



The City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity (312836)

Grants Policy and Funding Eligibility Criteria

Charitable objects

The objects of the Charity are for the public benefit:

1. To further the education of persons (including persons born or resident in the City of London and those attending educational institutions in the City of London or the other London Boroughs) attending or proposing to attend secondary, further or higher educational institutions by the provision of grants or financial assistance and by arranging or supporting education and training to extend or complement courses provided by such institutions.
2. To provide grants for staff at maintained schools and Academies in the City of London and the other boroughs of London to undertake studies either at educational institutions or at other establishments provided that such study furthers their development as teachers.

The City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity is a small charity and operates by making grants. In normal years approximately £30,000 is available for distribution. Grants will be made twice a year. The charity makes grants ranging between £2,500 and £10,000 per grant as per the following criteria:

Smaller grants (up to £5,000) will need to be spent within 1 year of being awarded. Larger grants (from £5,000 to £10,000) will need to be spent within 2 years of being awarded.

Eligibility

Grants will be given to organisations. Grants may also be given directly to individuals in exceptional circumstances.

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

- Education Charity
- Education Establishment

Beneficiaries must be (1) resident and studying at secondary, further or higher educational institutions in the City of London or London Boroughs or (2) teaching at a maintained or academy school in the City of London or London Boroughs.

Grants will be primarily given to organisations, and organisations applying on behalf of individuals or groups of individuals. 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.



In exceptional circumstances applications from individuals may also be considered at the trustee's discretion and such applications should be supported by proof that the individual applicant has unsuccessfully made determined efforts to access sufficient funds from elsewhere to enable them to attend or continue to attend secondary, further or higher educational institutions to further their education.

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 deliver education in Cultural Arts and Science and Technology subjects to the first group of beneficiaries or enable the first group of beneficiaries to access education and training opportunities in cultural arts and Science and Technology subjects which extend or complement courses provided by secondary, further or higher educational institutions. This may include course costs and necessary expenses such as travel, equipment, material and maintenance costs.
- Applications for courses and study for the purposes of professional development of the second group of beneficiaries.

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 online 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?

Individuals who are awarded a grant from the Charity (which may be directly or through an organisation) will not be eligible for further funding within 5 (five) years of the decision to award the grant. Organisations applying on behalf of groups, individuals and groups of individuals are not subject to this restriction, although these organisations should note that the individuals benefiting from the grant are.

8. 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.