

The Harry Payne Fund

The **Harry Payne Fund** was founded in 1939 (as the Harry Payne Trust) by Harry Payne, a Birmingham businessman. He was a man of strong faith – a pacifist who spent some years in prison in the first world war. His business was one of the early models of co-partnership and profit sharing. He had a particular interest in helping the disadvantaged and in helping the smaller causes where a modest donation can be seen to make a difference. The current members of the selection panel try to follow these principles in their grant making decisions. We therefore restrict the giving to organisations with an income of less than £500,000.

The **Harry Payne Fund** supports causes in Birmingham and within a 25 mile radius of the city centre, including Black Country, Coventry, Warwickshire, and parts of Worcestershire and Staffordshire.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The panel prefer to see applications from Registered Charities and CIOs, but will on occasion approve applications from CICs
- The panel will only consider applications from organisations who have been running for at least 2 years and who can supply a full set of annual accounts

The panel supports specific projects and will also consider giving grants towards general running costs.

Grants are normally in the range of £250 to £1000. The panel expect applicants to justify why they are seeking a particular amount rather than automatically applying for the maximum.

The causes we help:

Below are some examples of the types of projects and causes which have been helped recently.

- Care of the elderly (of all faiths and ethnic backgrounds) including help for day centres and projects to encourage social inclusion
- Victims, offenders and their families
- Marriage/relationship help and advice
- Pregnancy – advice regarding unplanned pregnancies, miscarriages, stillbirths etc.
- Disability organisations
- Local conservation projects
- Community Projects particularly in deprived areas and particularly projects aimed at improving the quality of life
- Organisations encouraging understanding between different faiths
- Relief of poverty, particularly food poverty
- Training, education and care of disabled children and young adults
- Arts organisations, including music, drama and dance, particularly projects aimed at the unemployed, disadvantaged or disabled
- Local environmental projects
- Carers organisations
- Sexual health and education, particularly for the young
- Homelessness
- Peace organisations
- Education - particularly of the disabled and disadvantaged but not to cover maintenance grants etc.
- Faith organisations – generally for specific projects
- Community care projects
- Organisations helping with integration of minority ethnic groups

- Organisations helping to tackle social exclusion
- Holidays for disabled and disadvantaged children
- Drug & Alcohol abuse - awareness, help and education.

How to apply:

Application forms can be downloaded from Heart of England Community Foundation website. The completed form should be emailed to info@heartofenglandcf.co.uk. Please complete all the boxes and restrict your submission to no more than 2 sides of A4.

We will also need to see:

- A copy of your latest bank statement
- A copy of your latest accounts.
- A copy of your constitution.

We may need to approach you to discuss aspects of your accounts.

Decisions will be notified to applicants within 16 weeks of submission of a completed application form and the grant will be paid into your bank account.

Please feel free to call us on 024 7688 3262 if you have any questions about the application process.

We do not fund:

- General fundraising appeals;
- Mainstream activities of schools & colleges;
- Promotion of religious causes;
- Animal welfare;
- Individuals;
- Sporting clubs except when aimed at addressing disadvantage
- Political activities;
- Research;