

Burdett Trust for Nursing

Funding Guidelines

Please read this guidance carefully before commencing work on your application. The Trustees understand the disappointment felt by applicants when funding requests are not approved. Applicants are asked to provide a clear explanation as to how their projects/proposal fits within the criteria outlined below and this is a key factor in consideration of applications.

Criteria.

All applications must be focussed explicitly on improving care for patients and users of services. Projects invariably will be led by a registered member of one of the nursing or midwifery professions, but may include multi-professional or team-working interventions. These interventions could involve clinical care, social care, leadership, education and research. Applications should fit into one of the following six categories:

- a) Care and support of people in the community
- b) Care and support of people in hospital
- c) Clinical Governance including risk assessment/management
- d) Public Health nursing
- e) Multi professional working
- f) Nursing leadership for improved patient care

The Trust wishes to make a difference with its grants and, with this in mind, will give priority to applications that:

- Lever in other funds
- Involve partnership and co-operation between organisations where this is feasible
- Offer maximum impact for the money spent and can demonstrate that impact. The Trust is concerned that, not only is its money spent for the intended purpose, but that its impact is maximised for wider application. Applications which include details of the intended impact and the evaluation process that will be used to demonstrate it will be particularly welcome.

Who Can Apply?

The Trust will accept applications from registered charities and other properly constituted organisations engaged in activity that is charitable. The minimum requirements are a constitution, a governing body, an annual report and a bank account.

The Trust will not fund individuals directly. Where grants are available to support proposals originating from individual applicants, the application requires the direct support of a host institution.

Where applications are submitted by a consortia of two or more collaborating institutions, one must act as the lead applicant. The Trust is not permitted to fund political parties, political lobbying or non-charitable activities. Most applicants will be based in the UK. However, The Trust will consider applications that involve international collaboration or promotion of a UK nursing initiative to assist another country.

The Trust **will not** normally make grants to:

- General appeals
- Existing posts although the Trust will consider funding new posts, developed specifically for, and directly associated with, a project
- Organisations closely aligned to government departments where funding should properly be provided from statutory sources
- Holidays or outings
- Retrospective funding i.e. funding for an activity that has already taken place
- Funding in lieu of statutory funding or as a replacement when it has run out or been withdrawn
- Capital appeals e.g. equipment, building costs, minibus appeals
- University or other course fees for individuals

Types of Grant

The Trustees make grants in three categories:

- Level One Grants: £10,000 to £50,000
- Level Two Grants: over £50,000
- Burdett Awards - Trustees will invite applications for funds towards specific topics

Level One Grants (£10,000 - £50,000) normally will be made on a one-off basis, although Level Two Grants (over £50,000) may be spread over more than one year, up to a maximum of three years. Grants spread over two to three years will be on the understanding that funding beyond the first year will be subject to the satisfactory completion of regular agreed reviews of targets and achievements, and that the Trustees may cancel or withdraw funding at any time if the review is not satisfactory.

Applicants may be asked to submit further information or a detailed proposal. This should not be regarded as an indication of potential approval and funding of the application.