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# Funding For Voluntary Organisations Working in the Children's Sector

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# What we do...

...we inspire & support people to improve their lives by:

- Providing Education
- Creating Opportunity
- Breaking Down Barriers

...through our *activities*:

- Grantmaking
- Almshouses
- Schools
- Social investment
- Social policy work/community events





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# Grants Programme Aim

To improve the quality of life of residents of the Borough of Bedford, through proactive, engaged and clearly defined grantmaking programmes and related activities which are responsive to current and emerging needs.



The Trust granted £124,250 to Faith in Queen's Park for their community projects



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# What we fund

- Activities that fall under our 3 charitable objects
  - *Education*
  - *Recreation*
  - *Relief*
- Activities benefiting people in the Borough of Bedford
- Mainly organisations
- Small number of grants to individuals (education)





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## What we don't fund

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- Religious activities
- Commercial organisations
- Unlikely to make grants where there is a statutory duty to fund (*increasingly grey area*)





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# Application process

- Phone us first to discuss idea (*recent decisions & additional guidance*)
- Two stage process
  - Preliminary Proposal for early guidance
  - Application Form
- One stage process for small applications
- On-line applications linked to Benefactor database
- Supporting documents



£4,900 to the Kempston Net Charitable Trust for their project 'The Net'



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## Decision making

- Chair & Deputy – preliminary proposals and up to £5,000
- Full Committee – up to £50,000 in any one year and £150,000 over a three year period
- Full Governors – above £50,000 in any one year



Priory Sailing Club £12,400 for the Getting Bedford on Board (Windsurfing) project



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# Introducing our work





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**Any Questions ?**

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