



Darlington Education Trust Community First Fund Grant Guidelines

The aim of the **Darlington Education Trust Community First Fund** is to provide grants to organisations who have direct links with one or more of the secondary schools/colleges within Darlington, and whose aims are to improve the education of the young people attending those schools/colleges.

Schools & Colleges

In order to apply for funding your organisation must benefit pupils from one or more of the following eligible schools/colleges:

- Carmel College
- Darlington College
- Darlington School of Maths and Science
- Education Village
- Hummersknott Academy
- Hurworth School
- Longfield Academy of Sport
- Polam Hall School
- Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College
- St Aidan's Church of England Academy

Size of grant available

At present no upper limit has been set, however based on the value of funding available it is expected that the majority of grants awarded will not exceed £5,000.

What type of funding can you apply for?

The fund will support activities that are directly linked to providing additional educational activities such as awareness raising, practical training sessions, different opportunities, outward bound initiatives etc.

Who can apply?

While the eligible schools/colleges may apply, priority will be given to charitable organisations:

- providing additional educational activities
- located within close vicinity of the schools/colleges/academies who can prove a large percentage of the attendees also attend the local secondary school or college
- working in partnership with the school/college/academy to provide educational activities within the curriculum timetable (for example Duke of Edinburgh, anti-drugs and alcohol awareness raising)
- located further afield that provide outward-bound activity weeks for example High Force, Dukes House Wood

To be eligible for a grant your group/organisation needs to meet CDCF's general grant criteria, which are available on our website.