



Keswick Hall Trust

Promoting and supporting
Religious Education

Statement of Funding Criteria

1. BACKGROUND

The Keswick Hall Trust was formed in 1981 to administer funds available following the incorporation of the former Keswick Hall College of Education within the University of East Anglia, Norwich. The Trust makes personal grants to support the education and training of Religious Education teachers and corporate grants to support the teaching of Religious Education and to support research and development of practical applications in Religious Education.

The Trust will consider each application on its individual merits irrespective of the geographical area of residence or study or of religious affiliation, if any

The formal object of the charity is

- (1) To advance for the public benefit education in any part of the world where the Church of England may be at work in such ways as the Managing Trustees may, from time to time, determine, including by:
 - (a) The promotion, encouragement and support, including research in and development of religious education in Educational Institutions, including the training of ministers of religion, by the provision or assistance in the provision of instruction, classes, lectures books, libraries and reading rooms and any associated equipment or resources;
 - (b) Promoting the efficiency and effectiveness of Educational Institutions and the efficient and effective application of resources for such purposes;
 - (c) Advancing the education and training of people who work, volunteer or govern in Educational Institutions, in particular those persons who are, or who intend to become, engaged as teachers or otherwise in work connected with religious education, in order to assist those persons to deliver a high quality education to pupils, students and the communities served by those institutions;
 - (d) The provision and conduct of a chapel and chaplaincy providing for religious worship, care and instruction; and
 - (e) The granting of financial assistance to Educational Institutions established for charitable purposes only.
- (2) The object shall be conducted in accordance with the principles and doctrines of the Church of England; and

- (3) “Educational Institution” means any academy, school, college or place of higher or further education or any other institution having as its purpose education, or promotion of the education of children or adults or children and adults.

2. POLICY

It will be helpful to those considering applying for grants to know that the Trustees’ policy is to use their funds in the following ways:

- activities in which the Trustees themselves take the initiative - these have highest priority;
- support for the activities of institutions or organisations concerned with Religious Education (excluding costs of pupils’ books and other teaching resources normally met by Local Authorities and Governing Bodies);
- provision of books and other materials, for Resources Centres, for use by teachers and other adults engaged in Religious Education;
- support for individuals taking courses in Religious Education (e.g. the supplementation of student awards in cases of need; grants to those for whom mandatory or discretionary grants are not available);
- general theological study will not be considered for grant support;
- research projects in Religious Education that focus on providing practical applications of the outcomes for the teaching of Religious Education (the emphasis being on the provision of practical applications rather than academic outcomes). Research projects that in the view of the Trustees do not provide practical and physical benefits to the teaching of Religious Education will not be considered

The Trust does not make grants for buildings, courses in pastoral work or courses which are purely for personal interest.

Retrospective applications, i.e. for courses or projects that have already commenced at the date of application will not be considered.

3. FOCUS OF PRIORITIES

Whilst the trustees work within the charitable objects of the trust the priorities they follow when assessing grant applications are:

- Priority for projects based in East Anglia
- The focus will be on delivery of religious education rather than infrastructure
- Priority will be on the teaching of Religious Education rather than study for its own sake.

4. BUDGETS

Budgets are set by the Trust annually for grants and these cannot be exceeded.

5. GRANT APPLICATIONS

(a) Level of Grant

In order that Trustees can spread their available limited budget amongst as many personal applicants as possible you should be aware that there is a maximum grant of £5,000 even if this is spread over a number of years.

For Grant Applications in excess of £1,000 the Trustees **always** expect that applicants will have sought grants from other funders such as members of the Association of Church College Trusts (further details on the ACCT website http://www.culham.ac.uk/CS_stud/acct.html). You should put details of those you have applied to on the application form in the appropriate place.

Applicants for Corporate grants should be aware that the Trust has set a maximum level of grant at £10,000 and would anticipate as a general rule making awards for amounts significantly less than the maximum

(b) Application Deadlines

Grant applications will only be considered annually at a series of meetings of the Grants Committee that take place in the latter part of June each year.

Applications must be received by **15th May 2017** for the academic year starting in September 2017. Applications received after that date will **not** be considered.

Grant applications are considered by the Grants Committee in June 2017, a decision made and applicants advised accordingly by email to the email address provided by the applicant.

Applications must be made by ONLINE application at the Trust website (www.keswickhalltrust.org.uk). Paper applications are **not** acceptable and will not be considered by the Trustees.

Receipt of applications will be acknowledged by email to the email address provided by the applicant.

(c) References for Personal Applications

Two Academic/Professional References are required for all personal applicants. These should be from your course tutor or existing employer – references from family members or family friends will not be accepted.

The references must be academic and demonstrate the knowledge of the subject content. They should also be from an educational establishment where the applicant has obtained their practical RE experience.

The Trust will write for references by email following receipt of the application using the email addresses provided for the referees.

The Trust will not consider any application where both references have not been received by **31st May 2017**.

It is essential, therefore, that applications are submitted well in advance of the 15th May 2017 deadline to allow sufficient time for the reference requests to be sent and replies received.

6. GENERAL

Preliminary approaches for advice about applications are welcomed by email to: admin@keswickhalltrust.org.uk.

Teachers should seek at least some financial support from their school Governing Bodies and include the response when completing the section on financial information of the personal grant application form.