



Float Trust Grant Policy

Introduction

1. This policy sets out the principles and procedures that govern how the Float Trust makes grant. It is intended to help the trustees, and those applying for a grant.

General Principles

2. The Trust will make grants in accordance with its charitable purposes and the law.
3. The Trust will make one-off grants to people in need, focusing on those instances where a little means a lot. It may make grants to organisations.
4. The maximum grant will usually be £30.00.
5. Applicants should have a total income of less than £16,000 per year, with no savings, investments, or cash-equivalent assets of value.
6. Applicants should be physically present in Scotland at the time of application.
7. Applicants may receive up to two grants in a twelve month period.
8. The Trust welcomes applications from all sectors of society, regardless of age, conviction, disability, employment, ethnicity, gender, marital status, nationality, politics, race, religion, or sexuality.

Funding Priorities and Exclusions

9. The Trust has limited funds, so the trustees have chosen to prioritise grants for, in order of priority:
 - a. Living costs for people with no income;
 - b. Key items for refugees, asylum seekers, the homeless, and those without recourse to public funds;
 - c. Household basics, such as food, toiletries, and sanitary products;

- d. Gas and electricity bills;
 - e. Essential travel.
10. The Trust will not make grants for:
- a. Furnishings or white goods;
 - b. Clothing, except underwear;
 - c. Payment of debts, except rent arrears;
 - d. Pet expenses;
 - e. Luxury goods or services;
 - f. Private medical or education fees;
 - g. Payment towards something which will cost a lot more than we can give (unless the balance is already secured).

Application Process

11. Applications should be made using the form set by the trustees.
12. Applications must be made by a professional working with the person who needs the grant. This includes, but is not limited to:
- a. Social workers, support workers, or advocates;
 - b. Debt, housing, or welfare advisers;
 - c. Doctors, nurses, midwives, or health visitors;
 - d. Teachers, lecturers, or community workers;
 - e. Lawyers, prison officers, and criminal justice workers not otherwise specified;
 - f. Anyone working with the applicant in a role like the above.
13. Applications will be considered by one or more trustees. They will aim to make a decision within 24 hours wherever possible.
14. The Trust will not monitor the spending of a grant, or require receipts or other evidence of expenditure.
15. Applications will be confidential, though the Trust may disclose information to external agencies, where the trustees believe someone may be at risk of harm.
16. Whether or not to offer a grant is a matter entirely within the discretion of the trustees. There is no right of review or appeal.