



Grant Information for Applicants

Bedfordshire Charitable Trust supports charitable organisations that improve the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people and communities. Our primary focus is Bedford Borough, while we may also consider some national and international work where it has a clear connection to the Trust's heritage and mission.

Our priorities

We're particularly interested in work that:

- Reduces disadvantage linked to socioeconomic inequality, such as initiatives supporting education, access to healthcare, or community facilities.
- Improves wellbeing for people with specific vulnerabilities, including people experiencing homelessness, disability, mental-health challenges, life-limiting illness, end-of-life care, or bereavement.
- Supports Christian initiatives, including churches and Christian organisations.
- Provides relief in crisis or humanitarian situations, locally and, in some cases, nationally or internationally.

What we can support

We make grants to charities and, occasionally, other organisations delivering charitable activities. This can include:

- Projects and charitable programmes
- Core costs
- Activities that provide a clear charitable benefit

We prioritise local charities and organisations, national charities with a genuine local presence, and organisations with a Christian faith background.

How we assess applications

Applications should show that the proposed work is:

- Responding to a clear need
- Sustainable and effective
- Evidence-based where appropriate
- Able to demonstrate positive impact
- Well governed and managed
- Aligned with the Trust's charitable aims and priorities

We also consider the likely benefits and risks of an initiative, and value opportunities to build constructive, longer-term relationships with organisations whose work aligns with our priorities.

Applying

Please complete the [Grant Application Form](#) and provide the information requested about your organisation, the need you're addressing, your proposed activity, budget, and expected outcomes. We encourage applicants to explain how their work will benefit people or communities in Bedford Borough where relevant.

For questions about grant applications please contact: secretary@bedsct.co.uk