

How much?

We aim to award grants between the values of £25,000 to £100,000 to a total of about £250,000 each year, but the Charity may occasionally award a greater amount in exceptional circumstances.

Who is eligible?

The project for which you seek funding must benefit people who live and work in North Southwark, Bermondsey and the areas close by. The majority of users must be “in need”; that is to say, suffering economic and social deprivation. Where the project is open to other people, there must be evidence that the majority of users of the funded projects are from the area of benefit.

We cannot fund:

- Political parties
- Political lobbying
- Noncharitable activities (eg, where there is no public benefit)
- Work which does not benefit the people residing in the area of benefit.

We do not fund

- Individuals
- Grantmaking bodies to make grants on our behalf
- Schools, universities or other educational establishments (except where they are undertaking charitable activities specifically directed towards one of the agreed priority areas)
- Churches or other religious bodies where the monies will be used for religious purposes
- Medical or academic research
- Projects which have already taken place or building work which has already been completed
- Statutory duties

How to apply:

Read through these guidelines carefully to ensure that you are eligible. Complete the application form obtainable on our website (www.ustsc.org.uk). If you are seeking a small grant, you may apply at any time for consideration 4 times a year. If you are applying for a large grant, the deadline for applications is 1 May 2009 but applicants may refer to the website or phone the Director for submission dates and further information.

Process and Timescales:

Advertisements inviting applications for large grants will appear on our website and in the local press in early January of each year with a deadline for submission in May of each year. All applications will be acknowledged. All submissions will be considered by the Grants sub committee and in some cases requests for further information or a presentation may be made. We expect to inform you of the outcome of your application by the early June following consideration by the Board of Trustees.

Outcome reporting monitoring and evaluation:

If your application is successful any requirements for ongoing monitoring reports to the Charity will be agreed with you upon acceptance. We will send you a report and evaluation form 2 months before the completion of your project. Completion of this form will be a requirement of grant acceptance.

Publicising the Charity's donation:

We expect all grant recipients to acknowledge our donation both in their annual report, and in other appropriate ways. If you would like to use the Charity's seal as seen on this guidance document, please contact us and we will send it to you electronically. Where you refer to the Charity, we would also like you to include our website address.