

We transform lives for people in Islington.
We're independent, and trusted.
The money we give improves lives for
local people, building a better future for us all.

Cripplegate Foundation Helping since 1500

Registered Charity No: 207499

GUIDELINES FOR ORGANISATIONS APPLYING FOR GRANTS

Main Grants Programme 2012

Cripplegate Foundation was established in 1891. It is a parochial, grant-giving charity, with a restricted Area of Benefit. Grants can be made to both individuals and organisations and are given for the following purposes:

- the relief of need, hardship and distress of residents in the Area of Benefit;
- to provide facilities for recreation or leisure-time occupations that promote social welfare;
- for other charitable purposes which are for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Area.

Grants must be for people, services or work in the Area of Benefit. A resident is a person who lives or works in the Area. **All applications must show a strong link with the Area of Benefit.** The Foundation's Area of Benefit is currently the ancient ward of Cripplegate in the City of London, and the London Borough of Islington.

Where an application is for a project covering a wider area it is important that you should show what proportion of those benefiting from the project live or work in the Area of Benefit. All grants are made by the Governors (or one of their Committees) and are at their absolute discretion.

Applicants are encouraged to look at the Foundation's website www.cripplegate.org for further details of our grants.

What will the Foundation Fund?

The Foundation will consider applications for many different purposes, including providing core funding, as its grant-giving powers are very wide. Under the heading 'general benefit' of the community, most charitable activities are eligible. The Governors are particularly looking for projects:

- addressing an identified need in the Area of Benefit.
- addressing a need not covered by other local projects.
- which draw in funds and resources from elsewhere.

- which provide a benefit at a reasonable cost per head.

Current Priorities

Three themes capture the Foundation's priorities:

1. Reducing poverty

Islington is the 14th most deprived borough in the country. Applications which work with the poorest sections of the community to help to reduce poverty are encouraged.

2. Increasing access to opportunities and making connections

This addresses access to opportunities by the most deprived residents such as those on low income and black and minority ethnic residents. It includes access to cultural and arts facilities as well as education and employment.

3. Social cohesion

The Foundation is aware of the widening gulf between rich and poor in Islington. There are high levels of mobility in the borough. Applications are encouraged which promote integration of communities and active participation in society.

All applicants must show how their work will address one of these themes.

The Foundation will not fund:

- National charities and organisations, or organisations outside the Area of Benefit, unless they are carrying out particular pieces of work in the Area of Benefit.
- Schemes or activities which would be regarded as relieving either central government or local authorities of their statutory responsibilities.
- Grants to replace cuts in funding made by the local authority or others.
- Medical research or equipment.
- National fundraising appeals or appeals to provide an endowment.
- Advancement of religion and religious groups, unless they offer non-religious services to the local community.
- Animal welfare.
- Retrospective grants.
- Commercial or business activities.
- Grants for concerts or other events held in the Church of St. Giles-without-Cripplegate.
- Grants for students at City University
- Grants to organisations recruiting volunteers in South Islington for work overseas.

Grants to individuals

Separate guidelines and an application form are available for individual applicants.

How to apply

The Foundation accepts online applications through its website www.cripplegate.org

All you need to create an online account is an email address. You will be able to save and come back to your application at any time. You can print your application before submitting it. After submission, you will receive an email notification that includes a copy of your completed application.

Once you have created an account you will be able to view your online application history. If you are a current grant holder, you will also be able to see if monitoring reports are due.

In exceptional circumstances the Foundation will accept paper applications. For more information please contact a grants officer.

If you are unclear about whether the Foundation will consider your application, we will be happy to talk to you about it. Please speak to us if you are unsure about how to complete the application or would like to discuss your application.

Applications should be received **at least six weeks** before the meeting date of each Committee, to allow time for a visit to your project and for any clarification or discussion of the application that may be needed. Closing dates for applications are listed below. We will try to ensure that applications are then put to the next Committee, **but we cannot guarantee that an application will be submitted to a particular meeting.**

Applications are considered by the Grants Committee 3 times per year. In 2012 the Foundation will consider applications as follows:

Closing dates for applications	Meeting Date
Tuesday 13 th December 2011	Tuesday 7 th February 2012
Monday 2 nd April 2012	Tuesday 22 nd May 2012
Monday 20 th August 2012	Tuesday 9 th October 2012

When you have completed the application form online you will be asked to attach **a copy of your most recent annual report and accounts, and your constitution if you are applying to the Foundation for the first time.** If you do not have electronic copies of these documents, they should be sent by post to:

**The Director
Cripplegate Foundation
76 Central Street
London EC1V 8AG**

**Telephone: 020-7566 3130
Facsimile: 020-7549 8180**

Or can also be emailed to: grants@cripplegate.org.uk

