Haberdashers' Benevolent Foundation

A UK-wide collection of charities aimed generally at supporting those in need, distress or hardship. This includes the disabled, mentally and terminally ill people and youth development.

Funding: Maximum value: £2,000

Application deadline: None specified

The Benevolent Fund aims to assist charities with the aim of relieving poverty.

Most grants range between £500 and £2,000 with larger amounts normally being proactively arranged by the company. Most donations are one-off grants with no commitment for future support.

Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured.

Grants are made to UK Registered charities working in the UK. Local charities and projects are supported if they are in or very close to the City of London, or in an area where the Company has strong connections, such as near its schools or Church patronages. Apart from these, only national charities are normally supported.

Funding is mainly given to charities concerned with poverty relief. The current focus areas are:

- Charities helping unemployed and homeless people and ex-offenders and those at risk of offending, to find jobs or improve their education or skills and to find more stable accommodation.
- Charities helping excluded youth and young people who are or who are at risk of becoming offenders to address their problems and become integrated with society as useful citizens.
- Charities supporting the elderly, disabled or chronically sick and their carers, particularly in combating loneliness and social isolation.
- Charities providing employment training and placement for disabled people.
- Charities helping young people start their own businesses.

Link to guidelines: http://www.haberdashers.co.uk/content.php?p=grant-applications