



Province of East Lancashire

# Community Fund Application Form



# INTRODUCTION

The Community Fund was established as a result of the Grand Master's address made in April 2006, as a vehicle to reconnect Freemasonry with our local communities, and discharge that responsibility of Caring for those in Need.

## **Information for Applicants**

Lodge / Chapter Charity Stewards must complete application forms for grants made by Lodges / Chapters.

District Charity Stewards must complete application forms for grants made by Districts.

The completed form should be submitted to the District Chairman and APGM, before submission to the Community Fund Secretary.

## **Charities and good causes that the fund will not support:**

- National Charities / organisations (except local autonomous branches).
- Grants to individuals.
- Grants to animal organisations.
- Grants to political parties.
- Grants to organisations supported by UGLE charities, unless there is a local need and the grant will be at the complete disposal of the local branch.
- Grants purely for a place of worship that involve money only e.g. organ, roof repairs.
- Football shirt sponsorship.
- Grants that do not benefit those living within the geographical boundary of the Province.

## **Charities and good causes that the fund may support:**

- Applications may come from a Lodge or District.
- Applications do not have to be for registered charities only; they can be for good causes.
- Applications that include the active involvement of Freemasons.
- Projects, which are already being supported by a Lodge / District, but require additional funding to complete.

## **Communications**

All key communications to external media and internally must be approved by the Chairman or ELMC Secretary.

## **Responsibility of the Charity Steward and Almoner**

The key responsibility of the Charity Steward is to generate funds, donate to charities and other good causes and generate involvement of brethren in Community Projects.

The key responsibility of the Almoner is the care and, where required, the financing of the care for brethren and dependants.

# COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATION FORM

1. Application from Lodge/Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Application from District \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

4. email address \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name of charity / organisation \_\_\_\_\_

6. Brief description of charity / organisation \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Is it a registered Charity? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No

If yes please give Registered Charity Number \_\_\_\_\_

8. Please give a brief description of the benefits of the grant to the charity / organisation and to the community in general \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Details of any specific projects and/or timescales \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Will the initiative for which funds are being requested actively involve Lodge / Chapter / District brethren ? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No

If yes please identify what form of involvement \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Amount requested if known £ \_\_\_\_\_

12. Details of any additional funds to be or being contributed by the Lodges or District \_\_\_\_\_

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13. What publicity will be generated both in Masonic and Non Masonic news media \_\_\_\_\_

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14. If the grant is for a place of worship it must have a Masonic connection. Please give details. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Should you need more space for descriptions for any of the above please submit on a separate piece of paper and attach to this form.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Charity Steward

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Chairman

**Purpose of the Committee**

To fund and support charities and other good causes that are proposed by Lodges and Districts within the Province of East Lancashire, and to encourage the active involvement of brethren within the community.

**Appointment of members**

Nominations by the President of the ELMC and approved by voting members at the AGM. The President will nominate the Chairman who will be elected annually by voting members at the AGM. The elected Chairman would become a Director/Trustee and Board member of the East Lancashire Masonic Charity.

**Committee Membership**

Provincial Grand Master (President of ELMC), Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Vice President of ELMC), Two Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, Provincial Grand Almoner, Provincial Grand Charity Steward, ELMC Communications Officer, the Secretary of ELMC and one other to act as Secretary.

**Quorum**

Three members of the Community Fund Committee.

**Meetings**

Meetings will be held quarterly at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester. The day and time for meetings to be agreed by the committee annually.

**Delegated Powers**

In special circumstances, e.g. responses to urgent requests for support, the Provincial Grand Master, Chairman plus the Secretary of ELMC are empowered to take appropriate decisions and actions, if any of the above are not available a Committee Member could act as a substitute.

**Accounts**

A separate account will be held within the books of the ELMC, which will show clearly the income and expenditure of the fund. Members will receive the annual accounts and report of ELMC, which will include details of the activities of the Community Fund.

**UGLE Charities**

Wherever relevant the Committee should involve the four UGLE Charities in our East Lancashire Community activity.



Extracts from the address by the MW The Grand Master HRH The Duke of Kent, KG, at the Annual Craft Investiture - 26th April 2006

“Some of our more thoughtful members have commented recently that our charitable activities are in danger of becoming one dimensional, whereas real charity, as I have just defined it, is multi-faceted. Many of our brethren and their Lodges already give much of their time to practical charitable work, which is entirely laudable, and must continue, but as Masons we should all try to involve ourselves to a greater extent in activities which bring joy and happiness into the lives of disadvantaged people, and not just assume that a cash donation discharges our obligations.”

“Friendship is the cement which binds us together, integrity is a characteristic which should be inherent in all Freemasons, but charity in all its aspects is the practical application of Freemasonry to the rest of the world. Through our charitable work and our openness about it the world may know the happy and beneficial effects of Freemasonry.”