



JOHN LYON'S CHARITY
PART OF THE HARROW SCHOOL FOUNDATION



**Promoting the life-chances of children
and young people through education**



John Lyon's Charity gives grants to benefit children and young people up to the age of 25 who live in nine boroughs in northwest London: Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and the Cities of London and Westminster.

Grants are awarded to registered charities and organisations with automatic charitable status. Occasionally grants are awarded to local authorities in the Charity's beneficial area who are working with voluntary sector partners. The Charity does not give grants to individuals. In exceptional circumstances applications will be considered from organisations with charitable status pending.



What do we fund?

We give grants in the following programme areas:

Children & Families

- Activities for children aged 0-10 years outside the formal school setting
- Services that provide support to families
- Support for childcare provision

Education & Learning

- Projects that happen within state schools in the Charity's beneficial area including colleges of Further Education
- Supplementary schools
- Structured learning outside the school day
- Projects that increase parental engagement in education and learning

Training

- Basic, vocational and IT skills
- ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
- Apprenticeships
- Mentoring programmes

Arts in Education

- Projects should seek to engage the hardest to reach in effective programmes
- Arts activities within schools should leave a legacy in the school
- Arts projects should increase the confidence of teachers to deliver Arts projects

Youth Clubs & Youth Activities

- Activities for young people aged 11+ outside the school setting
- Generic work in youth clubs

Youth Issues

- Projects that raise awareness amongst young people about issues that may affect them

Special Needs & Disability

- Family support
- Education and learning
- Activities that take place within special and mainstream schools
- Activities that take place outside special and mainstream schools

Sport

- Promotion of access and participation in sport
- Focussed work with specific target groups
- Nurturing talent and creating realistic pathways to elite status

Emotional Wellbeing

- Must be delivered by qualified practitioners
- In a dedicated setting or within a school

ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY

Schools are encouraged to apply to the Charity under the Access to Opportunity grants programme.

The programme encourages schools to work in partnership to support their most vulnerable students. Grants can cover salary costs, coordination, project costs or a combination of all three. Grants are assessed as in the Main Grants Programme. For more information please see the Charity's website, www.johnlyonscharity.org.uk

If you are unsure whether your project fits any of these programme areas, don't worry, contact a member of the Grants Team for advice.



What kind of support can I apply for?

We give grants for the following:

Core costs A general contribution to the core funding of an organisation that operates specifically with young people in the Charity's beneficial area

Salary costs A contribution towards salary costs for roles that engage with young people either in the delivery, planning or coordination of a project or organisation



Unsure how to write an effective proposal letter? Take a look at the Charity's downloadable guide available from our website www.johnlyonscharity.org.uk

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT?

Grants can be awarded to the following types of organisations:

- Registered charities
- State schools
- Independent schools with charitable status
- Local authorities
- Bodies that have automatic charitable status (i.e. schools, churches)

Direct project costs Costs associated with the direct delivery of specific projects

Apprenticeships A contribution towards salary costs of apprentices where statutory funding programmes create a shortfall for an organisation. Eligible apprenticeships are those in voluntary sector organisations in vocations not covered by government programmes.

Equipment A contribution towards specialist pieces of equipment that are not paid for by statutory sources

Buildings & Refurbishments Capital contributions towards buildings that are used to further the Charity's objectives. For more guidelines on the Charity's policy towards capital projects, please contact the Grants Team.

Bursaries The Charity will support bursaries for young people to attend Harrow School, The John Lyon School, independent girls' schools and specialist arts institutions that are in the beneficial area. For more information on the rules governing bursary awards, please contact the Grants Team.

What are your exclusions?

We are unable to support the following:

- Individuals
- National organisations
- Not-for-profit organisations that are not registered charities
- Housing Associations
- Faith schools with a closed admissions policy
- Schools that have not yet been inspected by Ofsted
- Hospitals, hospices or Primary Care Trusts
- Statutory obligations
- General charitable appeals
- Lobbying and campaigning organisations
- Endowment funds
- Mother tongue teaching
- Promotion of religion or politics
- Feasibility studies
- Research
- Medical care (including rehab) and resources
- Telephone helplines
- Advice and information services
- School journeys or trips abroad
- Capital for educational institutions
- IT equipment
- Bursaries for higher education (including postgraduate)
- Programmes that fall under PHSE, Citizenship or Social Enterprise
- Conservation, environmental projects and therapeutic gardens
- Core costs for umbrella bodies or second tier organisations
- Grants to registered charities that have applied on behalf of organisations that are not registered with the Charity Commission



Don't forget that it can take between 4-6 months for your application to be processed. Submit your proposal in good time before your project starts as we are not able to fund retrospectively.

Grant Programmes

The Charity currently operates four grant programmes:

The Main Grants Programme Applications for Main Grants are considered by the Trustee three times a year in March, June and November. Grants can be up to three years in length, subject to monitoring reports and the specific approval of the Trustee. There is no maximum grant amount.

Access to Opportunity As with Main Grants, proposals assessed under the Access to Opportunity grants programme are considered in March, June and November. Grants can be up to three years in length, subject to monitoring reports and the specific approval of the Trustee. The maximum amount available under this programme is £50,000 per annum for a maximum of three years.

The Small Grants Programme There are no deadlines for applications made under the Small Grants Programme. Requests are considered up to six times a year. The maximum amount awarded under the Small Grants Programme is £5,000 for one year only. If a repeat request is expected in the following year applicants may be referred to the Main Grants Programme.

Access to the Arts Fund The Access to the Arts Fund is open to all primary schools, special schools and pupils with special needs that are in mainstream settings. Application forms can be downloaded from the Charity's website and can be submitted at any time. For more information please see the Charity's website www.johnlyonscharity.org.uk

How to Apply

John Lyon's Charity operates a two stage application process for Main Grants, Access to Opportunity and Small Grants of more than £2,000.

Stage 1

Initial Proposal

Please write to the Grants Team 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

We will accept Stage One Initial Proposals at any time.

Stage 2

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 will be sent to you by a member of the Grants Team who will also advise you when your application form must be returned.

Decisions are made at Trustee meetings three times a year in March, June and November. The application process takes approximately four months to complete. Initial Proposals received less than four months before the Trustee meeting may not be considered until the following meeting.

Small Grants (under £2,000)

There is no application form for requests for under £2,000. Applications are made by Initial Proposal letter. You will be advised by a member of the Grants Team if more information is required.

Access to the Arts Fund

Schools wishing to apply to the Access to the Arts Fund can download an application form from the Charity's website www.johnlyonscharity.org.uk Forms can be sent to the Charity at any time but must be in advance of the activity you wish to receive funding for.

WE GIVE GRANTS TO GROUPS
AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE
LONDON BOROUGHS OF:

BARNET

BRENT

CAMDEN

EALING

HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

HARROW

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

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