

Grant making policy

The Christopher Lane Trust grant making policy

The Objects of the Christopher Lane Trust (“the Charity”)

Under the terms of the Trust Deed dated 11th November 2020, the objects of the Charity are:

To assist in the treatment, care and diagnosis of persons suffering from mental or physical illness of any description or in need of rehabilitation as a result of such illness, by the provision of grants and education:

1. To promote and protect the physical and mental health of sufferers of hypopituitarism in the UK through the provision of financial assistance, support, education and practical advice
2. To advance the education of the general public in all areas relating to hypopituitarism

Priorities for support

The number of individuals who can be supported by the Charity is, of necessity, limited to the amount of funds available for distribution in any year. The size of any grant is similarly limited by the available funds.

Principles

In awarding grants, the Trustees will apply the following principles:

1. The Trustees will consider applications from individual members of the public who suffer symptoms suggestive of hypopituitarism (as listed by Hormone Health Network, the affiliate of the Endocrine Society), and who can demonstrate
 - a. that they have been refused the correct diagnostic tests by the NHS for more than a year,
 - b. **and** that they are in receipt of State benefits
2. The Trustees will consider applications from any geographical area within the UK (but not overseas)
3. Typically the grant will be awarded in two stages. The first will cover the cost of a private consultation with a qualified endocrinologist. The second would be for diagnostic tests as recommended by that qualified endocrinologist.
4. All applications from previous recipients of grants or from previously unsuccessful applicants will be considered by the Trustees on their own merits. Although the Trustees will have regard to the outcome of the previous application, any new application will in no way receive preferential or adverse consideration.
5. If the application is approved, moneys will not be paid to the applicant but directly to the consultant giving the consultation or to the clinic or laboratory conducting the diagnostic tests.
6. The decision of the Trustees on whether to award a grant is final. The Trustees are not obliged to provide an explanation to applicants in the event that their application is not successful.

Grant application process

First approaches should be made by email or phone. Following an initial discussion the applicant may be invited to fill in an application form supplied by the Charity. A decision will be made within one month of receipt of the completed form, providing there are no outstanding questions and all requested documents have been received.