



Charitable Giving Policy

1. The Arts Society South West London (TASSWL) is a registered charity (No. 1195700) whose objects are:
 - (i) The promotion and advancement of the education of the public in the cultivation, appreciation and study of the decorative and fine arts.
 - (ii) The conservation and preservation of the artistic heritage of the United Kingdom & other countries.
 - (iii) The advancement of the arts, culture and heritage, in particular, but without limitation, the decorative and fine arts.
2. Each year the Society makes a small number of grants to charities, community groups, and organisations such as schools, colleges, universities, prisons, etc, in the Barnes/East Sheen/ Putney area for projects that fall within its objects.

This policy sets out the factors that influence the Society's donation decisions and explains how such decisions are made. It will enable groups seeking funding to understand the process and to submit applications in the required form, with the necessary information.

3. The Trustees of TASSWL set an annual budget for charitable giving. At the November and May Committee meetings each year, they review any applications for funding and decide which they will fund.

One of the Trustees will then write to all the applicants advising them of the decision. They will also review the progress of projects already funded by TASSWL.

4. When submitting applications for funding, organisations should bear in mind the following principles that influence the Society's grant-giving.
 - All applications must have an arts and/or artistic heritage focus.
 - Applications can benefit the local community or a specific group, for whom arts-based activities provide enjoyment, stimulation and learning.
 - Funding for the preservation of our national artistic heritage will be considered.
 - Part of TASSWL's annual funding will always be made available for activities aimed at the young (under 18 years of age) if suitable applications are received.

- Any applications from organisations in the Barnes/East Sheen/ Putney area will be considered although TASSWL aims to help small groups with modest grants.
 - TASSWL will not fund capital projects but will fund the direct costs of activities, typically materials and fees of artists/facilitators, and will consider including the cost of essential equipment. It will not support the overhead costs of the host organisation.
 - TASSWL is open to applications which are match funded.
 - TASSWL recognises the importance of supporting causes that find it difficult to attract funds.
 - TASSWL will not fund requests from individuals.
 - TASSWL will require successful applicants to submit a report on how the funding was used and how it benefitted the local community.
5. Applications for funding must be made on the TASSWL Application Form which is available on the website www.theartssocietyswlondon.org.uk and should be emailed to theartssocietyswlondon@gmail.com

All applications should be accompanied by the organisation's latest accounts.

All applications will be acknowledged, and all applicants will be informed of the outcome of their submission.