



Bid Guidance

Applications for funding from the TDS Charitable Foundation

The TDS Charitable Foundation will accept bids for funding in accordance with its bidding timetable (see below). It is anticipated that the Charity will operate three bidding rounds in 2014-15. In order to make a bid it is important the applications are submitted to the Foundation by the published deadline date for bids.

Criteria for funding

All bids must meet the requirements of the Foundation and in particular must:

- Further the objects of the TDS Charitable Foundation
- Clearly meet the designated themes for funding as agreed annually by the Trustees

Applications must set out specifically how these two requirements are met.

Objects

1. "To advance education about housing rights and obligations in general, and in particular about (a) best practice in the management of private rented housing, (b) legal rights and obligations which are of particular relevance to those who are involved in the provision or management of private rented housing or who hold tenancies within the private rented housing sector and (c) use of alternative dispute resolution processes for the more efficient and effective resolution of disputes between landlords and tenants".
2. To advance conflict resolution through promoting the use of alternative dispute resolution processes for the more efficient resolution of disputes between landlords and tenants within the private rented housing sector

Themes for funding 2014-15

Theme 1 Promoting knowledge of landlord's obligations when renting homes.

It is clear that the growth of the private rented sector has been fuelled in recent years in part by the rise of the "accidental landlord". This is often a person who owns property but who is required by circumstances to let the property. These landlords tend to be inexperienced and not fully understand the obligations that they have to meet as a landlord.

The Foundation will invite proposals that will help to educate such landlords about the obligations of being a private landlord.

Theme 2 Promoting knowledge of tenants' rights and responsibilities

The Foundation is aware that many tenants are not fully aware of their rights and responsibilities and the Foundation will invite proposals which will help educate tenants about their rights and responsibilities. A particular focus of this will be the student market.

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Bidding themes and objects

Each year the Foundation's Trustees agree themes for funding against which grant applications can be made three times a year. The website sets out the themes and the objects of the Foundation.

Maximum size of grant

The Trustees have agreed that in each bidding round they will award grants to the sum of £35,000 in each of the three bidding rounds. The maximum grant payable in respect of any one bid is £20,000.

Restrictions on grants

The Trustees have agreed a number of restrictions as to what bids can be funded by grant aid. Specifically the TDS Charitable Foundation will not meet:

- Core salaries;
- Day to day running costs of organisations;
- Applications from individuals.

Requirements

If an organisation or an individual receives grant funding from the TDS Foundation it will be expected that they will report periodically to TDS Charitable Foundation on how the grant has been used. The specific reporting requirements will be set out in the grant approval letter and will need to be agreed by the recipient before the grant is paid.

Any organisation receiving funding from the TDS Charitable Foundation will agree that the Foundation can publicise that funding through its website or other media.

Decisions

Trustees will make decisions on each bidding round. Applicants will be advised of the success or otherwise of their bids to the Foundation.

Bidding timetable 2014-15

Round 1 £35,000 available

Deadline for receipt of application:

9th June 2014

Deadline for review by the Trustees:

1st July 2014*

Round 2 £35,000 available

Deadline for receipt of applications 9th September 2014
Deadline for review by the Trustees: 1st October 2014*

Round 3 £35,000 available

Deadline for receipt of applications 15th December 2014
Deadline for review by the Trustees: 13th January 2015*

- * these are indicative dates for decisions