



Two categories of Grant are available

Minor Grants

Grants up to £1,000 are normally given to smaller charities and managed voluntary groups whose annual income does not exceed around £5,000 and are normally made only for a specific project.

Major Grants

Normally grants of £1,001 to £5,000 in any one year are made only for a specific project. Funding may be extended in certain circumstances where there is evidence of an ongoing need for charitable grant funding. Occasionally, major grants in excess of £5,000 may be approved.

How to apply

To apply to the West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity for a grant a charity must complete a Community Grant Application Form. In addition all applications for major grants must include a full copy of the charity's or managed voluntary group's latest Annual Report and Audited Accounts.

Those organisations awarded grants are required to provide a brief written report (300-500 words) at the conclusion of the project and to allow the West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity the opportunity for its support to be recognised and acknowledged publicly.

Where to get the application form

Application forms and guidance notes can be obtained by downloading them from the charity's website or by contacting the charity at the address shown below.

Local Freemasons may also wish to help you with your applications and are often involved in raising funds for charitable causes in their area. Contact details can be obtained from the main website of the Masonic Province of West Lancashire, <http://www.westlancsfreemasons.org.uk>

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Do you have a project for a charitable cause and need help?



How to apply for a grant and who would be eligible

A little about us

There's much more to Freemasonry than most people realise. In addition to the many social activities for members, Freemasons raise considerable funds for charity.

As well as the Freemasons' Grand Charity based in London, which provides millions of pounds to national and international charitable causes, different areas of the country have their own Provincial charities. In our case it's the West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity and we serve areas including Merseyside, West Lancashire, and parts of Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Cumbria.

You won't find us collecting money on the street

Virtually all the money we raise comes from Freemasons or their relatives, some from collections and fund raising events and occasionally from bequests made in people's wills.

What we do with the money

Every year we give hundreds of thousands of pounds to charitable causes. Some goes to Freemasons and their dependants who may be in serious financial distress, and some to good causes in the community.

The causes we help

- Local charities and managed voluntary groups residing within the geographical region of West Lancashire, Merseyside and bordering areas of Cumbria, Greater Manchester and Cheshire.
- Branches of national charities operating within the above region.
- Young individuals where the grants are made for their further development or for specialist disability equipment. Other charities administer these grants on our behalf.

But we don't help

- Organisations or projects outside the West Lancashire region
- Organisations not registered with the Charity Commission other than managed voluntary groups. ('managed' is defined as having elected officers, minuted meetings and audited accounts)
- Organisations that are deemed to hold funds in excess of their requirements.

We don't have a bottomless pot

Unfortunately we can't help in all cases but every application whether from an individual or a group of people wanting financial help will always be carefully considered.

Guidelines for grants

The West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity provides grants principally in the following areas:

- Community Projects
- Disability
- Managed Voluntary Groups
- Self-help Projects
- Vulnerable People
- Youth Opportunities

Grants are not normally given for:

- Funding day-to-day administration costs
- Activities that are primarily the responsibility of Central or Local Government

And the following which are better covered by other organisations:

- Animal welfare
- Political objectives
- Medical research

Typical recipients of grants

Uniformed youth groups such as scouts, guides and sea cadets, sports clubs, places of worship, flood relief victims, voluntary emergency services, young people's development, hospices, handicapped individuals, schools, stroke and cancer support groups, choirs and a wide variety of voluntary organisations helping disadvantaged and handicapped children.