



City Educational Trust Fund (290840)

Charitable Purposes

The purposes of the charity are for the advancement of education for the public benefit by:

1. The advancement of the objects of The City University or for other educational purposes connected with or related to the University; and
2. The advancement of:
 - (i) education in science and technology, business management and commerce by the promotion of research, study, teaching and training in any of them; or
 - (ii) the study and teaching of biology and ecology; or
 - (iii) research, study and teaching in the cultural arts.

The City Educational Trust Fund is a small charity and operates by making grants. In normal years approximately £130,000 is available for distribution. Grants will be made twice a year. The charity makes grants up to £25,000 per grant which must be spent within 2 years of the grant being awarded.

Eligibility

Grants will be given to organisations rather than individuals (however, please note organisations can apply on behalf of individuals, or groups of individuals).

Organisations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Educational Charities
- Educational Establishments

Beneficiaries must be resident and studying in the City of London or London Boroughs.

Applicants will need to provide proof of financial need, and to demonstrate how the grant, if awarded, will achieve the desired educational outcomes for the beneficiary/ies.

Applications that benefit groups of individuals will be given priority over applications that benefit one individual.

The trustee always retains the discretion to award funding outside the policy criteria in accordance with the charity's objects where it is considered to be in the best interests of the charity.

Funded activities

The Charity will fund:

Applications that advance education in the cultural arts or Science and Technology subjects. This may include course costs and necessary expenses such as travel, equipment, material and maintenance costs.



Application Guidelines

1. How do you apply for a grant?

To apply for a City of London Corporation ("CoLC") grant, applicants need to complete an online application form by the corresponding deadline and submit this electronically with supporting documents to the Central Grants Unit. Applications should be sent to the Central Grants Unit ahead of the stated deadline to allow applications to be processed in time. Only one application from an organisation or individual (in exceptional circumstances) will be considered at any one time. All application forms should be completed through the online CoLC Grants web portal. Application forms in large print, Braille or audio tape are available to applicants by special request.

2. How are applications assessed?

All completed applications will be assessed by one of the CoLC's Grant Officers. As part of this process, applicants may be contacted for more information. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged within 10 working days of it being received. Incomplete applications will be returned, and applicants will have a further 10 working days to send the missing information to the CoLC. After being assessed, applications are referred to the decision-making Committee. The timescale to process applications will vary; however, The CoLC endeavours to ensure applications are assessed within 12 weeks of the closing date.

3. How do we monitor and evaluate grant recipients once an award has been made?

Grant recipients will be requested to complete an end of grant monitoring report to confirm how the grant has been spent and what was achieved. Please make sure receipts are kept for all the items or services bought with the grant as we may ask for them to be provided. Please keep The CoLC up to date if contact details change at any stage during the period of the grant.

4. If your grant application is successful

Successful applicants will be sent an initial offer letter detailing the level of grant awarded. This may contain special conditions relating to the grant award or pre-agreement grant conditions. Grant acceptance terms and conditions will be subsequently issued which should be signed and returned within 20 working days. Once all documentation has been received and approved you would be asked to formally request payment of your grant award.

5. If your grant application is unsuccessful

Unfortunately, due to the limited budget available and the number of applications for funding we receive, the CoLC cannot provide funding to every applicant that applies for a grant and no further correspondence will be entered into in respect of unsuccessful grants. Grants are therefore awarded on a discretionary basis, there is no appeal process and the decision of the CoLC is final.



6. Support with your application

We urge all applicants that are unsure about whether to submit an application to read all available eligibility criteria on the CoLC website and attend one of our Grant Officer led workshops; dates for which will be publicised on our website throughout the year. If you have an enquiry that is not covered within the online guidance, please contact the Grants Unit directly, who will be able provide answers to general queries regarding the application process.

7. Can you reapply for funding?

Those who are awarded a grant from the Charity will be required to take a one-year break after a maximum two years of consecutive funding. Further applications for support will be considered after one year from the date the Trust receives a satisfactory monitoring report.

Further information

If you have questions about how to apply or about the status of an application, you can contact us on 020 7332 3712, email us at grants@cityoflondon.gov.uk, or visit our website www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/centralgrantsprogramme to find out more.