



Masonic
Charitable Foundation

Grants to charities



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The Masonic Charitable Foundation is a charity funded entirely through the generosity of Freemasons. We build better lives by enabling opportunity, advancing healthcare and education and promoting independence for Freemasons, their wives, partners, children and grandchildren who have a financial, health or family need.

We also look beyond Freemasonry, making significant financial grants which help people to live happy, fulfilling lives and participate actively in society.

Through the Masonic Charitable Foundation and its predecessor charities, Freemasons have provided support amounting to around £130 million to charities across England, Wales and overseas in recent years.

The charities we support make a significant and lasting difference to those in need. Our grants seek to benefit as many people as possible and further the causes about which Freemasons and their families have told us they are most passionate.

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Total grants awarded to charities in 2015

 **4,843,737**

For a detailed list of grants, turn to the centre pages of this brochure.

We award grants to charities that provide support in these areas:





Financial hardship

We award grants to charities that relieve household or individual financial poverty. The charities we support help people to recover from financial hardship or avoid getting into financial difficulty altogether.

Our grants can support services such as:

- ♥ **Debt counselling and advice**
- ♥ **Financial education workshops for adults and young people**
- ♥ **Financial assistance for homeless people, care-leavers or those affected by cancer, long-term illness or disability**



We awarded £30,000 to The Haven to fund a Welfare Benefits and Money Advice Service which was introduced as a joint venture with Macmillan Cancer Support. The service helps to ensure that cancer patients do not struggle financially while undergoing treatment. The Haven is a national charity providing personalised care and support for people with breast cancer, helping them to achieve the best possible quality of life.

“We are so very grateful for this generous grant which has provided a financial lifeline to so many people affected by breast cancer. Having a cancer diagnosis is bad enough without having the additional worries about the financial impact it can have.”

Hannah Daws, Fundraising & Communications Director at The Haven





Medical & social research

We fund medical and social research into a wide range of disabilities, diseases and conditions. This is a cause that Freemasons and their families have told us they care about greatly and in 2015 alone we awarded £1.5 million thanks to their generosity.

Our grants have funded research into:

- ♥ Age-related degenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, motor neurone disease, dementia, macular degeneration and hearing loss
- ♥ Childhood diseases such as cystic fibrosis and neonatal conditions
- ♥ Chronic illnesses including cancer and heart disease
- ♥ Arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions, and the use of artificial limbs and aids
- ♥ Social issues such as mental health



**Alzheimer's
Research
UK**

The Power to Defeat Dementia.

We awarded £100,000 to Alzheimer's Research UK to support the development of a blood test to diagnose Alzheimer's disease in its earliest stages.

“**This incredibly generous gift has the power to improve clinical trials for Alzheimer's disease. A simple blood test to help predict whether people with mild memory problems will go on to develop Alzheimer's has huge potential to ensure people receive the right drugs at the right time.**”

Hilary Evans, Chief Executive at Alzheimer's Research UK





Education & employment for young people

We support disadvantaged children and young people up to the age of 25 by awarding grants to charities that remove barriers to education and employment.

The charities provide opportunities for children and young people who are not in education, employment or training, those who are affected by poor health and disability and those who are at risk of further disadvantage. The charities help young people to develop new social skills, gain work experience and overcome barriers to education, employment or qualifications.

Our grants can support services such as:

- ♥ **Apprenticeships, bursaries and training**
- ♥ **The use of sport or alternative approaches to enable learning and development**
- ♥ **Learning opportunities for disabled children and young people**



DAME KELLY HOLMES TRUST

We awarded £16,000 to the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust to fund 'Get on Track', the charity's flagship 14-month programme that supports young people currently out of education, training and employment.

The programme is led by world-class athletes and uses sport to build confidence, teamwork and communication skills while working alongside local corporate volunteers to teach employability skills, CV writing and job interview techniques.

The young people involved participate in work experience related to their career aspirations and can achieve qualifications in subjects such as First Aid, Food Hygiene and Sports Leadership.

