

# **Ernest Cook Trust**

Grant for educational projects in the fields of the countryside and environment, environmental research and the arts, crafts and architecture.

**Funding: Maximum value:£ 10,000**

**Application deadline:None specified**

The Trust aims to encourage and support educational activities that are linked to the countryside or the arts.

## **Match Funding Restrictions**

Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured. The Trust always expects to be a part funder and does not commit funds for more than one year.

## **Eligible Expenditure**

Funding is available to encourage young people's interest either in the countryside and the environment, the arts (in the broadest sense), or in science, or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy.

Since the ECT is a land-based Trust, work which encourages or ensures the continuation of rural skills and crafts is of particular interest to the Trustees. All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications.

The small grants programme supports state schools and small registered charities which would like to undertake projects which meet the Trust's objectives and require a small amount of pump-priming in order for such projects to take place.

The large grants programme is aimed at more comprehensive education programmes: these sometimes require support for the salary of an education officer; in such cases the ECT would always expect to be a part-funder. The range of the programme is wide; over the years education projects linked to theatres, art galleries and orchestras have been supported, as have those covering a wide range of environmental and countryside projects.

## **Deadline(s):**

Meetings to consider applications for the small grants programme take place bi-monthly throughout the year. . Due to high demand, applicants are advised to submit an application at least six months ahead of the project start date.

The full Board of Trustees meets twice a year, in April and September, to consider grants in excess of £4,000. At the spring meeting only projects related to the arts, crafts & architecture

and literacy, numeracy & science are considered, while at the autumn meeting only projects covering environment & countryside and literacy, numeracy & science are considered.

Applications for the spring meeting (which usually takes place in mid-April) must be received by the Trust by 31 January of that year. Applications for the autumn meeting (which takes place in September) must be received by the Trust by 31 July of that year

**Useful information:** There are no application forms. All applicants are asked to post a covering letter on the official headed paper of the applicant organisation, with supporting information.  
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