

# The John Coates Charitable Trust

## Guidelines for Applicants – 2022/23

### How to apply

Applicants must be UK registered charities, working in the UK for the benefit of UK residents, and the organisation's annual reporting to the Charity Commission must be up to date.

Applications are made online through the Trust's website  
[www.johncoatescharitabletrust.org.uk](http://www.johncoatescharitabletrust.org.uk)

The Trust makes grants which are usually in the range £5,000 – £10,000 and there are two grant-making meetings held annually which normally take place in January and July. The majority of the Trust's grants are single grants over a one-year period. The Trustees will consider applications for core costs or project costs.

### When to apply

The deadline for each meeting will be the last Friday in May (for July meeting) and the first Friday in December (for January meeting).

Previous applicants who have received a grant must have submitted their monitoring report before any new application can be considered. Previous applicants who have had an unsuccessful application must wait two years before reapplying, unless otherwise invited to apply by the Trust. Successful applicants who have received six consecutive years of funding, will usually be asked to take a short break before reapplying.

### Funding priorities

The Trustees favour charitable organisations which can demonstrate:

- Financial sustainability
- A track record of positive impact
- A long-term vision.

Notwithstanding the overall charitable objectives of the Trust, the Trustees are continually developing their policies, objectives and guidelines within the terms of their Trust Deed and have determined that their priorities for support will focus on:

#### Education

- Improving the key skills of children and young adults, e.g., reading and financial skills
- Outdoor education
- Support for disabled people.

#### The arts

- Encouraging children to access the arts
- Support for theatres and festivals.

## Medicine and healthcare

- Funding research
- Raising awareness and providing information
- Supporting service-users.

## Heritage, conservation and the environment

- History preservation
- Protection and/or enhancement of green spaces (including parks, estates and gardens) and coastal areas, rivers and lakes
- Protection of endangered species, both flora and fauna.

## Societal and community cohesion

- Family based services, including support of carers
- Prisoners' wellbeing
- Support for disabled people in community settings
- Support for those from disadvantaged backgrounds and/or are at risk of becoming marginalised
- Support for women facing difficult circumstances.

## Geographical priorities

The Trust supports national organisations and small charities which are of personal or local interest to the Trustees. If you are a local charity applying for the first time, please be aware that the Trust is currently only supporting charities which deliver projects in the following areas:

- London-wide or work focused on:
  - North Kensington
  - Lambeth
  - Merton
  - Wandsworth
- Cambridge or the surrounding area
- Hampshire
- North-West Norfolk
- North Devon
- Surrey
- West Sussex

## Exclusions

As well as individuals, the Trust is unlikely to support the following charities:

- Charities less than five years old
- Charities with an income under £150,000
- Charities working outside the Trust's preferred geographical areas
- Regional offices of national charities

The Trust is unlikely to support the following projects:

- Advocacy
- Animal welfare
- Business ventures
- Capital projects
- Campaigning or lobbying
- Churches and religious causes and activities
- Conferences or seminars
- Endowments
- Exhibitions
- Festivals (apart from those dedicated to the arts)
- HIV charities
- Hospitals for operational services
- International Travel
- Overseas projects
- Retrospective funding
- Routine maintenance of buildings
- Schools, colleges and universities (apart from specialist establishments, e.g. for pupils with disabilities or those dedicated to the arts, e.g. conservatoire's)
- Statutory services
- Well supported causes.

Due to the large number of health charities applying, the Trustees wish to focus their support for a particular disease on the minimum number of charities.

## Data protection

In applying to the Trust, you are confirming that all statements are true and that all the information provided in the application is correct.

We will use this information only for the purposes of assessing your application, managing or monitoring any grant awarded, related administration or research purposes, and for sharing relevant information with other funding organisations to use in their own assessment of applications and managing or monitoring of grants awarded.

Data may be retained for up to seven years after which time it will be destroyed in accordance with our data retention policies.

It is our aim to take good care of personal data and only process personal data necessary for our purposes. For this reason, we strongly advise you do not provide details of named or identifiable individuals either in details of potential beneficiaries or beneficiaries aided, in case studies provided, or in any other information. If you have reasons why such information should be provided to us, please contact us before sending the information.

Information provided that exceeds our application guidelines will not be read and will be destroyed on receipt to assist us in managing data securely and appropriately.

## Application assistance

Should assistance or advice be required with an application please telephone the Grants Administrator on 01285 719595 or email [johncoates@thetrustpartnership.com](mailto:johncoates@thetrustpartnership.com)