

THE CHARITY OF THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY ARBITRATORS

GRANT GIVING POLICIES

The Company's¹ principal charitable vehicle is **THE CHARITY OF THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF ARBITRATORS ("THE TRUST")**.

The Trust services the Company's current policy for charitable giving, which is:

- *Advancing the furtherance of Dispute Resolution in all its forms by Scholarships, competitions, prizes and grants*
- *Support to young people, youth projects and educational establishments in London*
- *Support to certain other charities, as put forward by members of the Company.*

Income to The Trust is derived from three principal sources: investment income (14%), members' donations (80%) and Fundraising Events (6%).

The objectives of the Trust are:

- Relief of poverty among members or former members of the Company and their dependants
- The advancement of education in any manner which is now or may hereafter be deemed by law to be charitable
- Any other charitable purposes²

The resources of the Trust are limited and the Trustees apply certain initial criteria when considering grant applications. The first criterion is always required but whilst one or more of the other criteria are desirable, they are not required:

- Consistency with the Trust Objectives
- Connection with the City of London or Greater London (but preferably inner London)
- Connection with dispute resolution or management
- Charitable fundraising of the Lord Mayor of London
- The Master's chosen charity³

Applications for Relief

Applicants should bear in mind the following:

- applications are encouraged from registered charities concerned with the objectives of the Trust within Greater London, and preferably Inner London. Applications from national charities will therefore need to be ring-fenced to Greater London and preferably Inner London
- applications are not normally entertained which relate to the rest of the UK or overseas, or which relate to new buildings or the restoration of buildings or to medical research
- there is no application form. Applicants have a free hand to state their case, preferably in not more than three sides of A4

1 The Company is The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators

2 The Charities Act 2011 defines a charitable purpose, explicitly, as one that falls within 13 descriptions of purposes and is for the public benefit. A full list is to be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charitable-purposes/charitable-purposes>

3 The current Master of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators

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- applications for specific projects are much preferred. The Trustees are unwilling to support general running costs
- all applications should include a breakdown of the budget for the proposed project, together with the charity's most recent audited accounts
- applications should be made by email, with attachments, to The Chairman, The Charity of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators, Temple House, 30 Hospital Lane, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2PE (email: philipfidler@btinternet.com).
- All agenda papers for the Trust are circulated electronically, and hard copy petitions are unhelpful.
- documents sent as attachments should be on the headed notepaper of the charity
- grants are normally made in the range £250-£3,000 but each application is considered on its merits.

The Trustees meet four times a year, usually in January, April, July and October. Applications which are too late for the next meeting will be postponed to the one after that.