

Requesting Financial Assistance for Individuals or Community Organisations



Sunningdale Hope Trust is a local charity that offers help and hope in our local community. This help may take the form of financial assistance. We welcome applications for a wide variety of grant requests. Requests can be made by a sponsor who represents an individual in need or a community organisation. Requests may be for individuals who are experiencing difficult circumstances because of low income or poor health, or for a group who are looking for funds to complete a community project. Grants are not usually given for ongoing costs such as rent, utility bills, debt or arrears (see exclusions).

Examples of financial grants that we have already given include

- Funding for a garden project for a local pre-school
- Repairing and decorating a single mother's new home

We have a simple application process with some basic criteria which ensure our precious donations are distributed wisely. To be able to make a grant we need supporting information from the sponsor so that we can provide grant aid swiftly where it is needed.

How to apply

For individuals the application form should be completed by a sponsor, a friend, health professional or caring agency along with supporting evidence.. For an organisation requesting funds for a community project the application form should be completed by a member of the organisation with supporting evidence.

Either download the form from our website www.thehopetrust.org or contact the Secretary of the Sunningdale Hope Trust at sunningdalehopetrust@gmail.com.

Who can apply?

The recipient will be considered for a grant on the following basis:

- They live within the local community
- The need is a one off expenditure
- Other appropriate mechanisms for obtaining funding have been tried and exhausted.
- They have demonstrable hardship when compared against generally accepted minimum standards of living

Organisations will be considered for a grant on the following basis:

- Their specific needs and objects to which the application relates are in line with those of the Sunningdale Hope Trust
- The organisation is governed by a constitution and governing documents

Exclusions

Grants will not be awarded for

- Ongoing payments such as rent, rates, food etc.
- Applications where alternative sources of funding exist to meet the individual's needs which have not been considered.
- Work has already started.
- Grants will not be awarded in excess of the funding available to the Sunningdale Hope Trust at the time of application. In the event that more than one application is received for limited funds the Trustees will prioritise individual needs over an organisation and will allocate funds on the basis of urgency, the severity of need followed by date of application.

Process following application

- Receipt of the application will be acknowledged to the sponsor.
- The Secretary will review the application form for completeness and request any additional information required by the Trustees.
- The Trustees will review the application.
- The sponsor/officer will be informed of the Trustees decision.
- The grant offer will be subject to a time frame to be agreed by the Trustees. If the funds are not utilised within this timescale the offer will be withdrawn.
- The grant offer may be by way of money to the individual/organisation or the trustees may make the purchase on their behalf.
- Grant funds for organisations will not be transferred for expenditure until work is committed to, and approved by the organisation's governing body, and proof of this is provided by the sponsor and the work has received, or the grant has been made subject to all necessary regulatory consent.

Contacting The Hope Trust

Should you have any questions or require help with you application please contact us by email at sunningdalehopetrust@gmail.com or by post to Sunningdale Hope Trust, Hurstleigh Court, Hurstwood, South Ascot, Berkshire SL5 9SP