

Grants Review 1997



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Background and Priorities for the Trust 1997 to 2001

In 1986, the City Parochial Foundation became the Trustee of the new Trust for London, established by the Government after it abolished the Greater London Council. Its initial endowment was £10 million.

From that beginning, the Trust for London has remained distinct in its policies and methods of work, despite its clear links to the Foundation.

The Trust targets small locally based community organisations with charitable purposes, which are independent of larger bodies. 'Small' is defined as being entirely volunteer or membership based, or with no more than the equivalent of two full-time paid staff.

The Trust particularly welcomes proposals from women's groups, black and minority ethnic women's groups and black and minority ethnic organisations.

The Trust seeks:

- to have an initiating and pro-active role, rather than to wait for applications
- to ensure that its grants have a distinctive and particular impact
- to be accessible to small groups.

Funding priorities

The Trust will not make grants above £10,000 a year for capital costs or revenue costs. Revenue costs may be given over a two or three year period though normally with a reducing level of grant.

Applications will be considered from small groups in any London borough as follows:

- any self-help group but particularly women's groups and young and elderly people's groups
- supplementary and mother tongue schools
- organisations working with people with disabilities
- refugee and migrant groups.

In addition

- any small charitable group can apply for a start-up grant of no more than £500
- any small charitable group can apply for a grant of up to £1,500 for training costs.

Continuation grants

- the Trustees will consider applications from some of the organisations previously grant-aided for revenue costs by the Trust. Further grants will not however be given automatically.

Grants will not be given

- for major capital schemes
- in response to general appeals
- to individuals
- for research
- as part of a full-time salary
- to replace cuts by statutory authorities
- to umbrella bodies for distribution
- to organisations which have received grants from the City Parochial Foundation.

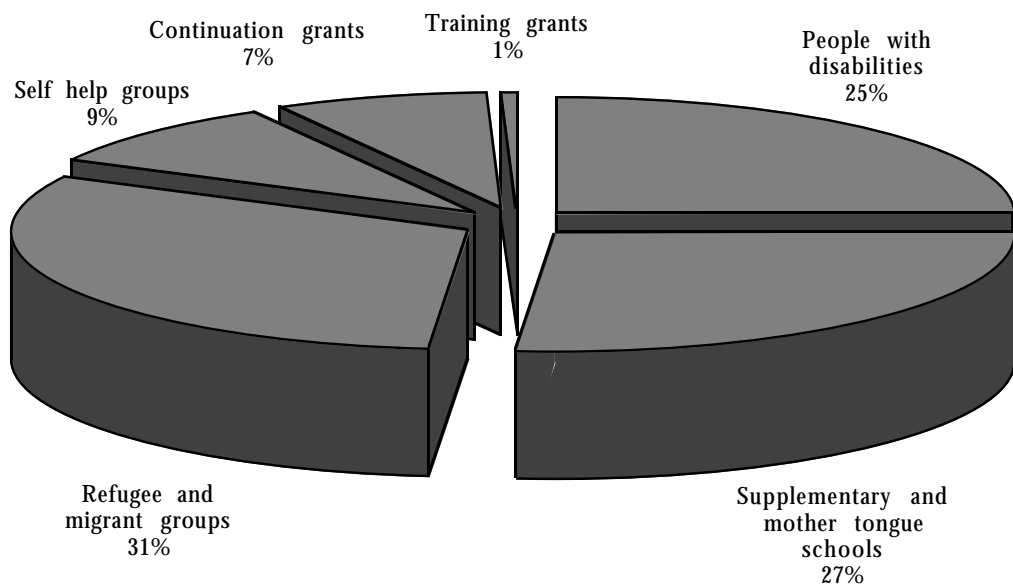
Grant guidelines, priorities, policies and procedures 1997 to 2001 are available from the Trust's offices.

In 1997 the Trust made total grants of £862,633 to 110 groups.

Grants Made in 1997

	No. of grants	Amount £	%
People with disabilities	23	212,110	25
Supplementary and mother tongue schools	33	230,357	27
Refugee and migrant groups	28	271,236	31
Self help groups	15	78,700	9
Continuation Grants	7	64,660	7
Training grants	4	5,570	1
Total	110	862,633	100

