

## **GRANT MAKING POLICY: ORIGINAL FUNDING**

### **1 Our Policy**

- 1.1 EECF aims to improve the quality of life for people living in the London Boroughs of Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Newham and the City of London.
- 1.2 The Board of Trustees of EECF oversees all grant making. Grants are awarded for charitable purposes.
- 1.3 Each application will be carefully considered, taking into account, among other factors, the beneficiaries, the financial position of EECF and the nature of the project.
- 1.4 Meetings to consider grant applications are held three - four times a year.
- 1.5 EECF reserves the right to vary its policies at any time.

### **2. Criteria**

- 2.1 EECF's Primary Benefit Area is the former Ward of St Katharine and the former Ward of Shadwell in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. This includes the Tower of London and everything eastwards for two miles along the north bank of the Thames below Commercial Road and West India Dock Road. This boundary extends almost up to Canary Wharf.
- 2.2 Current priority is given to grants for:
  - Education and training of children and adults
  - Training and development of voluntary organisations to encourage self-help
  - Activities for the elderly
  - Activities that promote harmony between different sections of the community
- 2.3 Preference is given to activities that improve employment prospects or the ability to participate in the life of the wider community.
- 2.4 EECF will consider requests for contributions towards capital and revenue costs, to one-off purchases and for on-going expenditure.
- 2.5 EECF will NOT usually fund:
  - Individuals
  - Travel or study outside the area
  - Anything that should be paid for from statutory sources
  - Purchase, repair, or maintenance of buildings or vehicles
  - Religious groups unless they offer a service to the whole community of a non-religious nature

- Projects of a political nature
- Research, other than action research studies fitting the aims of EECF
- Fund raising events
- Retrospective grants or pay off mortgages, deficits or loans

2.6 There is no limit on the number of times an applicant can apply to EECF for a grant. However, grants are awarded subject to the following:

- Information provided in the previous grant monitoring report form on how the money was spent
- Availability of funds

2.7 The Board of Trustees usually review and set the guidelines every five years.

### **3. Other Grants**

Grants other than those made from EECF's original funding will be determined and managed in accordance with the criteria applicable to those funds.

### **4. Complaints**

See our **Complaints Policy & Procedure**.