

FUNDING EXCLUSIONS FOR GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS.

1. The Trust only funds projects which are for the benefit of residents /not for profit organisations located within the Trust's area of benefit, defined as the council wards of Birmingham City Council known as the Sutton Coldfield constituency. A Boundary Map of the Trust's area of benefit can be found [here](#). Exceptionally, applications may be considered from organisations based outside Sutton Coldfield, if these meet the needs of a significant number of residents and there is no similar local provision (For example, medical, hospice and special needs provision).
2. Organisational applicants must be Not for Profit: i.e. Registered Charities; Community Interest Organisations (CIO), Constituted Clubs; Companies Limited by Guarantee; Local Government / Educational establishments previously funded by the LEA; or a small organisation with a Community Bank Account. Preference to award is also usually given in this order.
3. The Trust wishes to be as inclusive as possible in its grant making to ensure that all the projects it funds can benefit anyone, without discrimination of any kind. To this end, the Trust will not support projects where potential beneficiaries may be excluded on the basis of the Equality Act protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation). Naturally, depending on the applicant organisation's own charitable activities, some projects will focus on particular sections of society. However, the Trust will not support organisations that are proactively excluding potential beneficiaries on the basis of any of the Equality Act protected characteristics.
4. The Trust doesn't take any political position and therefore it will not fund any project specifically aligned to any political party.
5. The Trust is unable to support retrospective grants and projects that have already started.
6. Promotion of Religion: The Trust supports projects that enables all faiths to contribute to the community life of Sutton Coldfield and supports the varied services faiths offer to a wide range of residents. Please note that projects that specifically support the promotion of any religion are not eligible for funding.