



# City & Diocese of London voluntary school fund grant making policy

## 1. Introduction

The LDBS administers this endowment fund to individuals in need of financial assistance. Any application that meets the eligibility requirements is welcome. Funds are limited however, so if there are more applications than funds available applications are prioritised in line with the oversubscription criteria.

## 2. Eligibility

### 2.1 Eligible applicants

All applicants must meet the eligibility criteria:

- Under 25 years of age;
- Attend or attended a C of E VA or VC school in the London Diocese for at least two years;
- In financial need.

### 2.2 Eligible activities

- Scholarships, Bursaries or Maintenance Allowances for any school, university or place of learning;
- Financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to enable beneficiaries on leaving school, university or any other educational establishment to prepare for, or assist their entry into, a profession, trade or calling;
- Scholarships or Maintenance Allowances to enable beneficiaries to travel abroad to pursue their education;
- The provision, or assistance towards the provision, of facilities, of any kind not normally provided by the Local Authority, for recreation and social and physical training, including the provision of coaching in athletics, sports and games, for beneficiaries who are receiving primary, secondary or further education;
- Financial assistance to enable beneficiaries to study music or the arts.

## 3. Oversubscription criteria

In setting these oversubscription criteria, Trustees have prioritised activities that would not be ordinarily met from statutory funding, and which promote education in the principles of the Church of England in line with the 2030 Vision.

1. Applications which promote education in the principles of the Church of England in line with the 2030 Vision and which:

- Enable recreation, social and physical training that goes beyond the statutory curriculum;
- Enable study of music or the arts that goes beyond the statutory curriculum.

*For example, eligible activities could include:*

- *extra-curricular sports, music or arts activities;*
- *sports equipment or musical instruments for named pupils that will be gifted to the school once no longer needed and/ or when they leave the school;*
- *sports, music or arts workshops in a Christian context for groups of eligible pupils e.g. Springs Dance workshops, Kick London mentoring through sports, Gabriel music workshops;*
- *residential activities within the UK.*

2. Applications which promote education in the principles of the Church of England in line with the 2030 Vision and which enable travel abroad.

3. Applications which promote education in the principles of the Church of England in line with the 2030 Vision and which related to any other eligible activity

If there are more applications than funds available within any one criterion, proximity and school attendance will be used as a tie-breaker as follows:

1. Pupils who are currently on roll at a VA Church school in the City or an adjacent parish in the London Diocese;
2. Pupils who are currently on roll at any Church school in the London Diocese;
3. Other applicants who are no longer on roll at a Church school in the London Diocese but who have previously attended for at least two years.

#### 4. Information about applying

To make sure that as many as possible benefit from limited funds, the maximum grant available to any child or young person in an academic year is £150, and grants totalling more than £1,500 will not be awarded to pupils attending the same school in an academic year.

- The application form is available on the LDBS website;
- Schools and parents may make applications on behalf of children and young people;
- Applicants need to show how the activity meets the criteria;
- The grants panel meets three times per year; deadlines are published on the LDBS website;
- Retrospective claims are not considered.

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