



## JOHN LYON'S CHARITY

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

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## Introduction

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## Who was John Lyon?



- A yeoman farmer from Preston in Harrow
- Founded Harrow School in 1572
- Harrow School and The John Lyon School form part of the Harrow Foundation
- The Keepers and Governors, a Charter Corporation of 1572, is the Trustee of John Lyon's Charity

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## What is John Lyon's Charity?

- Established 1578
- Original purpose to maintain Harrow and Edgware Roads
- In 1991 Charity Commission Scheme
- Return to the original priorities of John Lyon



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## About John Lyon's Charity

- Grant-giving trust
- Focus on organisations that support children and young people under 25 (SEND up to 30)
- Nine boroughs in North and West London (Beneficial Area)
- Over £130 million awarded



Borough	Funding Distributed (19/20)
H&F	£957,000
K&C	£690,000
WES	£962,000

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## Who do we fund?

- Registered charities
- Maintained schools with an open admissions policy
- Independent schools with charitable status
- Exempt charities (e.g. churches)
- National registered charities with a track record and reputation in the Charity's Beneficial Area

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## What do we fund?

- Arts & Science
- Children & Families
- Education & Learning
- Emotional Wellbeing
- Special Needs & Disability
- Sport
- Training
- Youth Clubs & Youth Activities
- Youth Issues



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## Types of Support

- Core Costs
- Salary Costs
- Direct Project Costs
- Apprenticeships
- Equipment
- Capacity Building



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## Grant Funds

- Main Grants Fund
- Schools in Partnership Fund
- Small Grants Fund
- School Holiday Activity Fund
- School Explorer Fund
- Bursary Fund



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## Main Grants Fund

- Applications are considered by the Trustee three times per year in March, June and November
- Grants awarded for up to three years in length
- No maximum grant amount
- Grants monitored on an annual basis

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## Schools in Partnership Fund

- Open to all state schools in the Charity's Beneficial Area
- Applications are considered by the Trustee three times per year in March, June and November
- Maximum amount available is £50,000 per annum for a maximum of three years
- Grants are intended to enable schools to work together to help their neediest pupils
- Grants can cover salary costs, coordination and project costs

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## Small Grants Fund

- Applications considered up to six times per year
- Maximum award is £5,000 for one year
- What do we fund?
- Pump priming funds for small projects that might develop into full grant status

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## School Holiday Activity Fund

- Applications considered up to six times per year for holidays: Summer, October, February and May half-terms, Christmas and Easter
- Maximum award is £4,000 for one year; one application per year
- Three years consecutive applications then a pause
- Holiday drop-in activities, arts activities, sport, family activities, trips out of London, camping trips.
- 2020 implications

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## General Rules

- JLC is not a perpetual funder
- No retrospective funding
- One grant per organisation at a time – **except with SHAF / School Explorer**
- Unsuccessful organisations should wait two years before reapplying
- Priority given to local organisations
- Supplementary schools – Quality Framework and affiliated with NRCSE
- Youth Clubs – London Youth Quality Mark
- Applications made by registered charities on behalf of organisations that are not registered with the Charity Commission are not generally accepted.
- No conduit funding

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## How to apply

- Two stage application process: Main Grants, Schools in Partnership and Small Grants
- School Explorer and SHAF via one application form only.
- **Stage One: Initial Proposal**
  - Summary of the main purpose of the project
  - Budget for the project and how funds from the Charity would be allocated
  - Timescale of the project
  - These can be submitted at **any time**



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## Assessment Procedure

- Proposal
- Initial assessment
- Site visit / Videocall (Covid-19)
- Advisor assessment
- Young Peoples Foundations
  - Young Westminster
  - Young H&F
  - Young K&C



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- **Stage Two: Application Form**
  - If Stage One Proposal is successful, you will need to complete an application form.
  - Forms will only become accessible in the Grants Portal to successful Stage One Proposals
  - The Grants Office will advise when your application form must be returned.
- **Note:**
  - The application process takes approximately six months to complete
  - Submit early proposals where possible

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## JLC's Response to Covid-19

- London Funders statement 'We stand with the sector'
- Digital Delivery and Safeguarding document
- 'Lyon Bites': John Lyon's Charity Newsletter
- Championing grantees using our platforms in the media
- Communications Capacity Building Grants with Goodwork
- Covid-19 School Holiday Activity Fund and NYA Guideline Compliance
- London Community Response Fund: rapid commitment of support via the online portal total
- £1.2million awarded on Covid grants between April – August

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## London Community Response Fund (LCRF)

- Based on previous crisis response funding approach
- Waves 1, 2 and 3
- 60+ funders
- 6,527 applications received
- £41.8m grants offered to date
- JLC awarded £897,880 (59 grants)



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## What does the future look like?

- John Lyon's Charity: Business as usual
  - Main Grants – Funding rounds in March and June
  - Continuing to be flexible
  - School Holiday Activity Fund
  - Small Grants
  - NYA Guidance and Alert Level Delivery Plan
- London Community Response Fund

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