

Colyer-Fergusson Major Awards

The Trustees intend to make available a small number of large grants out of the Trust's capital over the next five years, with the aim of making long-term investments in the communities of Kent. Grants are likely to be in excess of £1m and will not exceed £4m. All funded projects will need to meet the following essential criteria and most of the desirable criteria.

Essential criteria

- Projects must be for the benefit of the people of Kent and respond to a genuine local need.
- Projects must benefit a significant number of the population of the district, region or county.
- Grants will be made only for sustainable projects likely to 'survive the test of time'.
- Projects should show that in addition to providing for the local community they will benefit disadvantaged groups.
- Grants will be made only to charitable organisations with sound governance.
- Projects should not be subject to political or other pressure which could be detrimental to the reputation of the Trust and its status as an independent, philanthropic charity in Kent.
- Applicants must be transparent in noting any associations they may have with Trustees of Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust in order to avoid potential conflicts of interest.

Desirable criteria

- Trustees are particularly interested in supporting projects that may lead to matched funding opportunities with other organisations.
- Projects that are able to demonstrate that they have regional significance will be regarded more favourably.
- Preferably the grant should not exceed 75% of the total project cost.

The next stages

Charitable organisations that believe they have a suitable project are invited to write to the Director of the Trust providing a summary of their project in no more than 1,500 words (approximately two sides of A4). At a later stage applicants may be asked to submit a detailed proposal and invited to make a presentation to the Trustees.

*Please send proposals to: Jacqueline Rae, Director, Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust
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