

## **Eligibility for Children and Young People grants**

### **Programmes**

- Applicants can only apply for one grant programme at any time
- For small grants, at least 75% of the charity's beneficiaries must be disadvantaged children and young people
- For large grants, all of the beneficiaries of the project must be disadvantaged children and young people and their families/guardians.

### **Grant size**

#### Small grant

- These grants are for smaller charities whose annual income does not exceed £500,000
- Small grants are unrestricted and, for example can be used towards general running and/or overhead costs of the charity
- Small grants range between £1,000 - £5,000 per year, for up to three years
- The total amount of the grant requested must not exceed 20% of the total income of the charity

#### Large grant

- These grants are for larger charities whose annual income exceeds £500,000
- Large grants are restricted for projects and, for example, includes for salary costs, activities, materials etc.
- Large grants usually range from £10,000 to £60,000. They can be awarded over one to three years.

### **Age Range**

Our grants support disadvantaged and vulnerable children aged 0-18 and up to the age of 25 years for disabled young people.

They also include projects/charities providing family support that will benefit the child/young person

### **Key Areas of Focus**

Grants can be offered to charities/projects that provide:

- Mental and physical health support
- Learning and development, including language and communication skills, social and emotional etc.
- Support for the whole family
- Pastoral and advocacy support

### **Example initiatives**

Grants can be offered to charities for projects that provide activities such as:

- Educational opportunities such as improving literacy and numeracy
- Training and employment opportunities such as mentoring and skills development
- Encouraging healthy behaviours with regards to diet, activity and wellbeing

- Provision of adaptive technologies and equipment removing barriers
- Family support such as support and advice for the whole family
- Psychological interventions such as access to counselling and peer support groups

## **Examples of desired outcomes**

### Short term

- Age appropriate skills developed by the time children get to school or young people enter their first jobs
- Children and young people receive more opportunities to access education and training
- Existing services better supporting the physical, psychological and emotional needs of children and young people
- Children and young people living in a healthy and stable environment
- Are more engaged in physical and social activities through sports and social clubs
- Have greater access to physical, psychological and emotional support
- Greater knowledge about rights, options and opportunities
- Greater awareness of the subject among Freemasons

### Long term

- Improved health and wellbeing for children and young people
- Equal opportunities for all children and young people regardless of ability or background
- Children and young people having the best start in life no matter what their circumstances
- Stable, healthy and supported family networks
- MCF's profile raised among Freemason and the public

## **Eligibility requirements**

- Grants are only made to charities whose beneficiaries are in England and Wales
- Charities must be registered with the Charity Commission or relevant Central registry of the respective Guernsey, Jersey or Isle of Man's government
- Charities must have at least one year of independently examined or audited accounts published on the Charity Commission website for the registered charity number they are applying from

## **What the MCF will not consider grants for**

- Arts and heritage
- Environmental
- Animal welfare
- Statutory obligations
- Routine delivery of the National Curriculum in schools
- The sole aim of promoting civil liberties and human rights
- Political or lobbying activities
- Contributions towards new build and/or large scale capital projects, e.g. building a new hospice wing
- Capital repairs and/or maintenance of existing buildings

- Hospital equipment, such as MRI scanners
- The support or promotion of any and all religious doctrine
- Contributions to general appeals
- Retrospective funding

### **Charities from which the MCF will not consider applications**

- Individuals
- Hospices
- Current active MCF grant holders
- Umbrella organisations coordinating fundraising on behalf of others
- Third parties seeking funding. MCF does not support organisations coordinating funds on behalf of others
- Social Enterprises, Community Interest Companies or Community interest groups
- Organisations that are not registered charities or are exempt
- Projects or organisations working solely outside of England and/or Wales, the Channel Islands or Isle of Man
- Schools (for routine delivery activities to non-priority groups)
- Nurseries (for routine delivery activities to non-priority groups)
- Hospitals (for routine delivery activities to non-priority groups)
- Churches or other religious institutions
- Those who have had a small or large full application considered and declined within the last 12 months
- Those whose previous grant from the MCF ended less than 2 years ago