

# Walthamstow and Chingford Almshouse Charity

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## Guidelines for Organisations Applying for a Grant

The Walthamstow and Chingford Almshouse Charity's objects for grant making are:  
***"The relief of persons in conditions of financial need in the area of benefit in such manner as the Trustees see fit."***

Organisations given grants are, in effect, being commissioned by WCAC to further the Charity's objects and need to be able to demonstrate (Section 26 of the application form) that this is how they will use the grant, making sure there is a link to the ***prevention or relief of poverty***.

Grants are made to organisations carrying out a wide range of activities to benefit local people.

We place particular priority on projects that help people to help themselves, for example those that help vulnerable beneficiaries into work, projects that promote independent living or prevent and alleviate isolation and projects aiming to improve the situation of those with a poor quality of life. We award the majority of grants to organisations at the December Grants and Accommodation Committee Meeting, with the deadline for applications in November, however applications will be considered at other times of the year. New organisations being considered for a grant are usually visited before any decision is made.

### **Restrictions**

As our charity's name implies, we focus on Walthamstow and Chingford, so activities and projects must be of benefit to residents from these areas.

### We will not consider:

- major building works
- the promotion of religion
- long term salaries (*We can, however, sometimes give a grant to help with the cost of a temporary worker or a training fee to get a project up and running*)

## **How do we choose which projects to make grants to?**

We will look at various factors such as:

- will the project help meet our objectives and priorities?
- how many people the project reaches out to and helps?
- how effective is the project at achieving its goals?
- does it make a real difference to peoples' lives?
- is the organisation robust and viable?

## **Size of Grant**

Grants are generally awarded up to £10,000, however applications for grants in excess of this will be considered. Application forms and guidelines are available on our website for downloading or by calling our office on 0208 520 0295.

## **Complaints Procedure**

If you have a complaint about how we have dealt with your application for a grant you should write to the Clerk to the Directors who is responsible for the management of the Walthamstow and Chingford Almshouse Charity. If you remain dissatisfied following the response from the Clerk, you should write to the Chair of the Grants and Accommodation Committee.

Please note that you cannot appeal against any decision made by the directors about whether or not we award a grant whether it be to an individual or an organisation.