

North East Legal Support Trust



Invitation for small grant applications

NELST aims to deliver available funds in an effective and timely manner to support pro bono legal assistance to those in need as stated in our charitable objects. In order to distribute the limited funds to date NELST is currently accepting applications for small grants in the region of £250 to £2,000.

Funding is available to organisations which meet our charitable objects. Applications for these small grants will not prevent an organisation applying in future rounds.

Preference will be given to capital expenditure, strategic developments or smaller capacity building elements. We will not provide funding for expenditure required on an ongoing basis, such as employment. Examples (for illustration only) include:

- IT or other equipment that increases an organisation's capacity to undertake casework.
- Help with feasibility or research work on a strategic issue covering a wider than local area.
- Help with staff training, accreditation or organisational development that increases effectiveness or enhances cooperation.

The application form is available at www.nelst.org.uk

Completed forms must be sent to enquiries@nelst.org.uk by 9am on 18 March 2011

About NELST and our objectives

NELST has been established with the object to assist with the relief of poverty and distress among residents of the North East of England (incorporating Northumberland, Tyne & Wear, County Durham and Teeside) and Yorkshire and Humberside (incorporating North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and Humberside) in any way that the Trustees think fit, including but not limited to, through the provision of financial and other support to charitable and other agencies that provide advice, casework or representation in respect of legal issues; and the promotion of such other purposes being exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales as the Trustees may from time to time determine.

For more information visit www.nelst.org.uk



Pro bono costs

Pro bono costs are like normal legal costs, but where the winning party had free of charge legal representation. Section 194 of the Legal Services Act 2007 requires the losing party pay the costs to The Access to Justice Foundation. The Foundation works with the Regional Legal Support Trusts and national organisations to distribute these funds across England and Wales to support free legal help. For practical guidance visit www.ATJF.org.uk/costs