

Small grants – What can I apply for?

We've created this guidance to help provide more information about what we can fund under our Small grants programme.

We can help with funding for a wide range of different things, but there are some things we cannot fund. Please use the table below to find out more.

It's not exhaustive, however, which is why before you apply you must first submit our [Expression of Interest Form](#). From that, we will be able to understand your project idea and provide further advice.

If you are unsure, or have any queries, please submit an Expression of Interest Form, and we'll be happy to help.

What kinds of things can I apply for?	Any other considerations?
<p>Funding for patient areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Areas such a patient day rooms or waiting areas• Things like furniture, refurbishment, redecoration, re-ordering• For example, the redecoration of the Albert Ward patient day room, SMH	
<p>Funding for clinical areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Things like furniture, equipment, refurbishment, redecoration, re-ordering• For example, chairs for the Limb Fitting Centre clinic rooms, CHX	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We can't fund furniture or equipment for clinical areas that is essential to the delivery of patient care
<p>Funding for medical equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority items that you don't have funding in your budget to purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We can't pay for core items - essential to the delivery of patient care (these are the Trust's responsibility).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For example, the purchase of 3 new powered wheelchairs, Neurorehabilitation, CHX; and the purchase of Point of Care Liver Tests, Trust-wide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can't replace equipment new-for-old – so we can't replace equipment with its brand-new equivalent. We can't pay for servicing or maintenance costs. Make sure you show how these will be covered internally in your application.
<p>Funding for staff education/wellbeing projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Things like staff away days, teambuilding days, or organising a conference for lots of Trust staff For example, the ICORG Conference 2019, WEH; and the Band 6 Training Away Day, Grand Union Ward, SMH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These activities must take place in London We would expect staff away days and teambuilding days to cost under £2,000. If you need more than this, please fully justify this in your Expression of Interest form. We can't provide funding for individual personal development, such as attending a conference or study course.
<p>Funding for special projects that improve patient care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Things like patient support groups, or patient education days Things like arts or music activities that benefit patient health outcomes Things like purchasing equipment or electronics or items that will improve patient care For example, the Academic & Support Group Meeting for MRKH Patients, QCCH; Purchasing mp3 players for dementia patients, CHX, and the Singing for Breathing initiative, Trust-wide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These activities must benefit Trust patients in the majority, and take place in London. We would expect support groups or education days to cost under £2,000. If you need more than this, please fully justify this in your Expression of Interest form. We can only fund these initially, for one year. Make sure you show you these can continue after this in your application.

What kinds of things aren't allowed?	Any other considerations?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We currently can't provide funding for staff areas, including refurbishing or redecorating, or purchasing furniture. • We can't give funding for items that have already been purchased or activities that have already been delivered. • We can't provide funding for projects that deliver CQC recommendations, or that are directly related to efforts to achieve quality accreditation, as these are the core responsibility of the Trust. • We can't provide funding for projects that solely benefit private patients. • We can't provide funding for research-based projects, including lab/bench scientific medical research, or pilot studies/QI projects looking into the feasibility of an idea. We also can't cover developing new/adapting existing apps or devices to improve patient care or team working. • We can't top up any fellowships, or undergraduate or post-graduate studies. • We can't provide funding that benefits just one individual, including for staff (such as event/conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This is because the charity is investing £1.25m in the 'Staff Spaces' initiative, which is overhauling staff facilities across the Trust. This initiative launched in autumn 2020 and will continue until summer 2021. If you would like funding for your staff area, please contact the 'Staff Spaces' Programme Manager Rex Rexhmati (rex.rexhmati@nhs.net) who is centrally co-ordinating the initiative. ➤ We can however fund projects that benefit both Trust and private patients. We can also fund projects that benefit the staff who manage private patients. ➤ This is because the charity provides funding for these projects under our <u>Research Fellowships</u> grants and our <u>Innovate at Imperial</u> grants. Follow the links to find out more. ➤ If you're an academic research fellow, you could investigate related funding opportunities available from

<p>attendance, study courses, or publication costs) or for patients (such as equipment for solely one patient).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We can't cover Trust staff salaries, or backfill costs.• We can't fund projects that solely consist of small staff items, such as badges and lanyards.• We can't cover the development of special branding or website.	<p>CATO. Patients could use the Turn2Us grant tracker tool to see if alternative sources of funding support are available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ We can however cover the fees for freelancers involved in delivering a project.➤ If you would like to do this, please contact the Trust's Communications team in the first instance.
--	--