



Tackling poverty in London since 1891

Our next five years 2007-11

Consultation Questionnaire

City Parochial Foundation exists to benefit the poor of London. We aim to enable and empower poor Londoners to tackle poverty, in its widest sense, and its root causes, and to ensure that our funds reach those most in need.

As part of our planning for the next five years, we would welcome your comments and thoughts about how we should prioritise our work. We are particularly keen to know how we should use our funds effectively to tackle poverty.

Please read our *Draft Funding Guidelines*, which outline the areas of work we intend to prioritise over the next five years before completing this questionnaire. These do not include details of the application process. We would welcome your views on these priorities and in particular, if the kinds of work we mention are the most effective to meet each aim. We are also keen to know your thoughts on our approach to grant-making as we are considering a move towards making fewer but larger grants over a longer period.

We will consider all your responses, even if you only feel able to answer one or two questions. Your comments will help to inform us as we decide on our priorities for the next five years. **The deadline for responses is 15 May 2006.**

This questionnaire is also available on our website under the 'What's New' heading – www.cityparochial.org.uk

If there is not enough space for you to write all of your comments please add these to a separate sheet of paper, indicating which questions you are commenting on.

Thank you for your time. If you have any queries about this questionnaire, please contact Mubin Haq or Sioned Churchill at the contact details below.

Please send your response to City Parochial Foundation:

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Please note that the City Parochial Foundation and Trust for London are sister organisations which operate from the same offices with the same staff and Trustees. The Trust is also currently consulting on its priorities for the next five years. If you would like to be involved in this consultation, you can download the draft guidelines and questionnaire from www.trustforlondon.org.uk or contact us at the address above.

Q.1. Over the next five years we have decided to become more focused by making fewer but larger grants over a longer period. Our expectation is that by doing this we will have more impact and create lasting change.

What do you think of this new approach? What difference do you think it will make?

Q.2. We have suggested the following priority areas of work for the next five years. In which order would you prioritise these?

Please rank from 1 to 5 with 1 being the highest priority

<i>Priority Areas of Work</i>	<i>Rank</i>
To improve employment opportunities	
To overcome financial exclusion	
To promote the inclusion of new arrivals to the UK	
To promote social justice	
To promote and strengthen the community and voluntary sector	

Q.3. Is there another area of work which you would prioritise? If so, please tell us what this is and why it should be prioritised?

Q.4. At present we only fund organisations which are Registered Charities, Industrial and Provident Societies or Friendly Societies. Do you think we should open this to other bodies which undertake charitable work?

Yes No

If yes, which ones?

Q.5. As you have read in our *draft funding guidelines* there will be five main priority areas of work in our open programme. We would welcome your views on each of these areas.

Aim One: To improve employment opportunities

Do you think our approach will achieve this aim? Yes No

What improvements can we make to our approach?

Have we targeted the right groups? Yes No

If not, who else should we be targeting and why? Are there any groups we should remove?

Do you have any further comments about this aim?

Aim Two: To overcome financial exclusion

Do you think our approach will achieve this aim? Yes No

What improvements can we make to our approach?

Have we targeted the right groups? Yes No

If not, who else should we be targeting and why? Are there any groups we should remove?

Do you have any further comments about this aim?

Aim Three: To promote the inclusion of recent arrivals to the UK

Do you think our approach will achieve this aim?

Yes

No

What improvements can we make to our approach?

Have we targeted the right groups?

Yes

No

If not, who else should we be targeting and why? Are there any groups we should remove?

Do you have any further comments about this aim?

Aim Four: To promote social justice

Do you think our approach will achieve this aim?

Yes

No

What improvements can we make to our approach?

Do you have any further comments about this aim?

Aim Five: To strengthen the voluntary and community sector

Do you think our approach will achieve this aim?

Yes

No

What improvements can we make to our approach?

Do you have any further comments to make on this aim?

Q.6. We have a tradition of providing additional support to the organisations we fund to help them carry out their work more effectively, what we call our *funding plus* approach. This may include offering help with training, networking, learning, governance, monitoring and evaluation. We intend to extend this during the next five years and it would be helpful to know whether you would find this support useful or if you would prefer us to have a ‘hands-off’ approach?

Would you find this *funding plus* approach useful? Yes No

Do you have any comments?

Q.7. We are also considering the introduction of a second visit by a CPF officer during the period of the grant. The purpose of this visit would be to learn more about the work, to discuss organisational issues and offer additional support if needed.

Would you find this useful? Yes No

If yes, how would you find this useful?

Q.8. As you will have read in our *draft funding guidelines* we intend to fund a number of special initiatives where we want to make a more strategic impact.

Some initiatives which we may develop over the next five years include:

Trafficking of People
Hate crime
Young People

Older People
London Olympics
Social Cohesion

Do you have any comments about these?

Are there other areas of work which we should consider for our special initiatives programme? If so, why?

Q. 9. With an annual budget of approximately £5.5 million for both the open programme and special initiatives, do you think we are trying to cover too many areas of work, too few, or about the right amount? Please comment below:

Q.10. If you know of our work, we would welcome your views about the way we operate.

What do you think has worked well?

What has been less successful about the way we work?

Q.11. Are these guidelines clear and easy to understand? Yes No

Do you have any comments?

Q.12. In addition to making grants, we are also considering making loans and other forms of social investment e.g. developing properties for the use of the voluntary and community sector. These will not replace our grants programme and will not affect the amount of funding available for distribution.

Do you think this is a good idea? Yes No

Do you have any comments?

Q.13. Are there any other comments or suggestions you would like to make about any aspect of our work?

Finally – About You:

Are you a:

Please tick appropriate box

Community/voluntary organisation	
<i>If yes, what kind of CVO are you:</i>	
Service delivery organisation	
Community group	
Second-tier organisation	
Specialist organisation	
Policy/campaigning organisation	
Funder	
Statutory authority	
Individual	
Other	

Your details (optional)

Name:
Organisation:
Address:
Telephone:
Email:

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. We value your comments.
The new guidelines will be available on our website in October 2006**

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