Analysis of grants awarded in 1997



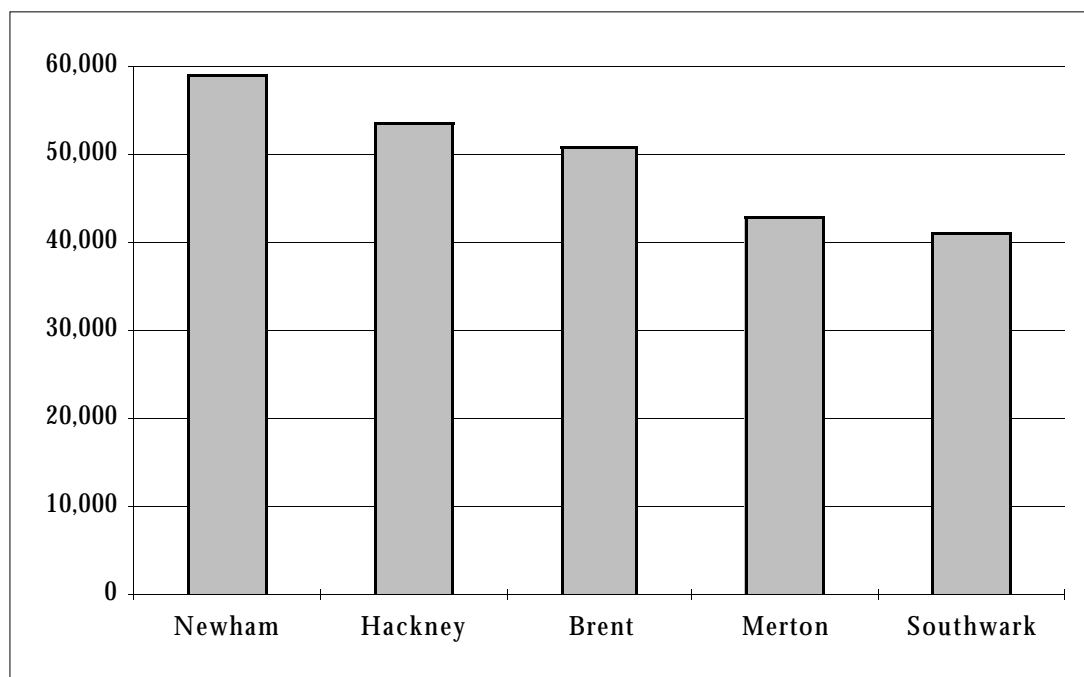
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Grants by Borough 1997

	No of Grants	Amount £		No of Grants	Amount £
Barking and Dagenham	1	7,522	Kingston	1	6,200
Barnet	3	13,250	Lewisham	4	31,000
Bexley	4	30,850	Merton	3	43,160
Brent	4	51,000	Newham	9	59,000
Bromley	3	21,250	Redbridge	3	26,320
Camden	3	30,000	Richmond	2	6,500
Croydon	5	26,500	Southwark	7	41,100
Ealing	1	1,760	Sutton	2	28,000
Enfield	1	10,000	Tower Hamlets	6	24,157
Greenwich	5	33,912	Waltham Forest	1	17,000
Hackney	5	53,622	Wandsworth	3	22,000
Hammersmith and Fulham	3	22,000	Westminster	2	9,000
Haringey	3	22,000			
Harrow	3	39,000	Total	101	739,381
Havering	3	11,278			
Hillingdon	2	6,000			
Hounslow	2	11,700			
Islington	6	29,300			
Kensington and Chelsea	1	5,000			

In addition 9 grants totalling £123,252 were made to organisations covering at least several boroughs and often the whole of London. Three of these organisations were Lambeth based.



£247,882 was allocated to the above five boroughs which received most funds from the Trust.

The Resource Unit's Director, Mohammed Abdelrazak took up his post in January 1997 since when development has continued apace.

Now based in offices in the City, the Unit has two staff, Mohammed having been joined by Maria Lamminaho at the end of Summer 1997. Maria is the schools support worker and her post is funded by the National Lottery Charities Board. The Unit is fortunate to have a committee made up largely of educationalists who have successfully steered it through its first full year of operations.

Throughout 1997 the Resource Unit has run a series of sessions on educational and management issues. These were built upon by follow-up visits to individual schools. The training days have been well attended by 60-70 people each time and the services offered by the Unit have been taken up enthusiastically by many of the 500 supplementary and mother tongue schools in London on the Unit's database.

