**Guidelines for Organisational Grants (Education)**

RPLC serves the interests of residents who live in the RPLC benefit areas of TW9, TW10, SW13 and SW14.

**Who can apply?**

1. Local maintained schools, academies, sixth form/general FE colleges and universities.
2. Charities, social enterprises, charitable incorporated organisations and community interest companies supporting the delivery of education and training in our benefit area

**Types of grants available:**

1. The majority are **project grants** to help fund new initiatives or those that have proven successful elsewhere. Money is made available for up to three years with the expectation that the amount requested decreases year on year to account for the generation of funds from elsewhere.
2. A small number of grants are for **regularly funded organisations** that receive an annual contribution to cover their core costs and/or activities.

**Types of Projects:**

1. Projects that enable children and young people to access the wider development opportunities on offer through their school or college’s curriculum and enrichment programme regardless of personal circumstances.
2. Initiatives that help children, young people and adults improve their language, literacy, numeracy or IT skills
3. Programmes that support the need to access higher education qualifications and/or career opportunities and/or help to develop employability and/or enterprise skills.

**Please note:**

1. We do not fund services which are the statutory duty of schools, colleges or the Local Authority.
2. We do not allocate more than one grant per year to any organisation.

**Selection Process:**

Applicants are more likely to be successful if they have considered the following:

1. The main purpose of the grant, which should fulfil the aims of the Education Committee.
2. The number of beneficiaries within the benefit area.
3. The potential for partnership working with other schools, charities or community groups.
4. Developing SMART outputs (i.e. what the project aims to achieve) and measuring outcomes during and after the project.
5. The sustainability of the project.
6. Projected costs (including a range of quotes) and evidence of match funding from other sources.
7. Evidence of market and/or literature research to support the need for the project.
8. Providing ongoing feedback to the trustees.

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