

# Grant Programmes

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## Core Grants

86 local organisations received a grant from the RPLC over the past year. The grants amounted to a total of around £663,000. Many of these grants support the core funding of key local organisations on a long-term basis, with the grants monitored and renewable every four years.

## New Grants

Applications are welcome for new projects that meet our aim of supporting local residents disadvantaged by poverty, illness, disability or age. Up to £130,000 is available in 2010/11 to support new projects – the bulk of which will be allocated to projects matching our strategic priorities.

## Strategic Priority Grants

Each year we set a key priority and particularly encourage applications in this area. In 2009/10 we focused on projects relating to Family Breakdown. To help us understand the local needs and to encourage applications for grants, a conference was organised at Richmond Adult College. The result has been 14 projects funded for a total of £115,921. This year, 2010/11, trustees wish to provide additional funding to consolidate projects previously funded by the RPLC as part of their strategic funding. Organisations will be invited to submit proposals in October 2010. Further details will be placed on our website:

<http://www.rplc.org.uk/>

## Crisis Grants

Given the current economic climate, trustees have agreed that the upper level for crisis grants in 2010/11 should rise to £300 where appropriate (increased from £250 in 2009/10). These grants are for people in urgent need and are most often given for household goods, bills, food and clothing. All applications must be referred to the RPLC through other local organisations, such as Citizens Advice Bureau or Social Services. We do not accept applications directly from individuals. The applications are assessed by our staff as soon as possible so that a prompt decision and payment can be made.

## Winter Fuel Grants

For over 20 years the RPLC has offered grants to help with winter fuel costs every winter. Any pensioner in our benefit area (TW9, TW10 & SW14) who receives a means tested benefit may apply for a £60 grant in 2011 (increased from £50 in 2009/10) towards their heating bills. Application forms are available from January 2011 and the grants are paid in February. People who have already received a grant automatically receive an application form the following year. Up to £42,000 is available for Winter Fuel Grants this winter an increase of £7,000 year on year.

## Education and Training Grants

These grants are to help adults of any age to obtain vocational, professional or academic qualifications or to retrain after unemployment. We aim to improve employment prospects, increase independence and enhance quality of life. Grants can range from £50 to cover books to several thousand pounds over four years for fees. You can apply directly to our Deputy Director Barbara Gilgallon, but you must either work in, or have lived in, our benefit area for at least 6 months before you apply.



**Cecil Court, Staff and Residents**

## Grants - Supporting Family Life

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The RPLC conference, held in Spring 2009, examined the many triggers that can lead to the breakdown of family relationships. Pressure arising from problems with physical or mental health; the demands of caring for a child or adult with disabilities; unemployment and debt; addiction to drugs and alcohol were all identified as contributing factors. Trustees responded by identifying family breakdown as a strategic priority for the Charity's grant funding in 2009/10.

Grants totalling **£115,921** were agreed and some of the successful bids are described below:

Crossroads Care **£7,000**

Families with disabled children were offered additional respite care

Home Start **£8,000**

Vulnerable families benefited from an advocacy worker visiting them at home.

LBRuT Arts Service **£7,000**

An arts based family support programme

MiD Mediation and Counselling **£15,750**

Development of a good parenting programme to support children post divorce

Mortlake Community Association **£6,385**

A grant to support activities for those who have become vulnerable as a result of family breakdown

Otaker Kraus Music Trust **£3,750**

A grant was awarded to set up a series of workshops to help families in the development of children with special needs and ease some of the tension which may exist as a result of the child's condition

Relate **£12,000**

Family Counselling with those affected by domestic abuse

We have seen more children and young people than ever before...with our limited resources stretched even further we are especially grateful to RPLC for your help....."

**MiD Mediation & Counselling**



**Otaker Kraus Music Trust**



**Home Start Outing**

“The support of RPLC is vital to enable us to develop this important area of work. We are aware of the huge need especially from those who have suffered domestic abuse and who would not traditionally access services such as ours...”