Double Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes founded the charity in 2008 with the mission of retraining world-class athletes as mentors to engage, enable and empower disadvantaged young people and help them progress to a more positive future.



“ We are extremely grateful to the Masonic Charitable Foundation for helping us launch our first ever Get on Track programme in Wales. This will allow our team of world-class athletes to equip young people facing disadvantage in Bridgend with the attitudes and capabilities to make positive life choices. ”

Emma Atkins, Chief Executive at Dame Kelly Holmes Trust





Social exclusion & disadvantage

We relieve isolation and loneliness in the community by supporting charities working with those who have experienced family breakdown or crisis, rural or urban deprivation, homelessness, digital exclusion or difficulty reintegrating into society. In addition, we support charities that enable people over the age of 25 to access employability training, as well as charities that help those for whom disability or long-term illness acts as a barrier to a fulfilling life, including those who are carers.

Our grants can support services such as:

- ♥ Befriending schemes to reach disabled or older people living alone
- ♥ Parenting support for disadvantaged families with young children
- ♥ Adult education and training programmes for those trying to reintegrate into society



We awarded £40,000 to Emmaus UK to help expand their vital work to overcome homelessness and social exclusion.

For many people who have experienced homelessness, losing their self-esteem can be the most damaging part of the experience. Emmaus UK gives people the opportunity to reflect on their lives, deal with any issues they may have, re-establish relationships and reintegrate into society.

“**The funding that we have received from the Masonic Charitable Foundation is being used to strengthen the support services we offer to local Emmaus communities. We’re very grateful to have received this generous grant and look forward to using it to help more and more people rebuild their lives.**”

Simon Grainge, Chief Executive at Emmaus UK





Health & disability

Our grants support charities that improve the lives of people with poor physical and mental health, physical or learning disabilities and chronic or life-limiting conditions. Other charities we support help carers and those in need of end-of-life or palliative care.

Our grants can support services such as:

- ♥ **The development and provision of equipment to assist those with a disability**
- ♥ **Access to specialist advice, support or therapies**
- ♥ **Supporting care needs, including respite care**

Cystic Fibrosis Trust

We awarded £500,000 to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust to develop their innovative SmartCareCF programme which has been largely funded by a Masonic Charitable Foundation grant. SmartCareCF will explore the benefits of monitoring the condition at home and liaising with specialist health teams remotely rather than having to repeatedly travel into hospital. This could reduce the risk of hospital-based infections and lessen the daily burden of living with the condition.

“ We are very grateful to the Masonic Charitable Foundation for the opportunity to expand our work in healthcare technology. ”

**Ed Owen, Chief Executive
at the Cystic Fibrosis Trust**



Grants awarded 2015



Total £4,843,737

Large Grants



£2,254,237

- ♥ **AbilityNet**
£15,000
IT services for older disabled people
- ♥ **Armonico Consort**
£7,500
Music workshops in special educational needs schools
- ♥ **Barnardo's**
£25,000
Salary of Project Worker in North Tyneside
- ♥ **Blind Veterans UK**
£100,000
Rehabilitation apartment for blind ex-Service personnel
- ♥ **Blyth Tall Ship**
£15,000
Workshop expansion for engineering projects
- ♥ **Bobath Children's Therapy Centre, Wales**
£13,500
Specialist therapy for children with cerebral palsy
- ♥ **Brathay Trust**
£18,994
'Get Real' programme
- ♥ **British Lung Foundation**
£40,000
'Singing for Lung Health' programme
- ♥ **British Red Cross**
£50,000
Patient transport ambulance in Somerset
- ♥ **British Refugee Council**
£17,992
English and Maths classes for young people
- ♥ **British Wireless for the Blind Fund**
£47,750
Replacement of wireless internet audio players
- ♥ **Canine Partners**
£50,000
Refurbishment at the assistance dog training centre
- ♥ **Canterbury Cathedral Trust**
£22,000
Funding for a young stonemasonry apprentice
- ♥ **Carers Trust**
£30,000
Salary of Policy and Development Manager
- ♥ **CCHF All About Kids**
£26,000
Activity breaks for disadvantaged young people
- ♥ **Clean Break**
£29,000
'Brazen' programme for young women
- ♥ **Contact a Family**
£30,000
Funding for a special educational needs and disability family adviser
- ♥ **Coram Voice**
£29,257
Support for Care Leavers
- ♥ **Cystic Fibrosis Trust**
£500,000
Development of the SmartCareCF care programme (See feature in this booklet)
- ♥ **Daisy Chain Project Teesside**
£30,000
Education and employability programme for young people with autism
- ♥ **Dame Kelly Holmes Trust**
£16,074
'Get on Track' programme (See feature in this booklet)





