



SURREY YOUTH FOCUS

Improving the lives of young people by supporting our members

C H A M P I O N I N S P I R E E M P O W E R

Funders for Guildford

Guildford Poyle Charities www.guildfordpoylecharities.org/

GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS

Which organisations are eligible?

Any organisations working with people in need, hardship or distress and where all, or a significant proportion, of their clients live in the central area of Guildford.

Types of grant given

Grants are given for a wide variety of different projects including running costs if a case can be made. Examples of grants given in the past include funding for:

- a course of parenting classes
- an upgrade of an organisation's IT equipment
- furnishing for supported accommodation for people with learning difficulties
- equipment for a youth club
- work with youngsters in danger of being excluded from school
- the running costs of a club for people who are socially isolated
- part funding for a money advisor helping people in financial difficulty

We will also consider other types of application. Contact the office before submission of your application if you are unsure whether your project would be eligible for consideration.

Grants can be given up to a normal maximum of £5,000 for a period of one year under the general grants scheme. Larger grants for periods of up to three years can be considered under the Ward Fund scheme.

An **organisation grant application form** must be completed for each application and sent in together with a set of the latest accounts and any other information which the organisation feels is relevant to their application.

Applications of any size should indicate the whole sum required for the project (provided the expenditure is justified in the application) and the contribution requested from Guildford Poyle Charities. Applications for grants should include clear statements of how the funds will be used and how the project will be monitored and evaluated.

Organisations receiving a grant will be able to show that they operate in ways that have regard to equality of opportunity and inclusiveness.

When will applications be considered?

Organisation grant applications under both grants schemes are considered by the Trustees four times a year. The deadline for receipt of application forms is one month before the next meeting. Meetings in 2015 will be held as below:



Date Application Form Required	Date of Meeting
Friday 15 May 2015	Tuesday 16 June 2015
Friday 28 August 2015	Tuesday 29 September 2015
Friday 6 November 2015	Tuesday 8 December 2015

THE WARD FUND

Guildford Poyle Charities currently has extra funding available from The Ward Fund, a generous legacy from a Guildford resident. Up to £170,000 of extra money is available for organisations over the next few years.

It will be used to maintain and increase the capacity of organisations working with those in need in Guildford.

Grants can be made covering a period of up to three years.

Who can apply?

Any organisation working with people in need, hardship or distress and where all, or a significant proportion, of their clients live in the central area of Guildford.

When can organisations apply?

The deadline for the first round of applications is 20 February 2015, with further rounds at three monthly intervals thereafter.

What projects can be funded?

Grants should make a significant difference to the successful applicant organisation, enabling them to start a new project or expand or improve existing services.

Particularly welcome are applications which undertake to:

- start a new project
- increase the types of support provided
- expand an existing project to increase the number of beneficiaries reached
- help an organisation to expand to meet increased and/or new demand

Where do organisations apply?

The first step is to contact Janice Bennett, Manager of Guildford Poyle Charities,



GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS

The sorts of things Poyle can give grants for include:

- Kitchen items and appliances
- Furniture
- Baby equipment
- Travel and training costs

We do not usually give grants to pay for basic items such as food, rent and utility bills, and debt or arrears.

We can only give grants to those who live in the central area of Guildford ([see map on Home Page](#)).

How can I apply?

- Complete an *individual application form*. If you are unable to download one from this website please contact the office ([Contact Us](#)) and one will be sent to you.
- Include as much information as possible about your circumstances and the reason why you need the grant. Application forms which do not include enough information will be returned with a request for more.
- If possible, get a professional who knows your circumstances to send a referral letter with the application. They may also apply directly on your behalf. If you do not have a professional working with you, you must include the name of someone who understands your circumstances so that we can get in contact with them if we need to.
- Applications for school uniform and school residential trips are now handled through the Home School Link Worker (HSLW) attached to your child's school. Please contact them for details.
- Send all the necessary information to us by e-mail or post

What will happen to my application then?

Applications are considered by the Trustees every 2 to 3 weeks. We will tell you their decision by post as soon as possible after the meeting.



Guildford community grants scheme

The application period opened from Wednesday 7 January 2015 to Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 4.30pm.

This scheme offers funding for community projects and initiatives that support our following priorities:

- Projects that improve access to training, skills and work opportunities
- Projects that improve support networks for the unemployed and working age people on benefits
- Projects that involve local communities actively working with partners to improve where they live, in ways that matter to them
- Projects that improve the lives of vulnerable groups
- Projects that establish or support the development of social enterprise in our least advantaged communities
- Projects that support those most affected by welfare reform
- Projects that achieve positive health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce inequalities, including by encouraging participation in sport and leisure activities by all ages
- Projects that prevent homelessness and support homeless households.

Grant support is available to charitable, social enterprise, community and voluntary organisations.

We are particularly looking to support projects that will become self-sustaining and will not require ongoing year-on-year contributions from the Council. This will be taken into account in the assessment of applications. Applications forms guidance etc. can be found on the council website

<http://www.guildford.gov.uk/communitygrants>