



The Bedford Charity (The Harpur Trust)

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The Charity and its Objects

- ❖ Bedford's local funder
- ❖ Founded 1566
- ❖ Three charitable objects
 - ❖ *Education*
 - ❖ *Relief*
 - ❖ *Recreation*
- ❖ Three areas of operation
 - ❖ *Schools*
 - ❖ *Almshouses*
 - ❖ *Grantmaking*

Our Grant Making Programmes 1

The Responsive Programme

- ❖ The Promotion of Education
- ❖ The Relief of Poverty, Hardship or Distress
- ❖ The Provision of Recreational Facilities with a Social Welfare Purpose

£500,000 per annum



Our Grant Making Programmes 2

The Themed Grants Programmes

- ❖ Excellence in Education
 - ❖ Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Support
 - ❖ Homelessness
 - ❖ Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- £100,000 plus per theme per annum

General Criteria For Themed Programmes

Projects should:

- ❖ Have significant impact; changing wider policy and practice or having potential to be mainstreamed or replicated
 - ❖ Share good practice and learning
 - ❖ Have clear and measurable outcomes, reflecting changes for end users rather than the existence of a service
 - ❖ Lead to leverage of additional funding
- Specific criteria for each theme available*

Our Grant Making Programmes 3

Grants to Individuals

- Direct application scheme for adults returning to education for career change or development
- Scheme to help low income families purchase school uniforms
- Scheme to assist low income students at Bedford College
- University bursary scheme for students from Bedford College and local upper schools



Funding Style and Aim

- ❖ Aim: to improve the quality of life for residents of the Borough, through proactive, engaged and clearly defined grantmaking programmes and activities responsive to current and emerging needs
- ❖ Engaged funder, seeks to encourage understanding of and learning about the local community
- ❖ Independent, not target driven
- ❖ Trustee led decision making

Who Can Apply For Funding?

- ❖ Charities and Voluntary Organisations
(must have set of rules or constitution)
- ❖ Statutory Organisations e.g. schools
or health agencies *(not for services which
they have a statutory obligation to provide)*

What Can't The Charity Fund?

- ❖ Projects whose main beneficiaries are not resident in the Borough of Bedford
- ❖ Businesses
- ❖ Religious activities
- ❖ Retrospective applications
- ❖ Applications which don't benefit people (*animal welfare*)

How to apply

1. Contact the Grants Department as soon as possible to discuss idea and timescales.
2. Plan project – aim and outcomes.
3. Submit Preliminary Proposal.
4. Submit Full Application. Address all points raised in feedback clearly.
5. Same application form used for both responsive and themed programme.
6. All application materials available at www.bedfordcharity.org.uk, including online application system.

What Kind Of Applications Do Trustees Want ?

- ❖ Variety
- ❖ Looking for innovation, evidence of need, learning
- ❖ Partnership/collaboration
- ❖ Independent grant makers make independent decisions

The Application Form - What Are Trustees Looking For? (1)

Describing Your Project

- ❖ Is there a clear aim and project plan? (What is the problem you intend to solve and how will you do it?)

Evidence of Need

- ❖ Do you have national/local statistics?
- ❖ Who have you consulted and what do they say?
- ❖ What evidence base is there that your project will make a difference?
- ❖ Are other groups doing similar work? Could you collaborate?

