

# SCHOOL GRANTS

## Grant Announcement

### April 2010



The Walcot Foundation has funds available for schools **to be targeted on 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.)

Possible grants **targeted on financially disadvantaged pupils with Lambeth home addresses** include but are not limited to:

- **Literacy and Numeracy initiatives** that are above and beyond what a school would be expected to pay for from their devolved budget – proven projects or even untried (and potentially risky) approaches
- **Specialist one-on-one tuition** - for example, of the nature offered by Springboard for Children - <http://www.springboard.org.uk/> (or similar providers) for Lambeth pupils that 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 - <http://www.walcotfoundation.org.uk/EdFieldTrips.html>)

Please note the following:

- The availability of LEA funds or similar must be investigated before applying because we cannot provide grants for the purchase of goods or services provided for by central or local government.
- 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 any grant 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.

**These grants are meant to be above and beyond what schools would be expected to offer and are meant to provide educational opportunities that specifically advantage those Lambeth children that are disadvantaged by financial poverty.**

Please have a look at our website – [www.walcotfoundation.org.uk](http://www.walcotfoundation.org.uk) – to learn more about us, our funding criteria and our new (and hopefully improved) two-stage application process.

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