

HISTORY OF THE FUND

The Edinburgh and Lothian Trust Fund is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SC049138) with a history of almost 150 years, addressing poverty and inequality. It has its origins in the creation of Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council (EVOC) (SC009944) in 1868.

Over the years EVOC was asked to administer a number of trusts and legacies to benefit individuals in need.

Most of these small trusts were amalgamated in 2001 and a single Trust, known as Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Trust (EVOT), was formed. From that point, EVOT operated as a separate entity from EVOC and had its own charity registration and Board of Trustees (including some trustees in common with EVOC). A further two trusts were combined with EVOT in 2007. In 2014 the Trust took over the former Surplus Fire Fund and re-launched it as the Edinburgh Fire Fund.

In 2015 EVOT modernised its constitution and changes its name to Edinburgh and Lothian Trust Fund and in 2019 it became a SCIO, but its core purposes remain unchanged. These are the relief of poverty and the provision of financial assistance. As before, the Trust funds are restricted to beneficiaries in the City of Edinburgh and the Lothians.



Further Information

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EDINBURGH & LoTHIAN RESIDENTS & ORGANISATIONS



ABOUT THE EDINBURGH & LOTHIAN TRUST FUND (THE TRUST)

The Edinburgh & Lothian Trust Fund is comprised largely of legacies from individuals who have donated a sum of money for the relief of poverty. The Trust's general aims are as follows:

- A The relief of poverty
- B To assist individuals or groups of individuals who, by reason of health, physical or mental disability or otherwise, are in necessitous circumstances;
- C To assist charitable organisations whose purposes are similar to those outlined in A and B above.

The Trust's funds are restricted to beneficiaries in the City of Edinburgh and the Lothians. There is an emphasis on awards to benefit children, young people and families.

The Trust administers the Edinburgh Fire Fund for residents in Edinburgh affected by a fire in their home. They also administer the Edinburgh Police Fund for Children which is for the provision of school shoes and warm jackets to children of school age. Separate leaflets are available from the Trust website. Finally, the Trust also administers funds on behalf of other trusts.

Governance is by a group of Trustees who meet quarterly to consider grant applications and provide general governance for the Trust.

Grants for Individuals

The Trust makes grants to individuals in need. Applications must be made through a recognised third party e.g. social worker, support worker, health visitor etc. Grants to individuals do not normally exceed £200.

Grants for Voluntary Organisations

The Trust assists voluntary organisations whose purpose is social welfare and who:

- appear on the Scottish Charity Register
- have an annual income of less than £200,000

How do I apply to The Edinburgh & Lothian Trust Fund?

Individuals

Guidelines and a link to the online application form can be found on our website:
www.eltf.org.uk

Applications for individuals must be submitted digitally **via a post holder** in a local authority, health board, or voluntary sector agency.

Organisations

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What happens next?

Individuals

Applications are assessed by the Trust Administrator and a decision is generally notified within 4 weeks.

Organisations

Applications are considered at quarterly meetings of the Trustees and thereafter decisions are usually notified within one week after the Trustees' meeting.

