



JOHN LYON'S CHARITY
PART OF THE HARROW SCHOOL FOUNDATION

**ENHANCING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE
AND IMPROVING THE LIFE-CHANCES OF
YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH EDUCATION**



ABOUT THE CHARITY

John Lyon was a yeoman farmer from the village of Preston in Harrow and the Founder of Harrow School in 1572. He was granted a Royal Charter by Elizabeth I. He lies buried with his wife Joan in St Mary's Church, Harrow on the Hill, close to Harrow School and The John Lyon School which was established in 1876 to provide education for boys from the local community.

Harrow School and The John Lyon School form part of the Harrow Foundation, which consists of two separate entities – the two schools (known as the Keepers and Governors), and John Lyon's Charity. The Keepers and Governors, as an entity, is the Trustee of John Lyon's Charity.

The Charity was established in 1578 to maintain the Harrow and Edgware Roads when John Lyon gave to the Keepers and Governors a farm of some 48 acres in the area now known as Maida Vale as the endowment for that purpose. For two hundred years the income went to the various authorities that were responsible for the upkeep of the roads. In 1991 a Charity Commission scheme came into effect giving the Governors discretion to apply the income for the benefit of the inhabitants of the boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea, and the Cities of Westminster and London.

John Lyon's Charity gives grants to groups and organisations for the benefit of children and young adults who are resident in the London boroughs illustrated on the map below.

Grants from the Charity are restricted to these areas and are made in accordance with certain rules covering allocation and consultation with these local authorities.

In general the Charity only gives grants to groups and organisations which are registered charities* or who have automatic charitable status. The Charity does not give grants to individuals. In exceptional circumstances applications will be considered from organisations with charitable status pending.



*Registered charities are organisations that have been given a registration number by the Charity Commissioners. For information about how to become a registered charity, contact the Charity Commission.

GRANTS

We give grants to:

- support education and training, particularly for young adults
- broaden horizons and encourage an appreciation of the value of cultural diversity through activities such as dance, drama, music, creative-writing and the visual arts
- provide child-care, support for parents, help where parental support is lacking
- enhance recreation through sport, youth clubs and playschemes
- help young people achieve their full potential
- develop new opportunities for young people.

Grants are given to a broad range of charities. They are intended to be of direct benefit as possible to young people who are resident in Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea and the Cities of London and Westminster.

TYPES OF GRANT

WHAT WE FUND

- Capital costs (e.g. equipment, furniture etc.)
- Revenue costs (e.g. salaries, running costs)

THE MAIN GRANTS PROGRAMME

There are no strict limits on the amount of grant that may be awarded. Grants can be agreed in principle for up to three years but are subject to monitoring conditions and the release of each tranche is dependent on the specific approval of the Trustee.

In exceptional circumstances some fixed-term grants may be eligible for renewal depending on records of achievements, and the availability of funds.

THE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Small Grants Programme welcomes "one off" grant requests of up to £5,000 with no repeat funding. Requests for over £2,000 will be subject to the completion of a short application form. Small grants are considered up to six times a year.

MONITORING PROJECTS

We seek to learn from the experiences of those who have received grants and we expect reports on the progress of each project. Without this feedback, examples of good practice and valuable initiatives can be lost. The information we get back from supported projects will also help shape future policy.

The size and scope of any evaluation exercise will be related to the level of grant.

EXCLUSIONS

We cannot give grants:

- to individuals
- for research, unless it is action research designed to lead directly to the advancement of practical activities in the community
- for feasibility studies
- for medical care and resources
- in response to general charitable appeals, unless they can be shown to be of specific benefit to children and young people in one or more of the geographical areas listed
- as direct replacements for the withdrawal of funds by statutory authorities for activities which are primarily the responsibility of central or local government
- to umbrella organisations to distribute to projects which are already in receipt of funds from the Charity
- for the promotion of religion or politics
- for telephone helplines
- as core funding for national charities
- for advice and information services
- to Housing Associations.

Grants are restricted to the London boroughs listed on the back cover.

HOW TO APPLY

John Lyon's Charity has a two stage application process:

STAGE ONE INITIAL PROPOSAL

Please write to the Grants Office with the following information:

- a summary of the main purpose of the project
- details of the overall amount requested
- the timescale of your project
- some indication of how funds from the Charity would be allocated.

CLOSING DATES FOR INITIAL PROPOSALS

John Lyon's Charity will accept Stage One Initial Proposals at **any time**. Decisions are made at Trustee meetings three times a year in **March, June and November**.

You should be advised that the application process takes approximately four months to complete. Proposals received **less than four months** before the Trustee meeting may not be considered until the following meeting.

STAGE TWO APPLICATION FORM

If your Initial Proposal (Stage One) is assessed positively, you will be advised whether you will need to complete an application form. Forms are required for all applications to the Main Grants Programme and for requests of over £2,000 to the Small Grants Programme.

If you qualify for Stage Two you will be advised by your Grants Officer when your application form must be returned.

Applications by fax or email will not be accepted. Electronic versions of the application form can be made available. The decision of the Grants Committee is final.

Further details and a guide to writing a good proposal letter are available on our website.

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AND ORGANISATIONS IN
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BARNET

BRENT

CAMDEN

EALING

HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

HARROW

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

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THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER



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