

## Wandsworth Oasis Guidelines for Grant Applications

WANDSWORTH OASIS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED raises funds through retail charity shops and other activities and distributes these funds via grants.

### **The aim of any funding is to provide financial support to groups who:**

- provide help and support to persons who are HIV positive or those affected by HIV and their families.
- support the provision of education and training to members of the public in fighting the stigma to such persons living with HIV and in the better understanding of HIV.

We've identified six key priorities where our grants can make the biggest difference to the local community within the areas of HIV support, prevention and awareness:

- Improve Health and Wellbeing
- Reduce loneliness, stigma and social isolation
- Grow capacity and sustainability of the charity
- Provide support in time of a crisis
- Create innovative and positive interactions with young people
- Projects that help to create community connections, particularly with BAME community groups

To be considered for funding, your activity should meet at least one of the above priority themes.

### **Main Grant Programme Guidelines and restrictions for considering applications:**

Groups should ideally be situated in Greater London or should be helping a number of people in and from Greater London.

1. We aim to give support to groups whose aims are the same or similar to ours.
2. Grants are not given to statutory providers, local council initiatives or NHS trusts and are limited to organisations based in the UK.
3. Although ideally organisations will be a registered charity, applications for assistance will be considered from support groups or leagues of friends, if they are acting for people living with HIV. Governance of your group or organisation will be considered as part of your application along with your financial sustainability.
4. We don't give grants to statutory providers, local council initiatives or NHS trusts. Ideally, organisations will be a registered charity, but we will consider applications from support groups or leagues of friends, if they are acting for people living with HIV/AIDS.

5. We do not fund international HIV support and prevention work.
6. We do not fund individual grants for students.
7. Support is typically given in March each year, although organisations needing funds at other times of year should contact us for an informal chat.
8. Monitoring and Evaluation reporting is mandatory, and no further applications will be considered where this has not been provided.
9. You will be required to provide evidence and impact reporting for your project.
10. Main grant funding is available to applicants seeking more than £1,500, but less than £10,000 for activities and projects that focus on HIV support, awareness and prevention projects in London. Typically these would run for a period of 12 months (although there is some flexibility).
11. The amount which can be applied for is restricted to £10,000 per annum per project. Applications for more than £10,000 should be discussed with us prior to submission. Please contact [Christine@wandsworthoasis.org.uk](mailto:Christine@wandsworthoasis.org.uk).

### **Main Grant Application Process**

1. Please complete the application form as fully as possible
2. The application form must be accompanied by copies of your group's last two years of annual reports and accounts plus your most recent Charity Commission return if you are a charity.
3. The application forms should be submitted via email. However, you may wish to post hard copies of the annual reports if the file size is too large.
4. Applications close on 31st January.
5. Decisions will be communicated to all applicants by 31 March.

### **Small Grant Programme and Application Process**

#### **Fast Track**

Small grants are available to organisations for amounts up to £1,500 for immediate financial relief. Fast Track applications can be applied for at any time throughout the year.

Please use the Fast Track Small Grant Application form to complete your application and send to: [Christine@wandsworthoasis.org.uk](mailto:Christine@wandsworthoasis.org.uk).

#### **Immediate Relief Individuals**

In addition to the funding distributed through our main grant rounds, Wandsworth Oasis works in partnership with River House Trust to support London residents who are suffering hardship. River House Trust manages the Wandsworth Oasis Hardship Fund to provide

small, one-off grants for such things as bedding, furniture, clothing, heating appliances and white goods such as microwaves and fridges, minor funeral expenses etc.

Applications are only accepted via third party referrals.

Please complete the Immediate Relief Individual Small Grants Application Form and submit to: [chris@riverhousetrust.org.uk](mailto:chris@riverhousetrust.org.uk).

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your application, you may contact Christine Ansell, Chief Executive - [Christine@wandsworthoasis.org.uk](mailto:Christine@wandsworthoasis.org.uk)