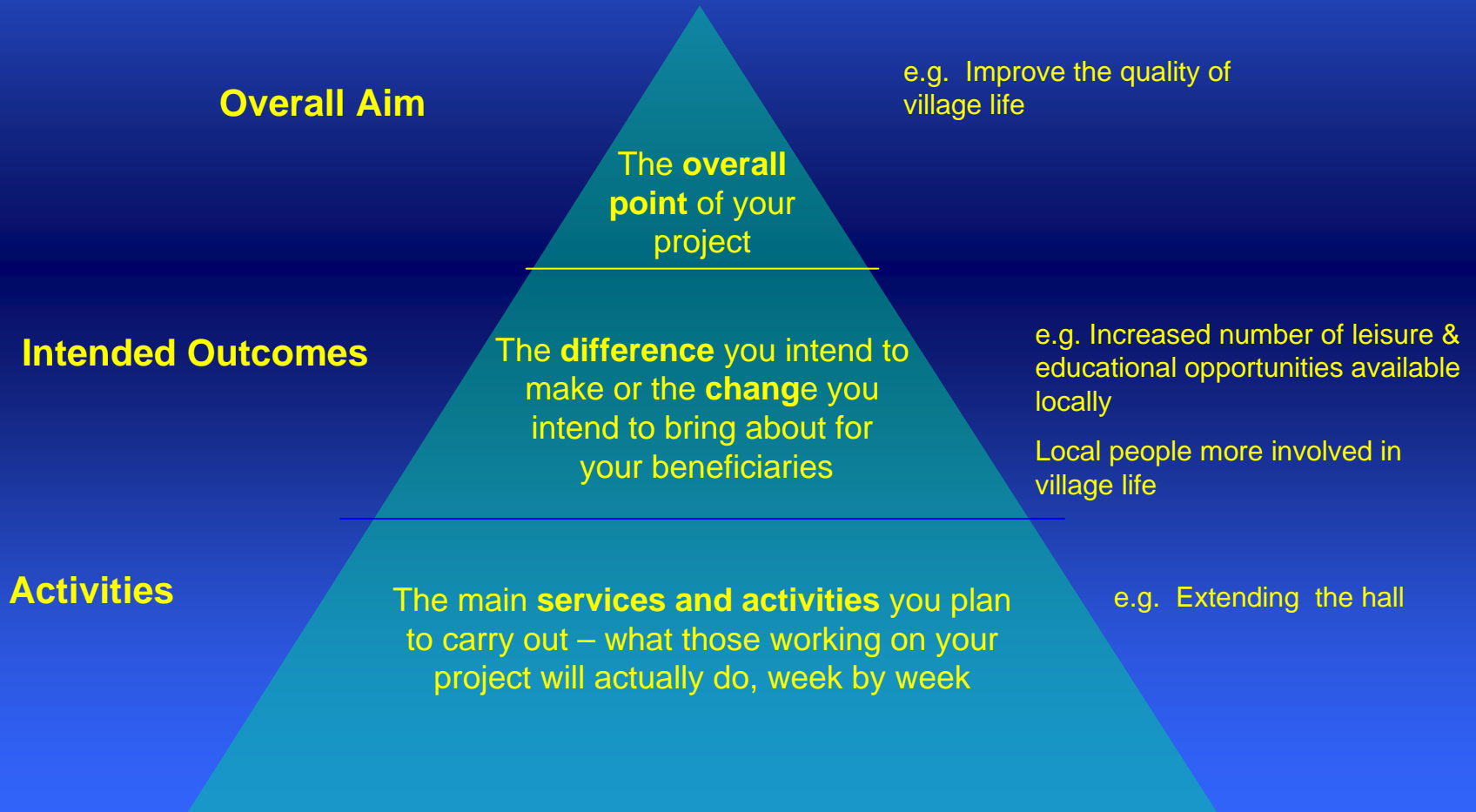
The Application Form - What Are Trustees Looking For? (2)

Outcomes

- ❖ Monitor to learn
- ❖ Use CES outcomes triangle
- ❖ Outcomes are changes in the people, organisations, policies and communities which make up an applicant's target group
- ❖ Guidance on website – check before filling in the form

The Planning Triangle

Community Building Example



The Application Form - What Are Trustees Looking For? (3)

Financial Matters

- ❖ Does your budget add up?
- ❖ Have you approached other funders?
- ❖ Is your organisation financially sound?
- ❖ Reserves
- ❖ Full cost recovery

The Application Form - What Are Trustees Looking For? (4)

General

- ❖ Is the organisation well managed?
- ❖ Is there evidence of collaboration and partnership?
- ❖ Have you answered the questions fully?
Don't make assumptions about what Trustees do or don't know – don't use jargon and don't overstate your case!

Decision Making

- ❖ Chair & Deputy – between Grants Committees (preliminary proposals and under £5,000)
- ❖ Full Committee – five times a year (up to £50,000 per year– or £150,000 over 3 years)
- ❖ Full Governors – three times a year (above £50,000)

FAQ

❖ *How much can we apply for?*

There are no upper or lower limits

❖ *How likely are we to be successful?*

Roughly 50% of applicants are successful if preliminary proposals are included. 75% of full applications are successful.

❖ *How often can we apply?*

No set limits. Ask for individual guidance.

Next Steps

- ❖ Next deadlines 6 July and 11 August
- ❖ Contact Lucy Bardner or Peta Frost on:
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- ❖ Look at www.bedfordcharity.org for more information
- ❖ We are happy to meet you to discuss ideas in more detail, though Trustees will make the decisions.