



Charitable Trust

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What we support...Our Policy on Charitable Giving

Boots Charitable Trust is an independent registered charity wholly funded by Boots UK Ltd and administered by a part-time Appeals Officer, Rachel McGuire. Please contact her on 0115 949 2185 to discuss ideas, or for help with our application form.

Who we fund:

- We fund **registered charities** benefiting people who live in **Nottinghamshire**. We will also fund smaller voluntary organisations whose income and expenditure are less than £5,000 per year and who are not yet required to register with the Charity Commission.
- Applications are only accepted on our application form which must be accompanied by your latest annual report and detailed accounts. Letters of support from partnership and statutory organisations, local CVS's etc will go to support your application, as will statistics on the numbers of people benefiting from your activities. The application form can be downloaded from our website (www.boots-csr.com/bct) as a Word document, or it can be posted out to you. We respond to all applications.
- We are especially interested in projects with the capacity to deliver significant impact and which reach the greatest number of people.

We do not fund:

- Projects benefiting people outside Nottinghamshire
- Individuals
- Organisations that are not registered charities and who have income or expenditure of more than £5,000 per year.
- Charities seeking funds to redistribute to other charities
- Projects for which there is a legal statutory obligation

Timescales:

Minor Appeals (amounts under £2,000): There is no deadline for applications and the decision period is 1 – 2 months.

Major Appeals (amounts over £2,000): Trustee meetings are held bi-monthly in January, March, May, July, September and November. The deadline for receipt of applications is the 7th of the month preceding the meeting ie. February 7th for the March meeting, April 7th for the May meeting and so on. The decision period is 2 – 4 months.

What we fund:

The Trust will consider applications for funding for most expenditure items, including salary and overhead costs. Generally large building or construction projects will not be funded although minor structural improvements and refurbishments would be considered.

Applications for up to 2 years' funding will be considered where there is strong evidence of need for this length of commitment.

The Trust's current funding priorities are as follows:

Health

Community Healthcare - community health care services, home care, after care, sufferers of medical conditions and disabled people, continuing care.

Health Education and Prevention – promoting knowledge and awareness of specific diseases or medical conditions.

Life Long Learning

Helping people of any age to achieve their educational potential through supplementary schools, literacy and numeracy projects, community education, vocational/restart education for the unemployed, alternative education for excluded school pupils.

Community Development

Helping groups to organise and respond to problems and needs in their communities or networks.

This could include groups such as Councils for Voluntary Services and Citizens Advice Bureaux.

Social Care

Personal Social Services – organisations assisting individuals or families to overcome social deprivation e.g. people who are homeless or disabled and their carers, lone parent and childcare groups and other family support groups.

Social Preventive Schemes – activities preventing crime, 'dropping out' and general delinquency and providing other social care outreach work, social health and safety awareness schemes.

Community Social Activities – activities to promote social engagement for vulnerable people, mitigating against isolation and loneliness.

On average the Trust gives about 50 grants per year to registered charities and small voluntary organisations benefiting the county of Nottinghamshire. The size of each donation generally ranges from £100 - £10,000 (per year) although applications for larger amounts will be considered. Organisations can apply to the Trust for funding again, if 12 months have elapsed from the date of the last donation or decline.