

# Business & community

How a donation from your business can make a real difference to your local community



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Businesses are becoming increasingly aware of their social responsibilities to the wider community.

Many companies regularly receive requests for donations from all kinds of charities and community groups.

Thames Community Foundation provides companies with an innovative and cost-effective way to invest in the local community.

We offer a range of tailor-made services to assist companies to channel their charitable giving in a tax efficient and effective way.

Unlike other charities, we have the flexibility to support a wide range of causes from children to the elderly, from arts to the environment.

## About us

Thames Community Foundation is working to improve the quality of life and helping to build stronger communities across Hounslow, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth.

Since the Foundation began, more than £1 million has been distributed to hundreds of projects, affecting the lives of many people.

The Foundation distributes funds on behalf of business, other charities and the government through a variety of grant-making programmes. Grants are also funded by income from our capital funds, which are held on behalf of individuals, companies and trusts.

## Helping you make a difference

The Community Foundation allows you to channel your giving directly into the communities in which you operate.

This can help develop stronger and more intimate links with your employees as well as the communities in your area of operation.

We have a small professional team of staff to advise you on your charitable giving.

## Trouble free

While a company may have a budget for charitable donations, few businesses have the time, resources or expertise to deal with the many appeals that they receive.

### **We aim to take the hassle out of managing your charitable budget by offering:**

- a quick and easy process to build up your fund and very low administration charges
- proven grant-making expertise
- a service to deal with appeal letters
- guidance on the most tax efficient ways to give – a company should be able to offset the donation against corporation tax
- targeted grant making to projects that meet your criteria
- professional management of investments
- good publicity opportunities for your company if desired
- constant updates on our work and local community issues
- an opportunity to make a gift to benefit the community forever

## Setting up your own fund

A fund with Thames Community Foundation works just like having your own charitable trust.

It allows your company to support issues and areas of your choosing, but saves all the trouble of appointing trustees, handling investments and dealing with paperwork.

Your fund is invested within our portfolio and is credited with income quarterly, which can be used to award grants to local charities. Such funds are a permanent testimony to a company's commitment to the community.

Alternatively, a company can channel its charitable budget through the Foundation and make an annual donation, which is distributed within that year.



## Making a Donation

Thames Community Foundation welcomes donations of any size to support our grant-making programmes.

Regardless of the size of your donation, you can be sure that it will be used to improve the quality of life of local people, with funds distributed in response to local needs.

Thames Community Foundation can help businesses maximise the effectiveness of their charitable donations.

Grants are distributed to grass-roots projects making a real difference to the local community.

A company may choose to support the Foundation by giving a general donation. Every donation is pooled with others to create a discretionary capital fund, the income from which will support local communities for years to come.



## Support in kind

Thames Community Foundation would be delighted if you could offer your support in kind, such as printing, design, venues, professional services or promotional activities.



## Find out more

The Community Foundation is a registered charity managed by local people. This leaflet only gives an outline of how we can help you.

Further details can be found in our Annual Review and on our website

**[www.thamescommunityfoundation.org.uk](http://www.thamescommunityfoundation.org.uk)**

If you would like to speak to our friendly team, please call **0208 943 5525** or email **[tcf@btconnect.com](mailto:tcf@btconnect.com)**

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