

Eligibility Criteria and Funding Priorities: Richmond Children's Fund Small Grants Programme

Introduction

Thames Community Foundation is managing the Richmond Children's Fund small grants programme on behalf of Richmond CVS.

Broadly the Children's Fund aim is:

"to address the gap in preventative services for children and young people... by providing increased and better co-ordinated services for children and young people"

The Richmond Children's Fund small grants programme has two elements:

- Projects with grants available from £500 up to £5000 (the average grant is expected to be in the region of £2000 - £2500)
- Purchase of equipment with grants available from £250 up to £2000

The grants are available to voluntary sector organisations and community groups who are delivering services or want to deliver new services in the London Borough of Richmond.

The age range covered is 0-19 (up to 25 for those with disabilities). However priority will be given to projects targeted at young people 10-13, and to the priority groups as shown overleaf. **Preference will be given to organisations not receiving funding from the main Richmond Children's Fund grants programme.**

To be eligible you must:

- Be a properly constituted voluntary sector or a community group
- Deliver the project in the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames
- Have a bank account for your organisation or voluntary group with a minimum of two signatories
- Be able to evidence the need for the project in the area you will be delivering it in

Equipment grants must be for already established projects in the LBRUT with evidence of regular opportunities for the equipment to be used.

Organisations whose activities are designed to promote a religious or faith group or campaigning for a political party will not be eligible to apply.

Richmond Children's Fund Principles

Services supported by Richmond Children's Fund will have an **overarching theme of prevention and early intervention work in support of the Every Child Matters outcomes**¹. Services will contribute to the aims and objectives of LBRUT and Richmond and Twickenham Primary Care Trust as expressed in:

- The LBRUT Children's Plan 2006-9 and the subsequent annual review documents
- The LBRUT Community Plan 2007-17
- The objectives of Choose Health²

In addition

- Projects which take account of the views of children, young people and their families in service design will be welcomed.

Priority Groups

Richmond Children's Fund will continue to prioritise services to support:

- Young carers
- Children with disabilities
- Children looked after
- The Traveller community
- Young people aged 10-13

In addition we will extend our focus to include:

- Families experiencing the effects of domestic abuse
- Parenting support
- Developing a robust transition from junior services for young people 13 and under to services post 13 with a particular focus on vulnerable groups such as young carers and young people with disabilities and other special needs.



¹ www.everychildmatters.gov.uk

² Choose Health National Objectives

- tackling health inequalities
- reducing the number of people who smoke
- tackling obesity
- improving sexual health
- improving mental health and well being
- reducing harm and encouraging sensible drinking