

WALCOT FOUNDATION

Summer Playscheme Grant Programme

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We have an existing member or our team who is a low-income Lambeth resident. Can we fund his/her summer pay through this programme?

No. This opportunity is not for existing staff. Instead it is for a young person who would not otherwise be taken on by your playscheme in the absence of this funding opportunity. It is for an *extra* person interested in play work who you believe would be a welcome extra pair of hands but would also require considerable supervision and training.

From our point of view as funder, we think that it is important for young people who meet our criteria - many of whom come from workless households and do not have the contacts/networks that professional families often have - to have as many work experience opportunities as possible. This is to enable them to understand the world of work, widen their horizons, enhance their CVs and help shape career choices. That is why we are offering this programme.

We have selected someone we would like to take on a trainee playworker this summer. Why does their financial eligibility need to be assessed?

We exist to help financially disadvantaged Lambeth residents *only*. We must be certain that they are the sole beneficiaries of our grants.

We also must be certain that the applicant and his/her household are claiming all of the benefits to which they are entitled. We are prohibited by our Charity Commission Scheme to replace statutory funding.

Our financial eligibility criteria are applied consistently to each and every applicant to our 'grants for individuals' programmes (of which the summer playscheme stream is one).

This also helps the individual. They get 'on our books' and we will be able to assist them with a range of issues as they work toward a better financial future: costs associated with further and higher education; debt and budgeting advice; and dedicated careers advice available exclusively to our grant beneficiaries.

Your application requirements put us in an awkward position. We do not wish to know anything about anyone's personal financial details. What should we do?

We understand that. Part II of the application form is completely detachable.

The trainee playworker candidate can manage the application him or herself. Our Grants Team are more than willing to help with this.

In addition, the Walcot Advice/Support Worker based at Centre 70 Advice Centre in West Norwood can assist your candidate with completion of Part II of the application form. See [here](#).

We try to make it as easy as possible. You do not need to get involved at all.

However, to increase the likelihood that your preferred candidate will meet our eligibility criteria it would be good to confirm with them at the *very outset* that:

- (1) they are a Lambeth resident and have been for at least one year
- (2) their household is dependent on means-tested benefits or very low wages or have no access to State benefits
- (3) they live in rented accommodation

Can our playscheme have more than one trainee playworker through your funding?

No. It is £2,000 maximum per playscheme. Dividing that figure amongst more than one trainee playworker would not make it worth the young person's time. We expect the trainee playworker to be more or less full-time during your summer playscheme. We are offering a quality paid work experience opportunity and you must assure us that the supervision and training they receive – which we can fund as part of this scheme - will be adequate.

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