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**GRANTMAKING POLICY**

**15th March 2024**

1. **Applicants must be a West Yorkshire-based registered charity, CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) or church carrying out local community outreach work with a head office/Charity Commission main address in West Yorkshire.**
2. **National charities or charities which have a head office located in another part of Yorkshire can no longer apply.**
3. **In order to maintain a high grant success rate (around 40 - 50% of all enquiries), the Trust currently does not accept applications from:**
   * **Any community groups or organisations not registered with the Charity Commission (apart from churches)**
   * **CICs (Community Interest Companies)**
   * **Community Benefit Societies**
   * **Co-operative Societies**
4. **Applicants must support disadvantaged and or vulnerable local people in West Yorkshire.**
5. **Applicants must have less than a £1million income (based on their last financial year’s accounts).**
6. **The Trust will predominantly give one-off, flexible grants ranging between £500 - £5,000 for core, capital or project costs.**
7. **In addition, from April 1st 2024, the Sir George Martin Trust will be piloting an extended funding project, supporting a small number of locally registered charities/CIOs with an income of around £100,000 or lower. We will target long-standing charities that are in need of advice and support to get their organisation back on track *and* newer charities/CIOs which need a boost to make their work more sustainable for the long term.**

**The support will include multi-year funding, advice and support and will be offered by invite only.**

1. **The trustees will decide which applicants become an extended funding charity partner based on their and the Trust Manager’s assessments.**
2. **Budget allowing, every year the trustees may allocate funds to a few charities which Sir George Martin was passionate about and may not meet the above criteria. These will generally be pro-active grants and the Trust Manager will approach the charities directly regarding funding.**
3. **All grant seekers should follow the steps on** [**www.sirgeorgemartintrust.org.uk/howtoapply**](http://www.sirgeorgemartintrust.org.uk/howtoapply)**. Please initially email or call the Trust Manager to outline your organisation, its location and its work, along with the current financial situation and your need for funding.**