



# GRANT MAKING POLICY

## 1. Grant Policy

- 1.1 Devon Community Foundation is an independent charitable trust committed to the support of voluntary and community organisations in Devon. This is achieved principally through a programme of grant making, financed from a range of sources.
- 1.2 The Foundation seeks to address areas of social concern, and to support organisations meeting an identified need, or which enhance the life of local communities. Grants can be made to a varied spectrum of local activities, including those offering opportunities for young people as well as those which seek to ease the burden of those disadvantaged by disability, unemployment, homelessness, isolation or their environment.
- 1.3 To establish priorities for grant making, the Grants Committee will analyse information from research conducted into social needs and the recommendations of grant programme evaluations.

## 2. Criteria for grant-making

- 2.1 Grants will be made to constituted not-for-profit registered charities, voluntary and community organisations, or to organisations supporting individuals, within the county of Devon working to improve the lives of people in the community. At the Committee discretion, grants may also be made to organisations in the counties of Cornwall, Dorset and Somerset.
- 2.2 The Grants Committee will establish appropriate criteria for Foundation funded grant programmes.
- 2.3 Where the Foundation has agreed to manage a grant programme for an external organisation, the criteria set by that organisation will be followed.

## 3. Exclusions

- 3.1 Unless specifically requested by a funder, the Foundation will not support:
  - statutory agencies, including schools and parish councils
  - organisations which have no base in Devon or any project which predominantly benefits a community outside Devon except at the discretion of the Committee
  - branches of national organisations which are directed by the national body
  - the promotion of religious causes
  - medical research
  - animal welfare projects
  - the preservation of plant life
  - party political activities
  - overseas excursions and projects
  - individuals unless specifically requested by a donor or grant programme
  - other grant making charities or third party giving

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