually impossible to develop a relationship with prospective applicants."

For example, in the first year of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation's new strategy, Cochfert said there were almost 2,000 applications, with a success rate of 4 per cent, which he called "a disaster for everybody: a disaster for us as a funder, a disaster for my team and a disaster for applicants, because it simply is not workable". This included £138m worth of funding requests in the first 48 hours of the application period for just £2m of funding, although by year two the balance between applications and grants was "much healthier".

Gilly Green, head of UK grants at **Comic Relief**, said it was vital that applicants did their homework and made sure they spelled out why they were applying. She said: "In application forms, you have a limited amount of space. To be honest, we as funders have a really big responsibility to make sure the questions we are putting in those forms work for what you want to tell us and what we need to know. A lot of applications we get talk an awful lot about the 'what' – what you are going to do. Actually, we're interested in the why."

Chris Anderson, director of grant-making at the **Lloyds Bank Foundation**, urged charities to pay closer attention to what information funders were requesting. He said: "Please look at our criteria and interpret them correctly for your organisation. Don't waste your time or our time."

Adam Lopardo, director of partnerships at the **Community Foundation**, which covers Tyne and Wear and Northumberland, said applications should be short, meet funders' guidelines and explain the impact the money would have.

He said: "Don't use the word unique. Whatever you are doing that you might think is unique, it might be unique in your town, city, region or county, but the chances are that national funders have seen the same thing over and over again.

If you absolutely stand by the fact that it is unique, then tell us why. If you really believe it is, justify it."