♥ Emmaus UK

£40,000

Expansion of work to overcome homelessness
(See feature in this booklet)

♥ English National Ballet

£30,000

'Dance for Parkinson's' programme

♥ Farms for City Children

£10,000

Enabling disadvantaged urban children to experience life on a farm

♥ Girl Guiding UK

£28,000

Empowering young women to learn about leadership

♥ Groundwork UK

£10,000

Supporting personal and environmental development

♥ Growing Works

£19,976

Recruitment and development of young mentors

♥ Home-Start Sheffield

£24,873

A new project providing intensive parental support

♥ Jubilee Sailing Trust

£15,000

Funding places on voyages for carers of disabled people

♥ Listening Books

£25,000

Expansion of the Books for Hospices mini-library service

♥ Missing People

£10,000

Salary of a Services Supervisor

♥ National Deaf Children's Society

£7,500

Workshops helping deaf children and young people

♥ National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

£47,500

Salary of a Clinical Psychologist

♥ National Star Foundation

£37,250

Specialist accommodation

♥ OPENhouse

£12,143

Educational course for ten young people

♥ Rewrite

£30,000

English language programme for young migrants and refugees

♥ Royal National Institute of Blind People

£40,000

Salary of a sight-loss advisor

♥ Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability

£50,000

Refurbishment work in the brain injury rehabilitation hub

♥ SHINE

£35,000

Salary of a Development Coordinator

♥ Signature

£18,000

Development of a GCSE qualification in Sign Language

♥ Startup Online Ltd

£28,000

Supporting 400 young homeless women

♥ Street Games

£25,000

'Us Girls' empowerment project

♥ Street League

£25,000

Football and employability programmes

♥ Teens & Toddlers

£25,000

Salary for three Programme Leaders

♥ The AHoy Centre

£20,000

One-year sailing and rowing programme for young people

♥ The Archway Project Ltd

£25,909

Delivery of BTEC Engineering course

♥ The Back-Up Trust

£20,000

Salary of a Schools Inclusion Coordinator

♥ The Big House Theatre Company

£25,200

Drama workshops and employability training for care leavers





♥ **The Cornforth Partnership**
£14,869
 To support young fathers develop employability and family skills

♥ **The Haven**
£30,000
 Funding for the Welfare, Benefits and Money Advice Service (See feature in this booklet)

♥ **The Royal British Legion Poppy Factory**
£20,000
 Salary of an Employability Consultant

♥ **The Scout Association**
£211,200
 'Better Prepared' campaign

♥ **TheHorseCourse**
£27,750
 Teaching young people to self-manage emotional issues

♥ **Thrive (Society for Horticultural Therapy)**
£30,000
 Helping disabled young people gain work experience and skills

♥ **Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership**
£10,000
 Encouraging disadvantaged young people to apply to university

♥ **Victim Support**
£43,000
 Development of a Volunteer Service Team

♥ **WellChild**
£40,000
 Salary of a WellChild Children's Nurse

♥ **Youth Adventure Trust**
£30,000
 Activities for disadvantaged young people

Medical & social research

 **£1,513,000**

♥ **Alzheimer's Research UK**
£100,000
 Developing a blood test to diagnose Alzheimer's (See feature in this booklet)

♥ **Anthony Nolan Trust**
£92,000
 Research to improve transplant outcomes

♥ **Brain Research Trust**
£45,000
 Finding a treatment or cure for Alzheimer's

♥ **British Heart Foundation**
£100,000
 Research into the causes of heart disease

