



# JOHN LYON'S CHARITY

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



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# Introduction

- Who was John Lyon?
- What is John Lyon's Charity?
- What we fund
- Types of grant
- Grant programmes
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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



# What is John Lyon's Charity?

- Established 1578
- Original purpose to maintain Harrow and Edgware Roads
- In 1991 Charity Commission Scheme
- £90million has been awarded since then





## Where do we fund?

Barnet  
Brent  
Camden  
Ealing  
Kensington & Chelsea  
Hammersmith &  
Fulham  
Harrow  
City of London  
City of Westminster







# Who do we fund?

Registered charities

Maintained schools with an open admissions policy

Independent schools with charitable status

Local authorities

Exempt charities (e.g. churches)

National organisations with a track record and reputation in the Charity's beneficial area



# What do we fund?

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





# Types of grant

Core costs

Salary costs

Direct project costs

Apprenticeships

Equipment

Buildings & Refurbishments

Capacity Building







# Grant Funds

- Main Grants Fund
- Schools in Partnership Fund
- Bursary Fund
- Small Grants Fund
- School Holiday Activity Fund
- School Explorer Fund
- Capacity Building Fund – **coming soon!**





# The 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



# 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





# Bursary Fund

- Up to 15% of annual expenditure allocated as bursaries
- Harrow School (5%)
- The John Lyon School (5%)
- Independent girls' schools and specialist arts institutions based in the beneficial area (5%)
- Grants awarded to institutions NOT individuals
- Residency requirements



# The Small Grants Fund

- Applications considered up to six times per year
- Maximum award is £5,000 for one year
- Requests over £2,000 require a short application form
- Pump priming funds for small projects that might develop into full grant status



# 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 £5,000 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.





# School Explorer Fund

- Open to all primary schools, special schools and pupils with special needs in a mainstream secondary school setting
- Grants will enable schools to access and take part in Arts activities at high class institutions outside the classroom
- Most grants will not exceed £1,000 and most cases be c.£500
- Applications are assessed frequently and application forms can be downloaded from the Charity's website



# 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
- 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.



# How to Apply

- Two stage application process for Main Grants, Schools in Partnership and Small Grants of more than £2,000
- School Explorer and SHAF forms can be downloaded from our website
- **Stage One: Initial Proposal**
  - Summary of the main purpose of the project
  - Details of the overall amount requested
  - Timescale of the project
  - Indication of how funds from the Charity would be allocated
  - These can be submitted at **any time**





- **Stage Two: Application Form**
  - If Stage One Initial Proposal is successful, you will be advised whether you need to complete an application form.
  - Forms will be sent to you by the Grants Office who will advise you when your application form must be returned.
- **Note:**
  - The application process takes approximately four months to complete
- **Small Grants under £2,000:**
  - Applications are assessed on the Initial Proposal Letter only



# Assessment procedure

## Proposal letter:

- Support proposal with a budget
- Include latest audited accounts
- Annual Report

## Then expect:

- Initial assessment
- Site visit
- Advisor assessment





# We do not fund

- Individuals
- National organisations with no track record in the beneficial area
- Organisations that are not registered charities or those acting as a conduit
- Registered social landlords
- Faith schools with a closed admissions policy
- Schools that have not yet been inspected by Ofsted
- Hospitals, hospices or Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Statutory obligations
- General charitable appeals
- Lobbying and campaigning
- Endowment funds
- Mother tongue teaching
- Promotion of religion or politics



# We do not fund continued

- Feasibility studies
- Research
- Medical care (including rehab) and resources
- Telephone helplines
- Overnight school journeys or trips abroad
- Capital for educational institutions
- IT equipment
- Bursaries for higher education (including post grad)
- Programmes 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



# What makes a successful application?

A good proposal letter!

**Check eligibility before you start!**

**Introduce your organisation**

**Apply for something specific**





## Proposal Letter:

WHAT	you intend to do
WHY	the project needs to take place
WHO	will benefit
WHEN	the project will take place
WHERE	the project will take place
HOW MUCH	will the project cost?



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