

## **GRANT TO SCHOOLS November 2011**

### **Most of our school grants budget for 2011/12 is already committed**

Please contact a member of our Grants Team to discuss any proposal – the best initial contact is by email to [grants@walcotfoundation.org.uk](mailto:grants@walcotfoundation.org.uk).

We have grants available for schools which are to benefit Lambeth-resident pupils from low income households. We use eligibility for free school meals (FSM) - or being known to be slightly above the eligibility limit (e.g. in receipt of significant working tax credit) - as a proxy for financial need. (We know that some pupils are not eligible for the FSM programme – or choose not to participate in it - even if their household income would qualify them. We do take this into account.)

### **Grants targeted on financially disadvantaged pupils with Lambeth home addresses include but are not limited to -**

- Literacy and numeracy initiatives that are beyond what a school would be expected to pay for from its devolved budget
- Specialist one-to-one tuition - for example, of the nature offered by Springboard for Children ([www.springboard.org.uk](http://www.springboard.org.uk) or similar providers) for Lambeth pupils who meet our criteria
- Innovative projects to address the primary-secondary transition to ensure that gains made at the primary school level for our target population are not lost
- Projects that teach financial literacy, perhaps through working in partnership with the London Mutual Credit Union ([www.creditunion.co.uk](http://www.creditunion.co.uk))
- Out of school activities (free or subsidised places in after school clubs for pupils who would not otherwise be able to participate; homework help; Saturday and holiday revision schemes; a work placement programme)
- Home school support services (training for parents; equipment that pupils might need in order to study effectively at home; financial literacy training for families)
- Subsidies for the costs of participation in educational field trips (please see our educational field trip grants policy - [www.walcotfoundation.org.uk/EdFieldTrips.html](http://www.walcotfoundation.org.uk/EdFieldTrips.html))

### **Be sure to note the following -**

- The availability of LEA funds or similar must be investigated before applying because we do not provide grants for the purchase of goods or services that could or should be funded by public funds.
- We do not make retrospective grants.
- We do not make grants for goods and services that could be reasonably met by a school's devolved budget.
- We would expect to be able to verify, within the limits of data protection legislation, that those pupils that benefit from our grants are Lambeth residents from low income households.
- We do not fund whole class or whole school projects. The only exception is where it can be evidenced that gains for our target population can only be achieved through whole class or school participation.

**Our grants to schools are for services and developments beyond what schools would be expected to offer and are to provide educational opportunities which directly and demonstrably benefit those Lambeth children who are disadvantaged by financial poverty.**

**Next application deadline** These are determined individually with each applicant.

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