



Grant Making Policy

The purpose of this grant making policy is to:

- Outline principles of grant making adhered to by Redeemed Camp; and
- Articulate those principles and our criteria for grant making to potential grant applicants.

Vision

Our ethos is inspired by the 'Golden Rule' – that we do unto others what we would that others do unto us, Matthew 7:12. We are established on the belief that true religion involves doing good and making a positive impact, in families, schools, communities and even nations where possible. As a result, our vision is to improve the quality of life of as many people and communities as we can, by identifying gaps in provision and delivering direct support to individuals living in London and surrounding counties.

Mission

We live in challenging times and the changes in the global socio-economic landscape have largely negatively affected individuals, homes and communities. These unfortunate changes have not been restricted to specific continents, regions or social classes and with such a wide spread impact; we feel that we have a duty to contribute to the common good.

Through the Adun initiative of Redeemed Camp, we aim to make a difference. The Yoruba word 'Adun' when translated into English means "to make good, sweet or well." It is the primary purpose of this initiative to help ease the burdens that everyday life brings through our Strangers (Migrants), Orphans & Widows (SOW) strategy. It's drawn from verses in the bible that demonstrate God's care and concern for people in such situations – asking that we care for the stranger, widow and orphan - interpreted as young people in need (Deuteronomy 14:28-29).

Our support may be in the form of providing assistance in meeting a specific need or through monetary grants given to individuals referred or in support of other existing charitable organisations with similar objectives.

Priorities for support

Funding for distribution by way of grants is available for the following outlined priorities.

▪ **Strangers (Migrants)**

Immigration has become an issue on which the UK stands divided and more migrants find themselves unable to settle, access much needed support and are unable to sufficiently integrate within the system to become independent. Trustees currently regard six months as the minimum qualifying period for residency in the UK. To be eligible such individuals must have no recourse to public funds.

▪ **Orphans and Young People**

Millions of children around the world are orphaned and millions more are destitute because of conflict and war, sickness and disease, trafficking, exploitation and extreme poverty. However dire the situation may seem overseas, it's just as dire here in the UK with over 900,000 adults and children relying on emergency food and support from food banks in 2014. It goes without saying that there are children and young people here in the UK who are suffering from extreme hardship because of conflict within the family or financial difficulty.

Support is available to:

- Orphans (a child who has lost EITHER both parents OR one parent who was the main bread-winner in the family)
- Children and young people under the age of 19 years

▪ **Widows/Widowers**

In addition to the trauma of losing a loved one, being widowed can be one of the most overwhelming experiences in a person's life. We believe that no one who has suffered such a loss should be left to cope on his or her own and we intend to work with existing charitable organisations in this area to contribute to this cause.

Support is available to individuals who have experienced loss of a partner no more than 12 months prior to application. We welcome application from single parents with children under the age of 18.

The priorities in this policy will be reviewed every year (or more often if deemed appropriate by the Trustees), and may be changed in accordance with the Trustees' view of the most effective application of available funds at any point in time.

Approach to grant making

The Trustees are guided in their grant giving by two fundamental principles:

i) Independence

Grants will not be made to support statutory services; neither are the Trustees party to local or central Government initiatives or political priorities. The Trustees value their position as an independent local grant maker.

ii) Fairness

Trustees seek to make the application process fair to all potential beneficiaries. All grant applications are made and considered in the same manner. There are no privileged applicants and individual Trustees are required to declare an interest where appropriate.

Grant making Principles

To ensure that Redeemed Camp's funds are used for the charitable purposes for which they have been given, the following procedures will be applied:

