



**Masonic**  
Charitable Foundation

# Introduction to Charity Grants

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# Agenda

- Freemasonry and the MCF
- Our target groups
- Our main grants programmes
- Applying for a grant
- Questions?



# Freemasonry

One of the oldest social & charitable organisations in the world, roots lie in the traditions of medieval stonemasons who built castles and cathedrals

Guiding principles of Integrity, Friendship, Respect and Service

Governed in England and Wales by the United Grand Lodge of England. Split into 'provinces', and Freemasons are members of local 'lodges'.



# Masonic Charitable Foundation

Independent charity funded entirely by Freemasons.

Provide grants to individuals in need, with a masonic connection, and charities that help communities in need in England & Wales.

The MCF gave £100m+ in grants over the last 5 years and supported 8,000+ households and 3,000+ charities.

In 2022/23 Charity Grants gave £6.12m in 451 grants

# Target Groups



Creating the best start in life for disadvantaged children and young people

- Ages 0-18 (25 with SEND)



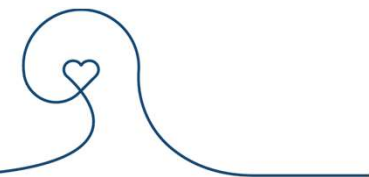
Reducing isolation in later life

- Ages 65+



# Grants Programmes

| Large Grants                                       | Small Grants  |
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| £10,000 - £60,000                                  | £1,000 - £15,000                                      |
| 1 – 3 years  | 1 – 3 years   |
| Restricted / project funding                       | Unrestricted / core funding                           |
| Charities with annual income of £25,000 - £500,000 | Charities with annual income of £500,000 - £5,000,000 |



# Eligibility

- Registered with the Charity Commission of England & Wales
- Annual income of £25k to £5m
- Beneficiaries must be in England and Wales
- Check our website for full details



# Examples of grants awarded



- Supporting lonely / isolated over 75s in Birmingham
- Using gentle exercise classes to improve health and social connection



- Working with teenagers who are at risk of exclusion, or have been excluded
- Using rugby as a vehicle to get back into education and away from criminal activity





# Process

## Expression of Interest

- 100-200 words
- Submit anytime

## Initial Virtual Meeting

- Large Grants Only
- 30 minute overview

## Full Written Application

- 3-5 months for decision from EoI

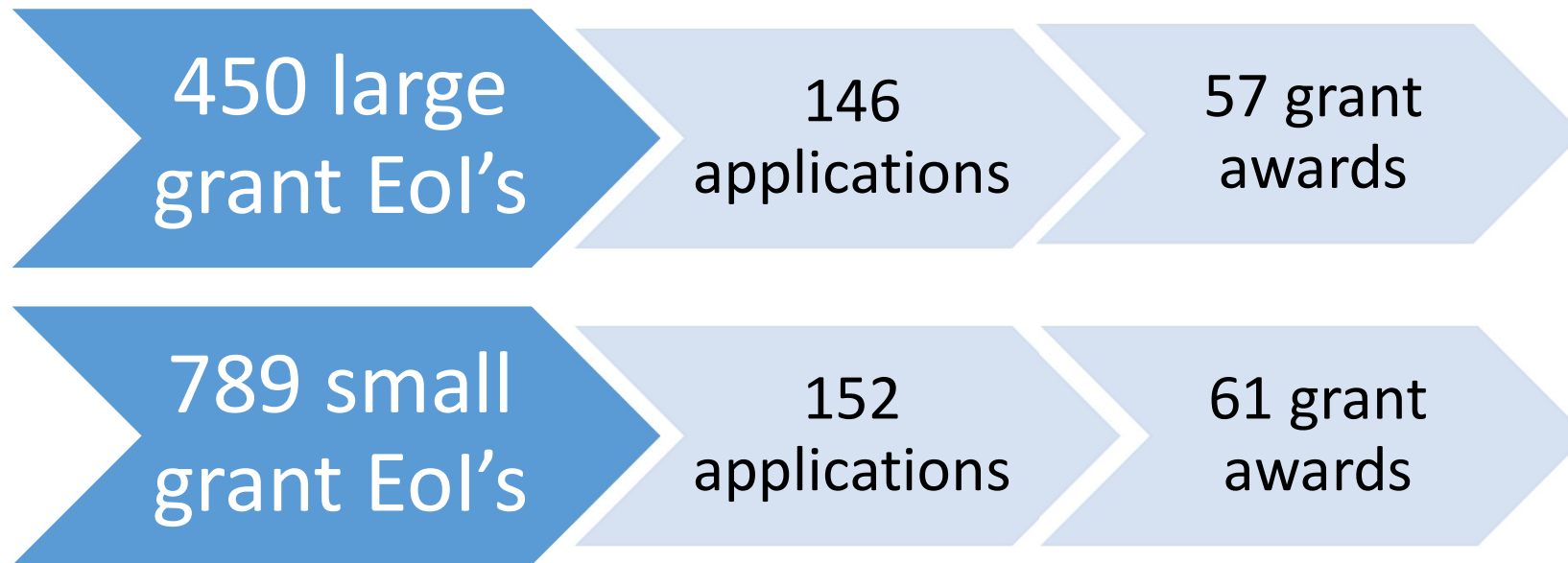


# Important Information

- Clear explanation of beneficiaries
- What is the need / demand?
- Clear details of delivery
- Why are you best placed?
- What is the impact?



# Success Rates – 2022/23



# Apply

[www.mcf.org.uk/get-support](http://www.mcf.org.uk/get-support)

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