

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### WHAT DO YOU FUND?

**PROJECTS:** You can apply for all relevant project costs, including salaries, training, volunteer expenses, management, supervision and evaluation. We prioritise 'catalytic' projects that are developing a service or responding to demand, and budgeted accordingly.

**SAMARITAN GRANT:** This is a hardship fund which frontline advice and social welfare agencies use to assist people in immediate need through the provision of one-off emergency hardship grants.

### HOW MUCH ARE THE GRANTS?

**PROJECT GRANTS:** £1,000 - 5,000+ depending on the purpose, outcomes and size of the budget. A larger grant can sometimes be made if there is a likelihood of significant impact and it matches a current priority.

**PARTNERS FOR HEALTH:** is our collaborative programme normally launched in March. Grants can be up to £10,000 to fund a new approach or a thoughtful development of service working in partnership with an expert health agency/provider.

**SAMARITAN GRANTS:** £100 - £2,000 Grants repeated annually subject to available resources, and satisfactory reporting.

### WHO DO YOU FUND?

We prioritise small and medium sized charities with an annual income of <£500,000. This does not exclude those with a larger income if the charity has the expertise that make it best placed to deliver a service or it is in partnership.

We fund charities and not-for-profit social action projects. The trustees will consider requests from Community Interest Companies (CICs) subject to the organization demonstrating relevant expertise. In addition a minimum of three unrelated directors with equal control is required. An exception may be made if there are two directors, unrelated with equal control, and a steering/advisory group including service users is in place or there is an imminent recruitment of a third director.

### WHAT DON'T YOU FUND?

We do not respond to general appeals, including for food banks (although we will consider a new service development) and rarely fund after school, holiday programmes or medical research. We do not make grants to individuals as this is covered under our Samaritan grant programme.

Requests for school holiday activities are not a priority and are unlikely to be successful. Food banks and food delivery services are not a current priority unless developing opportunities for people to improve knowledge and skills and access and co-produce services.

## DO THE TRUSTEES PROVIDE CONTINUATION FUNDING FOR A PROJECT?

Requests for continuation funding are considered on a case-by-case basis. The charity may extend funding if the additional grant serves as a 'bridge', to funding agreed but not yet available, or will result in a significant development of service or intervention.

## HOW DO WE APPLY?

Applications are made online via our website <https://www.londoncatalyst.org.uk/grants/>

## WHEN DO YOU NEED A COMPLETED APPLICATION?

The trustees meet regularly and the dates of these meetings can be found on the 'Grants' page of our website. Please submit your application at least **four weeks** before a meeting.

## WE HAVE HAD A GRANT PREVIOUSLY. CAN WE APPLY AGAIN?

The trustees will consider one application in a 12-month period. Grants are normally for one year and at least 12 months further should pass before re-applying unless you are applying under the continuation funding criteria above.

## CAN WE HAVE A PROJECT GRANT AND A SAMARITAN GRANT AT THE SAME TIME?

Yes.

## WE WERE TURNED DOWN FOR A GRANT IN THE PAST. CAN WE RE-APPLY?

Yes, but remember we are a small grant maker with limited funds and you should look again at our criteria and priorities.

## IS THERE ANY FURTHER ADVICE YOU CAN GIVE?

The best advice we can give is to think clearly about what you want to do. Look at our website, which has various case studies and links to reports. The following are some of what we look for applicants to demonstrate:

- **Target group:** know who you want to reach and that they are fully involved
- **Expertise:** you possess knowledge and experience of the client group and expertise to deliver
- **Active partners:** with links to any relevant agencies and sector networks
- **Activity and learning:** a project should provide activities, opportunities and engagement
- **Outcomes and performance:** what you expect to achieve and how you will know

## MORE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT FOR CHARITIES:

<https://knowhow.ncvo.org.uk> - Knowledge and e-learning for charities and community groups

[www.smallcharities.org.uk](http://www.smallcharities.org.uk) - Where small charities can belong, share and support one another

[www.instituteofhealthequity.org](http://www.instituteofhealthequity.org) - For the social determinants of health

[www.whatworkswellbeing.org](http://www.whatworkswellbeing.org) - Toolkit for wellbeing evaluation, for small and medium sized charities

[www.mediatrust.org](http://www.mediatrust.org) - For communication resources

<https://diytoolkit.org/tools/theory-of-change/> - Setting up a 'Theory of Change' creates a roadmap that outlines the steps by which you plan to achieve your goal.