

The Harry Payne Fund.

The Harry Payne Fund was founded in 1939 (as the Harry Payne Trust) by Harry Payne a Birmingham businessman with strong philanthropic ideals.

Fund Aims

The fund aims to:

- Support those who are disadvantaged and help smaller causes where a modest donation can make a difference.
- Support core costs as well as specific projects.

Available Funding

- Grants normally range between £250 and £2000 although exceptionally we will go higher than this.
- We expect funding to be spent within 1 year.
- Applicants will be expected to demonstrate evidence of need and – particularly in the case of project finance – where the balance of the required funding is coming from.

Eligibility

- The fund supports organisations working within a radius of 25 miles of Birmingham City Centre.
- We have a strong preference for supporting Registered Charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations but will also consider applications from the following:
 - Constituted Community Group
 - Companies limited by guarantee with charitable aims
 - Parish Councils, Schools, PTAs and Churches if community benefit can be demonstrated (but see “Sorry we cannot fund” below)
- Community Interest Companies (CIC’s)
- Funding to a “non-charitable” group may include a condition restricting the funding to charitable purposes and we may also require an appropriate dissolution clause in the organisation’s governing document.
- New groups without a published set of accounts must provide management accounts and/or cash flow forecasts together with a bank statement and referee details.
- We only support organisations with an annual turnover of less than £500,000 as shown in the most recent annual accounts (audited or independently examined where required).

***Funding to Community Interest Companies and other non-charities may include conditions to restrict funding to charitable objectives only.*

Sorry, we cannot fund:

- Direct replacement of statutory obligation and public funding
- Promotion of religious or political activities
- Groups with significant financial free reserves
- Retrospective grants
- Contribution to endowment fund, payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans
- National charities
- Overseas travel or expeditions
- Medical research and equipment for statutory or private healthcare
- General appeals
- Animal welfare, unless the project benefits people (e.g. disabled riding schemes)
- Statutory work in educational institutions
- Sponsored or fundraising events or groups raising funds to distribute to other causes
- Schools, Churches, Parish Councils or PTA's unless community benefit is demonstrated
- Boxing clubs or associated organisations

Additional Supporting Information

To be eligible to apply you must have the following in place:

- Your organisation / company has a management committee / board of trustees / board of directors with at least 3 unrelated people as members, a list of those directors will be required showing who has bank authorisation.
- A written constitution / articles / set of rules.
- A bank account in the name of the organisation with at least two unrelated signatories
- Safeguarding policy (if your organisation works with children or vulnerable adults)
- Equal opportunities policy

You will need to submit the following with your application:

- A bank statement from the last 3 months.
- Quotes for capital items over £300.

All grant applicants will be expected to participate in any appropriate publicity as requested by HoECF.

For the Foundation's full eligibility criteria see our website.