

## **Member Grant Eligibility**

### **Purpose of the Toyota Charitable Trust is**

- To **engage** our members and encourage their **contribution to the community** and
- To **make a difference** to our local community by **making opportunities possible** that are not ordinarily available.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

As part of the eligibility criteria, members must have worked at TMUK for a minimum of one year at the time of application, either as a permanent TMUK member or as a Proman member.

### **What we support**

- Charities where the member has an active involvement, i.e. the member holds a recognised role within the charity. **This does not include general fundraising or parent support roles.**
- The Member has been in the role for a minimum of 12 months.
- Charities who have been registered with the Charity Commission for a minimum of one year.
- Charitable organisations who are not required to register with the Charity Commission because their income is less than £5,000 per year.
- Grants benefitting people local to where the member lives.
- Projects with the capacity to deliver significant impact and reach the greatest number of people.

### **We do not support**

- Profit making organisations or those projects for which there is a legal statutory obligation.
- Activity for which funds are requested to promote a political party/view.
- Activity for which funds are requested to promote a single religion/view.
- Overseas beneficiaries.
- Organisations who have been established less than 12 months.
- Charities seeking funds to redistribute to other charities.
- Organisations who decline to acknowledge or recognise the involvement of the Trust.
- Mainstream education establishments (state or private).
- Organisations who have received funding from the Toyota Manufacturing UK Charitable Trust two years in succession (eg, 2023 & 2024).

**All applications must meet the above criteria in order to be considered.**

### **Consideration points**

- Trustees should consider the level of involvement from the applicant and if more than 1 member is involved in the organisation.
- Applications for large funding requests (eg £3,000-£5,000) should be for high impact projects, making opportunities possible to a sizable number of the community.
- A cap of between £1,000 to £2,000, pending the size of the team, will apply for applications from sports clubs, unless requesting items such as first aid/specific equipment for those less able.
- Member Grants are not intended to fund hobbies i.e. if applicant is a member of a group for personal pleasure & social reasons.
- Grants should buy items giving a direct benefit to those in need, e.g. computers for administration purposes are not priority items for the Trust.
- Trustees should consider supporting small groups in need of the funding to help expand.
- Applications relating back to focus areas of Health, Social Inclusion & Road Safety should receive additional positive consideration.
- A fallow year will be applied for all members and organisations (2 years on, one year off).
- **The aim of the Trust's giving is to make opportunities possible that are not ordinarily available**, ie without funding, its impact would stop.