- All potential beneficiaries will be required to complete an application form, with supporting documentation where relevant, so that Trustees can make a full and informed analysis of the entirety of the individual's relevant circumstances. All applicants will be required to declare that all information provided is true to the best of their knowledge.
- Applications will be approved if it can demonstrate that funding will improve the quality of life for individuals and/or families. Applicants will be expected to set out fully the purpose of the grant, amount needed, timeframe and evidence of how the grant will directly benefit them.
- Trustees will consider grants of all sizes (within its financial capacity). Accordingly, grants vary in amount, depending on the needs of the individual beneficiary. In most cases, the value of a grant to an individual or an organisation will not be greater than £500.
- Redeemed Camp may, in exceptional circumstances, make grants to other individuals or charities within the broader charitable objects.
- Trustees may contact potential beneficiaries (or their parent/guardian if under 19) for further information.
- Redeemed Camp's preference is to purchase required items on behalf of beneficiaries, rather than giving direct grants of money. Individuals, or supporting professionals, must provide three quotes for any equipment/services. Where it is felt appropriate Trustees may seek its own independent quote.
- Where direct grants of sums of money to beneficiaries are most appropriate, this will be done.

- Beneficiaries will be requested to keep in contact with Redeemed Camp to report on how funds have had an impact on their circumstances.
- Grants will normally be one-off payments or purchases.
- Only one application per household will be approved within a 12-month period.

Direct Grants to Individuals

Grants are made in response to direct applications from individuals responding to the Charities' publicity. Referrals are also welcomed and encouraged from all not for profit organisations and statutory agencies.

Grants to Organisations

The aim of funding not for profit organisations is to contribute to organisations that deliver services in line with our SOW strategy.

What we fund

- Basic needs, including but not limited to: food, accommodation, clothes and shoes for children in families suffering financial hardship
- Life skills training
- Counselling
- Healthcare grants for individuals with ill health. Grants may be made towards diagnostic, curative, therapeutic, or palliative benefits, and includes grants to relieve the suffering or assist the recovery of individuals who are sick, convalescent, disabled or infirm or to provide comfort for patients.

What we do not fund

We usually do NOT provide funding for the following items:

- Furniture and Domestic Appliances
- Fixtures and fittings
- Computers/laptops, mobile phones
- Fines or Criminal Penalties
- Retrospective Funding (any item or cost which has already been spent prior to approval of grant)
- Costs associated with submitting an application to resolve immigration
- Credit card or loan agreements

- Funeral expenses
- International travel
- Applications for more than £500 (we will consider match-funding requests where the balance is sourced elsewhere)

Identifying beneficiaries

Potential beneficiaries may be made known to Redeemed Camp in the following ways:

- Individuals and organisations may approach the organisation directly to apply for a grant;
- Individuals and organisations may be recommended by other charities, organisations, or professionals; and
- Redeemed Camp may identify individuals and organisations through other methods.

How to Apply

Applications can be submitted at any time and are considered within a week of receipt, with a decision by the Trustees to follow thereafter. We aim to review and make decisions within two weeks following receipt of a completed form subject to no further information requests.

A very simple application form is available and should be completed and sent to the Administrator at the address stated on the form. The form can also be downloaded and submitted via the website, (adun.redeemedcamp.org or info@redeemedcamp.org).

Assessment process

All grant applications will be subject to initial assessment to ensure they meet the basic criteria for funding. The Trustees at their meetings will consider grants.

All considerations of whether an individual is eligible for a grant will take into account all information available to the Trustees, which may include the individual's social, economic, and other circumstances. Please note official documents may be requested to support your application.

Redeemed Camp may make grants to, or on behalf of, individuals in need by reason of other disadvantages, within the ambit of applicable charity law. These will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all available information.

Applicants should note that, as with many other charitable organisations, Redeemed Camp may receive more applications than it has funds to support.

Even if a project fits within the criteria and priorities of the fund and a detailed assessment has been made, we may still be unable to provide a grant.

In some cases, an in-principle decision will be made by the Trustees pending receipt of further information.

Please note that successful applicants cannot re-apply for at least six months from the date of approval notification.

If the Trustees consider that an individual beneficiary has *not* used their grant for the charitable purpose for which it was given, that individual/organisation will not be eligible for any future grants from the charity.

Data Protection

Redeemed Camp's policy is to erase unsuccessful applicants' personal information within 6 months of a decision.

For successful applicants, the Redeemed Camp will retain personal information for as long as is deemed appropriate and regular contact is made with the applicant. Regular contact will be at least a yearly newsletter emailed to applicants.

Statistical data from applications, with all personal identifying factors removed, may be used for Charity reporting and monitoring purposes.