



JOURNEY OF A GRANT

Each year, we award over £5 million to charities that help the most vulnerable people in society.

The charities work with a wide range of people including those affected by poor health and disability, barriers to educational opportunities or social isolation. None of our work would be possible without the generous donations of Freemasons, which allow us to extend our support outside the Masonic Community. But how do we choose which charities to support? **What role does your Province play in the grant process?**

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BEGIN

CHARITIES APPLY ON OUR WEBSITE

for either our small grant programme or enquire about our large grant programme.

Small grant

Grants of up to **£5k** awarded over 1 year for core funding.

Large grant

On average grants between **£20k-80k** awarded over 3 years for specific purposes.

ASSESSMENT

We check if the charity is:

- ✓ Registered with the **Charity Commission**
- ✓ Providing a service or support that **lies within our remit**
- ✓ **Sustainable**
- ✓ **Financially capable** to carry out the service or support
- ✓ Compliant with our other areas of **due diligence**

COMMITTEE MEETING

Our Charity Grants committee meet every quarter to decide which charities are awarded grants.

SUCCESSFUL

Before we take the grant any further...

...we contact the Metropolitan or Provincial Grand Lodge where the charity or project is based.

UNSUCCESSFUL

As much as we would like to, we cannot award a grant for every application received

We let charities know their application has been unsuccessful via email and give as much reasoning as possible. We also let them know when they're eligible to reapply.

MASONIC ROLE

At this stage, it is vital we involve you in the decision making process

This is to make sure we haven't missed anything. We contact your Province to gain crucial local knowledge of the charity, any feedback you may have and find out if you are happy with the suggested grants or projects put forward in your area:

**PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER
PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY
PROVINCIAL GRAND CHARITY STEWARD
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
MCF MEMBERS**

AGREE

DISAGREE

Given us the 'green light'?

Great! We'll get in touch with the charities to let them know Freemasons in their area have advocated their grant, and they have been successful with their application. We'll also let you know when we've told them.

Have concerns about a charity or project?

We'll carry out further research into the charity or project and resubmit the evidence at the next committee meeting.

FINANCE AND PAYMENT

All grants are paid directly into the charities' bank accounts via bank transfer

We will inform you and the charities when payments will be processed.

PUBLICITY

Our communications team will get in touch with you and, depending on the size of grant, one of two steps will follow:

Small grants: We will send you a press and publicity pack, which includes a charity grant certificate and a guide on how to gain the most media coverage. This will give you an opportunity to arrange a press event with the charity where you can present them with their certificate and publicly congratulate them on their grant.

Large grants: Our Press Officer will liaise with you to arrange press coverage and a certificate presentation. Again, a charity grant certificate will be sent directly to you to award to the charity at the event. We will always encourage our MCF members to attend presentations to highlight the crucial role Freemasons have played in achieving this grant.

TOGETHER, WE CAN BEGIN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

While the application process may have ended, the real difference is only just beginning.

With the MCF's funding, the projects can start and many lives can be changed. Our MCF members will help us to monitor the project or charity throughout the course of their funding and beyond, allowing us to ensure that our grant is really making a difference.

Thank you for being a part of the Charity Grant journey.