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GRANT GIVING POLICY FOR CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

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Purpose

This policy sets out the principles and process for awarding grants to charitable organisations that support the UK's emergency, volunteer and blue light services, civil service, armed forces communities, and their families. The aim is to provide funding that enables organisations to deliver their objectives effectively and sustainably.

1. Scope for Funding

1.1. Grants are non-restrictive and may be used for.

1.1.1. Purchase of equipment, resources, or items that directly enhance service delivery.

1.1.2. Running costs, including staffing, utilities, and operational expenses.

1.1.3. Project or programme delivery that aligns with the organisation's charitable objectives.

1.2. Funding must be used in a way that directly benefits the target communities and improves the delivery of the applicant organisation's mission.

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1. Applicants must.

2.1.1. Be a registered charity, CIC, or not-for-profit organisation operating in the UK.

2.1.2. Demonstrate that the majority of the beneficiaries of the funded activity are.

2.1.3. Members (current or former) of the UK's emergency, volunteer or blue light services, civil service, or armed forces or,

2.1.4. Family members of individuals who have served in any of the above roles.

2.1.5. Demonstrate a clear track record or credible plan for supporting the target communities.

2.1.6. Have appropriate governance, safeguarding, and financial management processes in place.

3. Grant-Making Principles

3.1. We are committed to.

3.1.1. Fairness and Transparency: All applications are assessed against the same criteria.

3.1.2. Impact: Funding decisions prioritise projects with measurable benefits to the target communities.

3.1.3. Recipients must provide evidence of how funds were used and the outcomes achieved.

3.1.4. Any funds not used by the recipient organisation must be returned to Blue Light Sports Foundation.

4. Application Process

- 4.1. Submission: Complete the official grant application using the online form, with supporting documents (e.g., governing document, latest accounts, safeguarding policy).
- 4.2. Assessment: Applications are reviewed monthly by the grants panel against eligibility and impact criteria.
- 4.3. Decision: Applicants will be notified in writing by email of the outcome within four weeks of the decision being made.

5. Monitoring and Reporting

- 5.1. Successful applicants must.
 - 5.1.1. Provide a short report within six to twelve weeks of the funding period closing, detailing how the grant was spent and the impact achieved.
 - 5.1.2. Retain all receipts and invoices, with a clear record for audit purposes.

6. Breach of Policy and Repayment Clause

- 6.1. If an organisation is found to be in breach of any section of this policy, including misuse of funds, failure to provide required reports, or providing false or misleading information, the organisation will be required to repay the full grant amount within a specified time period stipulated by Blue Light Sports Foundation, which is based on the size of the grant awarded. Failure to do so will result in legal action to recover the funds.

7. Asset Return and Repurposing Clause

- 7.1. Any physical items, equipment, or resources purchased wholly or partly with the grant funds that are no longer required by the recipient organisation must be donated back to Blue Light Sports Foundation. These items will be repurposed or redistributed to support other eligible organisations or individuals in need, ensuring continued benefit to the target communities.

8. Extensions for Unforeseen Circumstances

- 8.1. Organisations experiencing unforeseen circumstances that significantly delay or hinder the delivery of its funded objectives (e.g., natural disasters, major operational disruptions, or other exceptional events), may apply in writing for an extension to the agreed delivery timeframe.
 - 8.1.1. Requests must outline the reason for the delay, the revised delivery plan, and the expected completion date.
 - 8.1.2. Approval of extensions is at the discretion of the grants panel and may be subject to additional monitoring requirements.

9. Exclusions

- 9.1. We will not fund.
 - 9.1.1. Activities outside of the UK, unless the activity involves recipients resident in the UK who are participating in an event that is taking place outside of the UK.
 - 9.1.2. Political or lobbying activities.
 - 9.1.3. Individuals (please refer to our other grants for individual support).

9.1.4. For-profit organisations and businesses.

9.1.5. Organisations with links to political parties.

9.1.6. Organisations with links to proscribed groups (as defined by UK law).

Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant, fair, and aligned with our charitable objectives.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Callier', written in a cursive style.

Gary Callier
Founder and Operations Manager