

Criteria for Grant Making

OBJECT

Colchester Catalyst Charity aims to help relieve the sick and suffering by making a positive and ongoing contribution to the improvement of health care within the community of north-east Essex specifically where help is not available from statutory organisations.

POLICY

The over-riding concern of the Charity is to provide support where it will benefit the greatest number of people, principally by direct contributions to organisations for specific and well-defined projects including: therapeutic aids, equipment and building for medical or nursing care.

The Charity recognises the need of specialised equipment for some disabled people. Where it is established that such equipment is not available from statutory organisations, a contribution may be made to the cost involved.

General funding or contributions to staff salaries or other running costs are excluded, but recognising the often overlooked needs of carers, the Charity will consider funding respite care provided the care period is well-defined, carefully controlled and readily monitored.

Where financial help is given, the Directors will take steps to satisfy themselves that satisfactory management and organisation exists to ensure that the money is properly used, and, in the case of equipment, that it can be efficiently operated and maintained.

SUPPORT

In appropriate cases, a grant or loan may be offered for full or part-funding of a project or equipment.

No form of retrospective funding can be considered.

Special Individual Needs: Guidelines on Applying for a Grant

These notes are issued to help you, or someone for whom you are responsible, to apply for a grant to the Colchester Catalyst Charity which is working to improve health care within the community of North East Essex.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applications will be considered from individuals of any age, so long as such applicants fall within the Charity's remit and these guidelines.

SPECIAL STIPULATIONS

- a) Grants will not be made for any item which has already been purchased.
- b) The Charity is unable to consider applications for any item where there is an obligation for provision by a statutory authority.
- c) Recipients of grants must take responsibility for insurance, maintenance and repairs of any items funded as may be necessary.
- d) Supporting statements, professional assessments and estimates must be submitted with this application. Further professional assessments may be sought by the Charity at its discretion.

VALUE OF GRANT

The value of grants will depend on available funds and the assessment of relevant information made available to the Charity. Payments cannot be made to individuals but can be made to the supplier of any equipment or via an appropriate local registered charity.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Some of the details we request may be personal and private, but you may be assured that all information will be treated in confidence.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Applications must be made by completing the attached form. If you are completing this on behalf of the person applying for help, please complete the appropriate details.

REMEMBER: THE CHARITY IS TRYING TO HELP YOU. IT WILL BE EASIER FOR US TO ASSESS YOUR APPLICATION IF THE INFORMATION ABOUT YOU AND YOUR NEEDS IS COMPLETE.