♥ **Diabetes UK**
£50,000
 Research into a vaccine for Type 1 Diabetes

♥ **Diabetes UK**
£55,000
 Research into links between diabetes and dementia

♥ **Guy's & St Thomas' Charity**
£40,000
 Research into treatments for Crohn's disease

♥ **Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research**
£94,000
 Identifying drugs to treat cancer and neurodegenerative disease

♥ **Macular Society**
£100,000
 Seeking a cure for age-related macular degeneration

♥ **Moorfields Eye Charity**
£65,000
 Research into age-related macular degeneration

♥ **Parkinson's UK**
£90,000
 Finding a solution for Parkinson's-related swallowing problems

♥ **Restoration of Appearance and Function Trust**
£92,000
 Revolutionising the control of prosthetic devices

♥ **Restore: Burn and Wound Research**
£92,000
 Research into skin graft acceptance

♥ **Tenovus Cancer Care**
£89,000
 Enabling the immune system to resist cancer



♥ **The Cure Parkinson's Trust**

£45,000

Research into the development of Parkinson's disease

♥ **UCL Cancer Institute Research Trust**

£60,000

Research into immunotherapy treatment for lung cancer

♥ **UCL Cancer Institute Research Trust**

£100,000

Developing safer treatments for children with leukaemia

♥ **University of Leicester**

£32,000

Research into the impact of visual crowding on reading ability

♥ **William Harvey Research Foundation**

£99,000

Researching new treatment for dementia

♥ **Yorkshire Cancer Research**

£73,000

Researching new treatments for lung cancer

Hospices



£600,000

♥ **Hospice grants**

£600,000

245 Hospices

Air ambulance & rescue services



£192,000

♥ **Air ambulance Grants**

£192,000

22 Air Ambulance and equivalent rescue services

Disaster relief



£140,000

♥ **British Red Cross**

£20,000

Cyclone Pam - Vanuatu

♥ **British Red Cross**

£50,000

Earthquake in Nepal

♥ **British Red Cross**

£20,000

Flooding in Chennai

♥ **Cumbria Community Foundation**

£25,000

Flooding in Cumbria

♥ **District Grand Lodge of Madras**

£10,000

Flooding in Chennai

♥ **District Grand Lodge of Trinidad and Tobago**

£5,000

Tropical Storm Erika

♥ **Provincial Grand Master's Charitable Fund**

£5,000

Flooding in Cumbria

♥ **St Michael's Hospice Sussex**

£5,000

Fire at the Hospice

Small Grants



£144,500

Alongside the Large Grants listed above, Small Grants of between £500 and £5,000 were awarded to charities whose annual income is below £500,000.

♥ **Grants of £5,000 or less to 40 smaller charities**

£144,500





Hospices

Each year, grants are made to support the operating costs of adult and children's hospices that receive 60% or less of their funding from the NHS.

In 2015, £600,000 was awarded to 245 hospices across England and Wales.



! Disaster relief

Funding is also provided to support major natural disaster relief appeals at the discretion of the Foundation.

Since 1981, Freemasons have given over £2.5 million to help the victims of floods, earthquakes, famines and other terrible events in the UK and worldwide.



“The Freemasons have always been among the first to generously support us when the Red Cross responds to a disaster. They've given over £2 million over the past thirty years to the Red Cross and we're proud to have them as such important partners.”

Mark Astarita, Executive Director of Fundraising, British Red Cross





Air ambulance & rescue services

In 2015, every air ambulance and equivalent service charity in England and Wales received funding totalling £192,000.





Apply for a grant

Charities that fall into one or more of the categories in this leaflet can apply for a grant. Charities with less than £500,000 turnover can apply for a Small Grant of between £500 and £5,000. Charities with a turnover of over £500,000 can apply for either a Small Grant or a Large Grant of over £5,000.

Applications are considered every January, April, July and October. To apply, submit an enquiry or application form at www.mcf.org.uk/community

If you have any questions or would like to discuss a potential application:

Email charitygrants@mcf.org.uk | Call 020 7395 9360



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