



## Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Charitable Trust

### Grant-making Policy: October 2023 to October 2024

#### Overview

*Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Charitable Trust's* ("The Charity") charitable objects are:

- Such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

*Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Charitable Trust's* goal is:

- To provide grants that bring disadvantaged children joy and benefits beyond the necessities of daily life.

#### Use of funds

As of October 2021, the Charity has focused on funding projects to be administered by other charities, community interest companies, and non-profit organisations with similar objectives and goals ("project partners"). These are considered on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with this grant-making policy. All decisions remain at the Trustees' absolute discretion.

Additionally, the Charity has continued to make ad hoc grants to beneficiaries to meet the above goal. However, the focus has been on developing projects that will benefit multiple children.

**As of October 2023, the Charity will suspend individual grant-giving to beneficiaries and focus instead for the next year on funding projects and/or providing funding to be administered to individual beneficiaries by other charities, CICs, and non-profit organisations.**

**Grants will be for children and activities in England and Wales.**

## **Applications**

### 1. Projects

Potential project partners may be approached by the Charity or they can email the Charity with an expression of interest that clearly identifies the benefit to children. A further application or detailed proposal may be requested.

Project grants are unlikely to exceed a maximum of £5,000 per year.

The Charity plans to allocate a total of approximately between £10,000 to £15,000 to projects from October 2023 to October 2024.

### 2. Individual grants

Applications will **not** be accepted for individual grants from October 2023 until further notice.

## **Excluded items**

The Charity will *not* provide funding for the following items:

- Furniture and white goods
- Fixtures and fittings
- Renovations
- School or University fees
- Computers or laptops
- Debts and debt management
- Basic necessities of daily life such as rent, food, and clothing
- General operating costs for project partners

**There is no guarantee of a grant, even if an application falls within the Charity's charitable objects and this grant-making policy. All decisions are at the Trustees' absolute discretion.**

## **Charitable Purpose**

To ensure that *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Charitable Trust* funds are used for the charitable purposes for which they have been given, the following procedures will be enforced:

- Project partners will be required to submit an expression of interest or similar proposal before a decision is made on a grant.
- Grants will only be made where agreement has been reached with project partners on conditions of each grant for a project and/or funding to be administered by the project partner.
- Applicants may be asked to complete a signed declaration confirming the accuracy of their application.
- Project partners will be required to report on the use of grants at agreed intervals, usually every 6 months at a minimum.

If the Trustees consider that an individual beneficiary or project partner has *not* used their grant for the charitable purpose for which it was given, that individual will not be eligible for any future grants from the Charity and the Charity will have to consider what further steps, if any, need to be taken to reclaim the funds.

## **Charitable Objects**

*Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Charitable Trust* acts according to such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

The Trustees may choose to focus the Trust's activities in specific areas at certain times. At present, preference will be given to:

- Children (under 18 year olds);
- Within at least one of the below categories of disadvantage.

1. Individuals in need by reason of finance:

*Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Charitable Trust* may make grants to, or on behalf of, individuals in need by reason of financial hardship. The determination of whether an individual is eligible on the basis of financial hardship may involve a consideration of the entirety of an individual's circumstances, which may include social, economic, occupational, and other

circumstances.

2. Individuals in need by reason of youth:

*Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Charitable Trust* may make grants to, or on behalf of, individuals in need by reason of youth. The determination of whether an individual is eligible on the basis of youth may involve a consideration of the entirety of an individual's circumstances, which may include social, economic, occupational, educational, and other circumstances.

3. Individuals in need by reason of illness

*Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Charitable Trust* may make grants to, or on behalf of, individuals in need by reason of illness. The determination of whether an individual is eligible on the basis of illness may involve a consideration of the entirety of an individual's present and past health.

4. Individuals in need by reason of other disadvantages

*Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Charitable Trust* may make grants to, or on behalf of, individuals in need by reason of other disadvantages, within the ambit of applicable charity law.

**Disclaimer**

The Charity does not provide any legal or financial advice, or any advice whatsoever. Nothing that is communicated via our website, by email or telephone, or in any other manner can be construed as advice and should not be relied upon as such.

The Charity does not accept any liability for any acts or omissions that may cause injury or otherwise give rise to a legal claim arising out of the donation of a grant to a beneficiary or project partner. The Charity is not responsible for the activities or items that are donated to a beneficiary or funded by a grant to a project partner.

The Trustees  
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