

# GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS

The Fund aims to support parishes, organisations or individuals in areas such as poverty, old age and infirmity, homelessness and children with disabilities or who are in danger of deprivation.

The Grants Panel meets quarterly. Funds are available to provide help to the poor and needy in the 33 London boroughs, in accordance with the wishes of the original benefactors.

These boroughs lie in the Catholic dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster.

There is also specific provision to support charitable activities in the boroughs of Hackney, Haringey, Tower Hamlets and Islington.

Limited funds are available for parishes in Westminster Diocese outside the London boroughs.



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The St John Southworth Fund was created from existing legacies and trusts within the Diocese, some dating back to the 1850s. Its overall purpose is to assist the homeless, migrants and refugees, youth education, disability support, pastoral support for the elderly, children and other various projects. Since its launch in December 2007 it has provided funding towards projects and individuals throughout Greater London.

The dynamic nature of the Fund enables it to be flexible in responding to issues by giving grants where the need appears to be most acute. Some parishes have already contributed via 'poor box' donations or through Lenten Alms. As the current economic crisis takes effect, it is hoped that the capacity of the Fund can grow in order to provide practical means of supporting pastoral responses to a critical issue for many families.

St Patrick's Youth Club, Plumstead received **£1,800** to help fund sports coaches

St Mary's Family Centre, Our Lady of Fidelity, Upper Norwood received **£7,500** for part of a salary for family support worker

Caris Islington received **£2,500** towards providing a Cold Weather Shelter (for winter 08-09)

2 brothers received **£226** to enable them to go to Scout Camp

Cricklewood Homeless Concern received **£5,000** for an Alcohol & Drug Awareness Project

Leyton Visitation Action Group received **£6,400** to help establish a Help Centre for French speaking refugees and asylum seekers

Irish Centre, Hammersmith received **£5,000** towards an Outreach Project for the Elderly in West London

St Joseph's Pastoral Centre received **£10,000** to support children with special needs to be fully included, through its Outreach service

St Mary's Priory Infant and Junior Schools in Stamford Hill received **£3,000** towards its Playground improvement project

Westminster Justice and Peace Commission received **£4,260** to hold English Mornings for North London asylum seekers and migrants

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Kentish Town received **£6,445.76** for a Welfare Project for homeless people

Mr and Mrs M, an elderly couple, received **£250** to buy carpets for their flat

St John's Youth Centre in Islington received **£7,775** to pay sessional workers for 1 year

St Vincent's Family Project, an ecumenical project in Westminster, received **£5,000** to assist with funding a new child contact service

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## Applications received and grants awarded since its launch in December 2007

Date	Number of new applications	Awarded full amount requested	Partial award	= Total number of awards	Total value of grants awarded £
December 2007	10	6	1	7	49,205.76
February 2008	16	5	5	10	58,909.44
April 2008	24	6	7	13	73,173.00
July 2008	18	4	6	10	32,915.00
October 2008	11	3	6	9	47,400.00
January 2009	12	7	4	11	55,735.87
Totals to March 2009	91	31	26	60	317,339.07

## Breakdown by type

Applications	Grants Awarded
No. from organisations: <b>79</b>	No. to organisations: <b>53</b>
No. from individuals: <b>11</b>	No. to individuals: <b>7</b> (The Fund also advised individuals to seek grants via alternative sources)
Total: <b>91</b>	Total: <b>60</b>

- The **7** grants to individuals/families ranged from **£226** to **£1,536**.
- Of the **53** grants to organisations/projects,
  - **12** received the maximum grant of **£10,000**,
  - **11** were between **£5,000** and **£10,000**
  - **11** were for **£5,000**
  - **9** were between **£3,000** and **£5,000**
  - **10** were for **£3,000** or less

