The Outlook Fund

The Outlook Fund makes grants to local groups that are working to improve the quality of the lives of young people living in Cambridgeshire that face difficulty and disadvantage, with a focus on looked after children. The Fund does not cover Peterborough.

Outlook Fund grants are made to charitable projects that offer extra activities and opportunities that can help looked after children widen their experience, gain self-confidence, and succeed at school.

The Outlook Fund has adopted a long term approach to fundraising. All money donated into the fund is held as an endowed sum and on an annual basis a percentage of the fund (currently 5%) is used to make grants.

Donations to the fund are welcome, whatever the size.

Notes to Applicants

Applications are invited from groups with charitable purpose who are working to improve the quality of the lives of young people living in Cambridgeshire that face difficulty and disadvantage. Priority is given to work with looked after children that achieves one or more of the following outcomes:

- Increased level of new looked after children participating in activity
- Increased confidence / emotional well-being
- New opportunities / experiences
- New skills / qualifications
- Healthier lifestyles
- More volunteering opportunities
- Engaging in new hobbies / interests (e.g. sport/art/music)

Grants can cover a range of costs including small capital items, travel costs, tuition costs, entrance costs, and course costs. The typical grant for a single project is anticipated to be in the range £500 to £2,500. An organisation may make more than application at a time. Contributions towards staff costs will be limited to no more than 10% of the grant value.

Case Studies

To view case studies from some recent projects supported by the Outlook Fund please click the download below.