

# **Foster's Fund**

## **Kevin Foster MP Charitable Grants**

### **Grant Scheme Policy 2016**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Subject to annual review the Foster's Fund will provide funding for charitable groups/organisations and individuals based in the Torbay Constituency to apply for each year. Priority will be given to applications from local charitable groups/organisations and individuals which also deliver a service to the Torbay community.

Applications will be considered by the Office of Kevin Foster MP. Applications should be submitted by the deadlines and all successful applicants will be notified within four weeks.

Foster's Fund will not make grants to national charities, however the scheme may consider applications from local providers who are affiliated to a national organisation but which are required to raise their own funds.

Foster's Fund aims to avoid duplication of funding. Where the scheme is already providing funding for particular types of activity, it will not normally consider funding any charitable groups/organisations which are primarily duplicating this activity. Please feel free to contact the Office of Kevin Foster MP if you require assistance or advice in applying.

All applications must be made via the official application form. All grant applications must be supported by information about the charitable group/organisation or individual and further information may be requested by the committee. A copy of the Constitution (if applicable) should be attached and a recent statement of audited accounts (if applicable).

#### **SMALL GRANTS SCHEME CRITERIA**

1. The Grants Scheme is available only to charitable groups/organisations and individuals based in the Torbay Constituency. You can check if you qualify by emailing [charityvalidation@cafonline.org](mailto:charityvalidation@cafonline.org) or by calling 03000 123 000
2. Applications to support the revenue of any charitable group/organisation/individual will be considered. (for example; wages, paid trainers, insurances, hiring expenses and ongoing expenditure).
3. Applications will be considered in support of new projects or capital expenditure of any charitable group/organisation or individual based in Torbay. The grant may be the full amount needed for a project or a contribution towards a project.
4. An upper limit of £1,000 is applicable per grant application. With awards of £1000, £300 and £200 every 3 months. Gift Aid cannot be claimed.
5. An official Application Form must be completed and returned with copies of all other relevant documentation.
6. Successful applicants must be prepared to participate in any publicity requested by the Committee/MP.
7. The Grants Scheme will be administered by the Office of Kevin Foster MP.
8. The Office's decision is final and there is no right of appeal.
9. Any group/organisation or individual who is unsuccessful may submit a new application the following period.
10. Successful applicants cannot apply for more funding for the same scheme during a one-year period of Foster's Fund.
11. The Office of Kevin Foster MP will require within six months an outline of the benefits to the community or individual of the grant. Failure to comply may result in non determination of future applications from that group/organisation or individuals being dismissed.
12. Priority will be given to applications which demonstrate innovation.
13. Application Forms can be requested by email to [Nicholas.gray@parliament.uk](mailto:Nicholas.gray@parliament.uk) or in writing addressed to **Foster's Fund, Office of Kevin Foster MP, 5-7 East Street, Torquay, TQ2 5SD.**