



JOHN LYON'S CHARITY
PART OF THE HARROW SCHOOL FOUNDATION



Promoting the life-chances of children
and young people through education

John Lyon's Charity gives grants to benefit children and young people up to the age of 25 who live in nine boroughs in northwest London: Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and the Cities of London and Westminster.

Grants are awarded to registered charities and organisations with automatic charitable status. Occasionally grants are awarded to local authorities in the Charity's beneficial area who are working with voluntary sector partners. The Charity does not give grants to individuals.



What do we fund?

We give grants in the following Programme Areas:

Arts & Science

- Seek to engage the hardest to reach in effective programmes
- Help to increase the confidence and skills of teachers and headteachers to deliver Arts and Science projects and leave a legacy in the school
- Provide opportunities to get children out of their classrooms and into Arts and Science venues

Children & Families

- Activities for children aged 0-10 years outside the formal school setting
- Services that provide support to families

Education & Learning

- Projects that happen within state schools in the Charity's beneficial area including colleges of Further Education
- Supplementary schools
- Structured learning outside the school day

Emotional Wellbeing

Suitable services:

- Must be delivered by qualified practitioners
- In a dedicated setting or within a school

Special Needs & Disability

- Family support
- Education and learning
- Activities that take place within special and mainstream schools
- Activities that take place outside special and mainstream schools

Sport

- Participation in sport
- Focussed work with specific target groups
- Nurturing talent and creating realistic pathways to elite status

Training

- Basic, vocational and IT skills
- Apprenticeships
- ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Youth Clubs & Youth Activities

- Activities for young people aged 11+ outside the school setting
- Generic work in youth clubs

Youth Issues

- Projects that raise awareness amongst young people about issues that may affect them

SCHOOLS IN PARTNERSHIP

Schools are encouraged to apply to the Charity under the Schools in Partnership Fund.

The Fund encourages schools to work in partnership to support their most vulnerable students whilst seeking to maximise resources and funding. Grants can cover salary costs, coordination, project costs or a combination of all three. Grants are assessed as in the Main Grants Fund. For more information please see the Charity's website www.johnlyonscharity.org.uk



If you are unsure whether your project fits any of these programme areas, don't worry, contact a member of the Grants Team for advice.

What kind of support can I apply for?

We give grants for the following:

Core costs A general contribution to the core funding of an organisation that operates specifically for people in the Charity's beneficial area

Salary costs A contribution towards salary costs for roles that engage with young people either in the delivery, planning or coordination of a project or organisation

Unsure how to write an effective proposal letter? Take a look at the Charity's downloadable guide available from our website www.johnlyonscharity.org.uk



AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT?

Grants can be awarded to the following types of organisations:

- Registered charities
- State schools
- Independent schools with charitable status
- Local authorities
- Exempt charities (i.e. churches)
- National organisations with a track record and reputation in the Charity's beneficial area

Direct project costs Costs associated with the direct delivery of specific projects

Apprenticeships A contribution towards salary costs where statutory funding programmes create a shortfall for an organisation. Eligible organisations will be in the voluntary sector in vocations not covered by government programmes.

Equipment A contribution towards pieces of equipment that are not paid for by statutory sources

Buildings & Refurbishments Capital contributions towards buildings that are used to further the Charity's funding priorities including youth clubs and cultural venues. For more guidelines on the Charity's policy towards capital projects, please contact the Grants Team.

What are your exclusions?

We are unable to support the following:

- Individuals
- National organisations with no track record of delivery in the Charity's beneficial area
- Not-for-profit organisations that are not registered charities
- Housing Associations
- Faith schools with a closed admissions policy
- Schools that have not yet been inspected by Ofsted
- Hospitals, hospices or Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Statutory obligations
- General charitable appeals
- Lobbying and campaigning
- Endowment funds
- Mother tongue teaching
- Promotion of religion or politics
- Feasibility studies
- Research
- Medical care (including rehabilitation) and resources
- Telephone helplines
- Overnight school journeys or trips abroad
- Capital for educational institutions
- IT equipment
- Bursaries for higher education (including postgraduate)
- Programmes that fall under PHSE (Personal, Health, Social & Economic Education)
- Conservation, environmental projects and therapeutic gardens
- Core costs for umbrella bodies or second tier organisations
- Grants to registered charities that have applied on behalf of organisations that are not registered with the Charity Commission



Grant Funds

The Charity currently operates five grant funds:

Main Grants Fund Applications for Main Grants are considered by the Trustee three times a year in March, June and November. Grants can be up to three years in length, subject to monitoring reports and the specific approval of the Trustee. There is no maximum grant amount.

Schools in Partnership Fund
(formerly Access to Opportunity) As with Main Grants, proposals assessed under the Schools in Partnership Fund are considered in March, June and November. Grants can be up to three years in length, subject to monitoring reports and the specific approval of the Trustee. Grant requests of up to £50,000 per annum for three years are considered.

Bursary Fund Independent girls' schools and specialist arts institutions that are based in the Charity's beneficial area can apply to the Charity's Bursary Fund. Bursary awards must be made to young people who live in the beneficial area and have done so for at least two years prior to receiving the award. Grants are awarded to the institutions not to individuals. For further information please contact the Grants Team.

Small Grants Fund There are no deadlines for applications made under the Small Grants Fund. Requests are considered up to six times a year. The maximum amount awarded is £5,000 for one year. If a repeat request is expected in the following year applicants may be referred to the Main Grants Fund.

School Explorer Fund
(formerly Access to the Arts Fund) The School Explorer Fund is open to all primary schools, special schools and pupils with special needs that are in mainstream settings. Application forms can be downloaded from the Charity's website and can be submitted at any time. For more information please see the Charity's website www.johnlyonscharity.org.uk

How to Apply

John Lyon's Charity operates a two stage application process for all Grant Funds except for Small Grants of under £2,000.

Stage 1

Initial Proposal

Please write to the Grants Team with the following information:

- a summary of the main purpose of the project
- details of the overall amount requested
- the timescale of your project
- some indication of how funds from the Charity would be allocated

We will accept Stage One Initial Proposals at any time.

Stage 2

Application Form

If your Initial Proposal (Stage One) is assessed positively, you will be advised whether you will need to complete an application form. Forms will be sent to you by a member of the Grants Team who will also advise you when your application form must be returned and which meeting is most appropriate for you.

Decisions for the Main Grants Fund, Schools in Partnership Fund and Bursary Fund are made at Trustee meetings three times a year in March, June and November. The application process takes approximately 4-6 months to complete. Initial proposals received less than four months before the Trustee meeting may not be considered until the following meeting. Decisions for Small Grants are made throughout the year.

Small Grants (under £2,000)

There is no application form for requests for under £2,000. Applications are made by Initial Proposal letter. You will be advised by a member of the Grants Team if more information is required.

School Explorer Fund

Schools wishing to apply to the School Explorer Fund can download an application form from the Charity's website www.johnlyonscharity.org.uk Forms can be sent to the Charity at any time but must be in advance of the activity you wish to receive funding for.

WE GIVE GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS
IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF:

BARNET

BRENT

CAMDEN

EALING

HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

HARROW

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

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