

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL CHARITABLE FUND

GRANTS POLICY

1. This policy lays out our aims and principles in awarding grants. In all cases the making of a grant will depend on the nature of the grant application and decisions will be made on a case by case basis. Grants are awarded entirely at the discretion of the trustees and their decision is final.
2. We can only fund projects and activities that are exclusively charitable and that fall within our charitable objects which are limited to St Bartholomew's Hospital, its patients, staff and students. The charitable objects set out what we can do, not necessarily what we will do. The full charitable objects appear below.
3. Within those charitable objects, the current focus of the Charity is on assisting patients and staff of the Hospital. In particular, our priorities are –
 - **Small grants for patient welfare** - we help with small grants to patients where other funds are not available but where a big benefit can result – such as stair lifts, mobility scooters, wigs and bras for cancer patients, travel costs, white goods and furniture in the home, home adaptations and emergency funding while applications for state benefits are being determined.
 - **End of life care** – including help with family visits, repatriation and funeral costs.
 - **Hospital facilities** – we will consider requests for grants to enhance hospital services and facilities for both patients and staff, particularly where funding is not available from the Barts NHS Trust or other sources.
 - **Supporting staff development at all levels** - we offer grants for educational / training courses and attendance at conferences (including course or conference fees, travel and subsistence expenses) to all staff at any level of their training. Conditions may be attached to the making of grants: for example, recipients will be expected to share their learning with appropriate colleagues and may be asked to submit a brief report giving details of their course/conference and its benefit. While the Charity is not in a position to fund higher degrees in their entirety, it may consider funding modules for Masters degrees and contribute to expenses during the acquisition of doctorates.
 - **Undergraduate training of medical students** - we fund The Selwyn-Clarke Curriculum Research Training (CResT) Summer Scholarships for Bart's and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry at QMUL. We also award The Treasurer's Prize for MB/BS students. Although we do not fund intercalated MSc degrees, the Charity may contribute towards incurred expenses.
 - **Postgraduate training and research** – we award prizes and a scholarship to medical graduates and to those in professions allied to medicine undertaking research for MD or PhD degrees.
 - **Staff welfare support** - we can also help staff members with welfare payments when emergencies arise and they have nowhere else to turn.
 - **Major projects** - we have committed significant support to the restoration of the North Wing by Barts Heritage to unlock a pioneering programme of activities that support health and wellbeing for the Hospital's staff, patients and their visitors; and for vital repairs at St Bartholomew the Less, the church on the Hospital site where so many find peace, calm and respite.

This current focus and our priorities neither limit the Charity in making grants that fall within our charitable objects, nor do they create any entitlement or expectation of a grant being made. They will be reviewed annually to take account of both changing needs at the Hospital and the Charity's resources.

4. All decisions on the making of grants and the terms on which grants are made shall be in accordance with all applicable laws and without discrimination by reason of race, gender, age, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.
5. The Charity's ability to make grants is constrained by the resources available to it and the level of demand on those resources. A monetary limit may be placed on certain individual grants we make, such as travel costs and end of life care, to ensure that funds remain available for other potential beneficiaries. We may also limit the number of grants made to one individual over a period of time.
6. In many cases the Charity may make a contribution towards a cost rather than fund it entirely. We can also work with other charities and providers of support and share the cost of a grant between us.
7. In the case of patients, applications for grants come to us via intermediaries such as [Macmillan Cancer Support](#), [Maggie's](#), [Toynbee Hall](#), [St Joseph's Hospice](#) and the Hospital's own staff. We do not accept applications direct from patients who will instead be directed to those intermediaries. We do accept applications direct from staff for their own benefit.
8. Applications for grants need to be made on the Charity's application form available on its website or direct from the Secretary. The form will need to be completed in full and all requested information supplied before the application can be considered. Information on an applicant's financial resources and other available means of support will be required. The support of clinicians or other intermediaries (in the case of patients) and of management (in the case of staff) will be expected. The Charity may carry out further due diligence as deemed necessary and require an applicant's co-operation in doing so.
9. Applications will be considered by the Charity's trustees (either the full board or a sub-committee of the board) or in some cases, if under a certain amount, they may be decided by the Secretary under delegated authority from the board. In making decisions we work to the Charity Commission's C27 guidance *Decision-making for Charity Trustees*. There is no obligation on the trustees to give reasons for their decisions.
10. We aim to respond promptly and applicants or their intermediaries will be notified of our decision. Terms may be attached to an offer of funding and in certain cases we may require the signing of a grant agreement. Where possible, payment will be made by the Charity direct to a supplier rather than to an applicant. Grants may only be used for the purposes for which they are given and any unused portion must be returned to the Charity. We may require the sight of receipts or other evidence confirming the use to which a grant has been put.
11. Data Protection: Applicants' data will be held in accordance with data protection legislation. It will be held securely, disclosed if subject to an access request, treated as confidential, only used for the purpose for which it has been provided and destroyed once no longer needed.
12. This policy will be kept under regular review and changes made where the trustees deem necessary.

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APPENDIX

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Charitable Objects

1. ***the relief of sickness and the preservation and improvement of health (physical and mental) of the patients of the Hospital including by, but not limited to:***
 - a. *the provision of facilities, equipment and services to patients, their families and carers, and to those who work, study or volunteer there;*

- b. *the provision of support and information, including to patients, their families and carers, and including spiritual support through the work and projects of the Church of St Bartholomew the Less within the Hospital;*
 - c. *assistance with education and training, and the award of scholarships, prizes for excellence, bursaries and other financial assistance, to those who work or study at the Hospital or at the Medical School; and*
 - d. *the funding of health research.*
2. ***the prevention or relief of poverty of the patients of the Hospital and their families, and of any person who works, studies or volunteers there or at the Medical School;***
3. ***the relief of need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health (physical, mental and spiritual), disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, among patients of the Hospital and their families and any person who works, studies or volunteers there or at the Medical School, and their families.***

For these purposes:

health research means research into matters relating to people's physical or mental health;

the Hospital means St Bartholomew's Hospital on its site at West Smithfield, London (and any other land or site occupied by St Bartholomew's Hospital from time to time);

the Medical School means Queen Mary University of London Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, alternatively known as Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry;

references to patients includes in-patients, out-patients and former patients.