YMCA Metropolitan Region Trust Fund

**FUNDING GUIDELINES**

The Trust Fund, governed by its Trust Deed, was established in 1978 primarily to support work in the YMCA Metropolitan Region. The Fund has a broad remit for supporting YMCA work. However, funds available mean that Trustees have to make decision on what projects/initiatives they can fund/support and what must regrettably be declined.

The Trust uses dividends from investments (currently nearly £1m invested), so available funds each year are dependent on the performance of investments. Applications are considered up to £20,000 as a one-off grant, but usually much smaller sums are awarded.

Priorities for the Trust Fund are:

* Local Associations, who must be affiliated to the National Council of YMCA England and Wales, primarily in South East England
* Work with young people
* Pump-priming new initiatives – capital works; equipment/set-up costs, but generally not for ongoing revenue funding, such as salaries
* Where there is not the availability of other YMCA Trust Funds

Association accounts are examined by Trustees as part of the discernment process.

The Trust meets three times each year with application deadlines at end of January, June and September, but can consider urgent applications between meetings on an exceptional basis.

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