

Main areas of work (1) improve the quality of life of those disadvantaged by poverty, disability or ill health; (2) provide education and training support in the pursuit of excellence; (3) preserve or improve the physical fabric of the community

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Overview The focus of the Trust's donations is with its Principal Charities, with whom it has long standing relationships. It also provides Scholarships and a Fellowship to students from New Zealand to study in the UK. The Trust considers applications only under the categories of **Hammersmith & Peckham**, and **General applications**.

Applications Applications from charities whose beneficiaries reside in **Hammersmith or Peckham** are considered annually. Donations are in the order of **£1,000**. The closing date is the last Friday in January.

Each April and November the Trustee considers **General applications** with **10** donations of approximately **£1,000** being made on each occasion. The closing dates for applications are the last Friday in January and August. Successful applicants are unlikely to be awarded a further donation within the following 5 years.

Beneficial Area The five specific areas under which applications are invited: Medicine & Health, Education, Welfare, Youth Welfare, and lastly Heritage, Environment, Humanities and Christian Religion. Each has an equal preference. Geographically almost exclusively within the UK, with typically half of the **General** donations within the City and East London.

Exclusions Applications for donations under **General** will only be considered from registered charities, with an annual income below **£1 million**, or from registered Community Amateur Sports Clubs. The Trustee will occasionally consider an application from, or on behalf of, a disabled or severely disadvantaged individual needing financial support to enable their participation in a course of training or study leading to employment.

How to apply **Postal applications only.** Applicants should write to the Correspondent on the charity's or CASC's letterhead. To be considered for a donation please cover each of the following points:

- the beneficial area under which a grant is sought (see above)
- a brief summary of the organisation's background and aims
- the specific nature of the request, highlighting the change you wish to bring about
- how you will know if you have achieved these changes

Successful applicants will be informed in May and December.