

Community Fund

Making a difference



History of St Monica Trust Community Fund

- In 1919 St Monica Home of Rest was established by Henry Herbert and Dame Mary Monica Wills.
- The main aim of the charity was:
 - a) To provide accommodation for older people suffering from ill health.
 - b) To provide 'pensions, annuities and gifts of money' for those who could not be housed on the premises.
- Although the charity has grown considerably the aims remain the same.

The Team

- Based in Head Office the Community Fund team is made up of:

Kate Stobie – Community Fund manager

Angelina Shoemake – Community Fund Officer

Fran Stockford – Administrator

Suzie Beazer – Administrator

How does the Community Fund help?

Gifts and short term grants to individuals who meet our criteria

and

We provide yearly grants to organisations

Helping Organisations

- Each year we give grants to organisations under a certain theme - as decided by Committee.
- The Community Fund offers grants from £500 up to £10,000 that are available for organisations that meet our criteria.
- From 2003 – 2008 the theme was ‘Reducing Loneliness and Isolation’.
- Since 2003 we have given 158 grants to 130 different organisations.
- In 2009 we funded 14 organisations under a new theme of ‘Older People and Substance Misuse’.

Organisations funded in 2009

Name of Organisation	Geographical Area	Area of work	£
Awaz Utaoh Ltd	Bristol	Info/ support	5,000
Drug and Homeless Initiative	BANES & S Glos	Training	6,706
Broadway Lodge	North Somerset	Research	9,848
Salvation Army	Bristol	Drug treatment	13,735

2010 Theme.....

- The theme for 2010 is again 'Older People and Substance Misuse'.
- In order to qualify your organisation must meet ALL FIVE of the following criteria:
 1. benefit people (over 55 years old) who have a physical or sensory impairment or long-term physical health problem, including those with infirmities due to old age.
 2. benefit people living in Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset or Wiltshire,
 3. make a real difference to people's daily lives,
 4. be both properly constituted and a not-for-profit organisation,
 5. be providing direct services to clients where substance misuse (including drugs, alcohol or addiction to prescribed medication) is, or has been, a contributing factor; or be undertaking research to enhance understanding of the issue.

The Application Process

- We receive many more requests than we have funds available. For example, in 2009 we received 35 applications with requests totalling over £318,000: well above the £110,000 we had available. In practice this means that we do not give grants to organisations which do not fully meet our criteria.
- We are happy to accept applications from organisations that we have previously funded.
- All applicants must submit an application form together with additional information that is requested in the application form, e.g. annual report.

How to Apply

- We are likely to open for applications in October/November 2009.
- Successful applicants will be notified in Feb/March 2010 and funding will be made available for the start of the new financial year.
- Please keep an eye on our website for up to date information regarding this process:
www.communityfund.stmonicastrust.org.uk
- Application forms and guidance notes will also be available to download when we open later in the year.