



FINANCE COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME - GUIDELINES

The Finance Committee makes small grants to organisations to support work in the areas of heritage and conservation, education and relief of poverty. The Committee will occasionally make grants outside these areas where charitable initiatives present a strong case for funding.

The following guidelines will be observed by the Sub-Committee. All disbursement are subject to any legal restrictions on the award of funding outside the City of London or Greater London:-

- (a) The applicant must demonstrate **either**:-
- a sufficiently strong connection with the City; for example, that the applicant's audience are City residents or workers; **or**
 - that the appeal is of a special nationwide charitable activity
- (b) Preference will be given to requests where a grant would be utilised for the active furtherance of charitable objectives rather than for the salaries of the employees;
- (c) In education matters, assistance will be given to organisations having education as an objective or which seek to sponsor the pursuit of further and higher education;
- (d) Grants will be given to organisations rather than individuals;
- (e) New applications will not normally be considered from a recipient of a grant within a three year period; and;
- (f) It is unlikely that grants would be made to an organisation already in receipt of financial support through the London-wide scheme and/or the local grants to voluntary organisations scheme;
- (g) It is also unlikely that grants will be made to organisations which have historically received a large proportion of their funding from central government or other local government sources. It is generally preferred to assist those charitable organisations which have not received the majority, if any, of their funding from such sources; and
- (h) Organisations that have received a grant for similar activities from the City Bridge Trust Committee will not normally be funded by the Finance Committee.
- NB: The above are 'Guidelines' only and the Committee retains total discretion as to whether an application is supported. Therefore whilst an application might not meet the above requirements, it may be supported if the Committee deems it worthwhile.