

Charity Application Guidance.

- Merseyside Police Federation Charitable Trust is a registered Charity with the Charities Commission. All applications need to comply with the objectives set between the commission and the Charitable Trust. Any application that doesn't comply with those objectives will be refused.
- The trustees reserve the right to refuse an application and are not required to provide a rationale regarding refusals.
- All awards are at the complete discretion of the trustees.
- There is no appeal.
- There may be occasions when further information may be required to enable the trustees to decide.
- Large National charities will not benefit. Officers and staff raising money for worthy causes who fit into the above category will not be authorised.
- Not all victims of crime should be considered for a charitable donation. There needs to be clear demonstration of vulnerability of the victim of crime within the application.
- An application should not be made to compensate perceived failings of Merseyside Police, or failings in prosecuting offenders.
- If an application has implications for other partner agencies, then full consideration should be given to exploring their role first. Eg social services, housing etc.
- Full details of what is being requested should be included whenever possible. Eg, if an application is for a child's dancing lessons then the cost of those lessons needs to be included.
- If an application is successful it is the responsibility of the nominating officer to arrange collection of any gift awarded by the Trustees from the Federation Office, Green Lane.