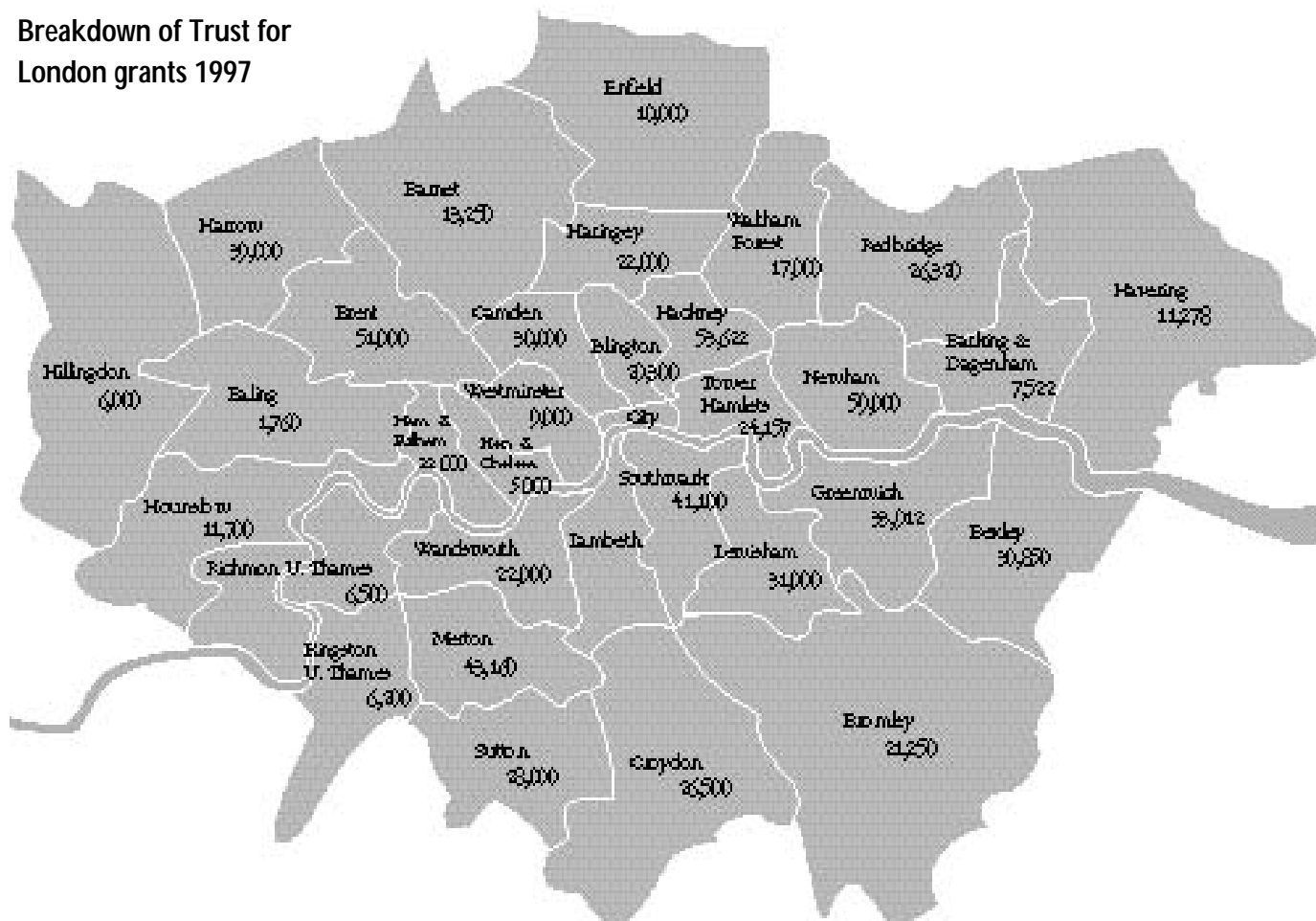
The Unit was officially launched in September. Lord Elton, the Bishop of Stepney and Julia Kaufmann, the Director of BBC Children in Need (one of the Unit's funders) spoke at this event which was chaired by Maggie Baxter, Chair of the Trust for London Grants Committee. A letter from Tim Cook Chair of the Unit's Committee, was read to the audience of over 100 people from mainstream and supplementary education.

The existence of the Unit has been warmly greeted by mainstream education bodies as well as the voluntary groups. The Unit has been approached by several local authority education departments seeking help and the staff are eager to co-operate where appropriate for the benefit of the voluntary schools.

Steps are being taken to organise accredited training for volunteer teachers during the coming year and to build productive relationships between mainstream and supplementary and mother tongue education. A very successful seminar bringing together 60 staff from both sectors took place early in 1998. The results will be built upon over the next 12 months.

Resource Unit for Supplemen- tary and Mother Tongue Schools

Breakdown of Trust for London grants 1997



Trust for London's 10th Anniversary

When the Trust for London Grants Committee considered its first six applications in April 1988 it could not have anticipated that ten years later the committee (still with some of its original members) would have made 1,340 grants to over 1,000 organisations.

Between 1988 and 1998 the Trust distributed £6,872,000, making an average grant of £5,128.

It was decided to mark the 10th Anniversary by inviting to a special event trust supporters and some of those who have received grants over the years. We were keen to invite organisations which had received grants 10 years ago but did they still exist?

During 1997 Maknun Gamaledin Ashami took on the task of tracking down the 184 groups which had received grants in 1988. He found that three in four of those which were funded in 1988 still operated in some form.

This was a higher proportion than had been anticipated and indicated clearly the way that small community groups can survive, thrive and continue to provide services over a long period.

A report has been published documenting the history and activities of the Trust over the ten years from 1988. This includes the results of the follow up study on the first year's grants as well as details of the Trust's two major initiatives, the Resource Unit for Supplementary and Mother Tongue Schools and the Small Groups Worker Scheme.

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This report entitled 'Trust in the Community' was available at the 10th Anniversary Celebrations held on 17 March 1998. About 300 people enjoyed the Anniversary event which was held in the Old Library in the Guildhall.