**Relate**

Richmond Carers Centre **£5,000**

A grant was made to support carers emotionally and practically where there is a risk of breakdown

SPEAR **£15,000**

Developed a mentoring programme to put isolated individuals back in contact with family and friends

Three Wings Trust **£9,000**

Direct support and mentoring to families of children with emotional and behavioural difficulties

Welcare **£2,036**

Introduced a programme to help single mothers in the development of boys who have no contact with their fathers



**Home Start Outing**

# Grants Awarded: 2009-10

Addiction Support and Care Agency	11,300	Marble Hill Play Centre	4,000
Age Concern	19,500	MiD Mediation and Counselling (2 Grants)	20,950
Alzheimer's Society SW London Branch	4,160	Mortlake Community Association (2 Gr.)	14,785
ArtsRichmond	2,000	Museum of Richmond	4,475
Bold Balladiers	600	Network Magazine	200
Brentford Football Community Sports	20,000	Off The Record	7,400
British Trust for Conservation Volunteers	2,900	Orange Tree Theatre	14,600
Citizen Advice Bureau (2 Grants)	39,360	Otaker Kraus Music Trust	3,750
Cambrian Community Centre	40,000	Performing Arts Festival	700
Care Leavers Support	10,000	Playgroup Network	2,481
Careline Rentals	1,715	Richmond Adult Community College	830
Community Drug & Alcohol Team (CDAT)	200	Richmond Advice & Info. on Disability	9,600
Central & Cecil Housing Trust	7,600	Richmond & Kingston Accessible Transport	4,800
Community Sports Trust	6,707	RB Mind—Vineyard Project (2 Grants)	53,000
Crossroads Care (2 Grants)	25,300	Relate (2 Grants)	22,300
Crossway Pregnancy Crisis Centre	2,000	Richmond Arts Service	7,000
Cruse Bereavement Care	3,000	Richmond Carers Centre (2 Grants)	7,000
Ethnic Minority Advisory Group	6,800	Richmond Community Mental Health Team	250
Environment Trust, Richmond	6,000	Richmond Good Neighbours	10,800
FiSH Neighbourhood Scheme	4,500	Richmond Legal Advice Service	1,950
Fitzherbert House (2 Grants)	500	Richmond MENCAP (2 Grants)	14,880
Furniture Scheme	5,000	Richmond Music Trust	15,000
Greycourt School	500	Richmond Orchestra	700
Ham Youth Centre	8,800	Richmond Youth Partnership (2 Grants)	17,900
Handyperson Scheme	10,000	River Thames Boat Project	4,330
Home-Start (2 grants)	16,600	Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability	3,000
Integrated Neurological Services	20,000	Sheen Lane Day Centre	2,050
Isabella Court Residents Association	500	SPEAR (3 Grants)	36,300
Kew Community Trust	8,500	St Matthias Community Centre	6,000
Kew Neighbourhood Association	10,800	Still Building Bridges	3,000
Kew Out of School Club	2,584	Three Wings Trust (2 Grants)	12,500
Kew Scout Group	450	-the bridge- (2 Grants)	8,740
Kingston & Richmond Advocacy	4,300	Visually Impaired Society Richmond	2,495
Latchmere House (2 Grants)	11,000	Welcare	2,036
Library & Information Service	1,507	Young Science Events Richmond	1,000

314,683

320,802

Sub Total 635,485

Anti-poverty grants to schools 28,070

Total Grants to Organisations £663,555



Education awards to individuals	104,172
Crisis Grants	62,400
Energy Poverty Grants	<u>31,800</u>
Total Grants to Individuals	£198,372

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Total Grants to Organisations	<u>£663,555</u>
Total Grants Awarded 2009-10	<u>£861,927</u>



**Kew Community Trust - Carers Day**

**Marble Hill Play Centre**