

About Tower Hill Trust

We are an independent charitable trust set up in 1934 to improve the area around Tower Hill. In the past this focused on the provision of gardens and open public spaces in the Tower Hill area; this remains a primary purpose to this day. However, Tower Hill has seen significant change, and the Trust now gives increasing support to charitable activity that meets two or more of the Trust's formal charitable Objects, which are as follows:

- **The provision of gardens and open spaces for the general benefit of the inhabitants;**
- **The provision and support of facilities for recreation and leisure-time occupation;**
- **The provision and support of educational facilities;**
- **The relief of the aged, handicapped and poor;**

The Trust's area of benefit now comprises the area of Great Tower Hill, Tower Hill and the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Prioritising Applications

The Trust receives many more proposals than we are able to fund. Trustees particularly welcome applications for projects:

- That meets two or more of the Trust's Objects (listed above); please note that the Trust's Objects are listed in order of priority.
- Proposals for equipment or capital costs.
- Proposals that have a link with the Trust's original area of benefit, i.e. the area around Tower Hill and St. Katharine's and Wapping ward.

Who can apply

You will need to demonstrate that your organisation:

- Benefits people resident or working in Tower Hamlets;
- Is a registered charity or public authority;
- Has its own bank or building society account where two or more named people, including one trustee or management committee member have to sign all the cheques;
- Can provide annual accounts for the last year. (If your organisation is very new, copies of your most recent bank or building society statements will suffice.)

How to apply

We have a two-stage application process.

Stage One: Initial Proposal

Initially we ask you to send in a proposal that covers the points below (no more than 3 pages). We also ask for certain additional documents (also listed below). When we receive your proposal we will send you an acknowledgement and may ask you for further clarification.

You may submit your proposal at any time. Trustees will meet every three months to consider all of the initial proposals we have received and draw up a shortlist. All proposals that are not on the shortlist will be rejected.

Stage Two: Further Information

If your proposal is successfully shortlisted, you move on to stage two of the process and will be asked for further information. You may also receive a visit from our Grant Officer. Your proposal will then be presented to a Trustees' meeting, which will make the final decision about your request. Not all shortlisted organisations will receive funding as the Trust considers more proposals than we are able to support.

Deadlines for 2010

- we will need to receive your initial proposal by **29th March 2010** for a final decision in May 2010
- we will need to receive your initial proposal by **8th June 2010** for a decision in July 2009
- we will need to receive your initial proposal by **6th September 2010** for a decision in October 2009
- we will need to receive your initial proposal by **8th November 2010** for a decision in December 2009

Points to cover in your proposal

You will need to cover all of the points listed below on no more than 3 sides of A4 (with a separate budget). Please use the following headings:

1. A description of your organisation

This should include your aims, when your organisation was established, your legal status (for example a registered charity, company limited by guarantee or public authority), your current activities and your geographical area of operation.

2. Details of what you are applying for

What are you going to do? Over what period? When are you proposing to start? What difference will the work make? Who will benefit?

3. The need for the work

What is the need for the proposed work? Who have you consulted? Why are you best placed to deliver the project and what is your track record?

4. Our priorities

Which of the Trust's Objects and priorities does your project address and how?

5. Contact details

Provide the name of the lead person working on this proposal and their position in the organisation, a contact address and telephone number, plus website and/or e-mail address if you have one.

6. Financial costs

Please provide a separate budget for the work. Include an itemised breakdown for each year. Indicate any income you have already secured. How much you are applying for from us? Who else are you applying to?

Additional documents you must send:

- your most recent signed annual accounts. If you are a newly established organisation you will need to send us copies of your bank or building society statements for the previous three months.

Non-priority areas

We will not support:

- Grants to individuals
- The promotion of religion;
- Medical research;
- Work that has already taken place;
- Applicants who have been rejected by us within the last nine months;
- Organisations with significant unrestricted reserves. (Generally, up to six months' expenditure is considered an acceptable level of reserves);
- Organisations in serious financial deficit.

The Grant Officer will be pleased to advise you about any initial proposal you wish to submit. Please speak to Elaine Crush (020 7377 6614)

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