



Lingfield United Trust - Improving People's Lives Policy

Application for a Grant by Lingfield United Trust

Outputs

Trustees will consider applications for grants from people over 60 who live in Lingfield, Dormansland or Baldwins Hill who request extra financial help at this expensive time of year. Applicants or their representative need to demonstrate a residency requirement and provide information about their income and assets and complete and sign our application form. Successful applicants will be awarded a grant in time for Christmas. Most applicants will receive a cheque but we can provide cash (signed for) upon request. Trustees have traditionally hand-delivered the cheques to provide social interaction.

Most of the money requested from The Henry Smith charity will be distributed at Christmas. A proportion is kept back to be available to respond to other requests in the following months. A typical request will be for help to purchase a major item for an individual or family and is often made on referral from a professional worker who knows the circumstances.

Outcomes

Grants.

In 2017 we awarded 145 grants @ £65 per single applicant and £80 per couple.

Recipients tell us how the grant makes a difference. One applicant said the Christmas grant enabled him to travel to spend time with his family. Another lady indicated she could afford to cook a Christmas dinner for her grandchildren. Many recipients state the grant enables them to buy food.

In 2017 we awarded 4 Grants in response to an expressed need. Applications were often supported by a professional worker. Typical requests include a carpet for the living room in a newly allocated flat, items like a refrigerator, a washing machine or basic furniture. A grant enabled a disabled elderly lady to undertake a very long journey and fund an overnight stay to visit her son in prison. We have funded a year's rental of a personal alarm system. A bereaved family with young children received a grant for furniture.

In all cases we consider that a grant will empower people to lead safer, more connected or more comfortable lives.

This policy has been approved for issue by the board of Trustees of Lingfield United Trust.

Signature: 

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