ROCHESTER
BRIDGE TRUST

Grants Policy – Estate

The Trust's main charitable purpose is to provide crossings of the River Medway. It makes funds available for grants only when it has long-term surplus funds after providing for its main purpose. Grant programmes reflect the Trust's own history, values and activities.

This policy applies to the areas where the Trust owns significant agricultural or commercial property.

[*References in square brackets are to the relevant Priority of the Tertiary Object Policy*].

Applications may be made for one or more of the following charitable grant purposes:

A. The advancement of education and research in:
    1. engineering or mathematics;
    2. agriculture, including viticulture and horticultural food production;
    3. the history of:
        a. bridges and bridge engineering;
        b. the Rochester Bridge Trust and its estates; *[Purpose I(1-3b)]*
B. The advancement of heritage by the promotion of traditional crafts in the built environment and agriculture, including the skills needed to manage, conserve and restore historic bridges. *[Purpose VII]*
C. The advancement of science by the promotion of awareness and study of civil engineering, agriculture and related disciplines and support to the charitable work of learned societies and institutions in those fields. *[Purpose VIII]*
D. The advancement of health, equality and diversity in the engineering profession, construction industry and agriculture industry *[Purposes II and X]*
E. The advancement of heritage by means of preservation, restoration, investigation and interpretation of the historic fabric of Listed or Scheduled heritage buildings, structures and artefacts. *[Purpose V]*
F. the advancement of environmental protection or improvement. *[Purpose XI]*
G. the advancement of environmental protection or improvement by research and development of techniques for carbon reduction and sequestration, including actions to achieve carbon reduction and sequestration. *[Purpose XII]*
H. the promotion of facilities for recreation or leisure that improve conditions of life in the interests of social welfare. *[Purpose XVII]*

For exclusions and the Conditions for Award of Grants, see the Grants Policy – General.

Geographical Eligibility

Grants are only made where the project directly benefits all or part of one of the following areas. Maps showing the detailed areas of eligibility are available on the Trust's website. Applicants may be based outside these areas, provided the project benefits specifically those inside the eligible area.

Holme, Conington, Sawtry or Alconbury & the Stukeleys Parishes (Cambridgeshire)

Pilham, Corringham, Springthorpe or Heapham Parishes (Lincolnshire)
Parts of Almondbury, Kirkburton or Holme Valley Parishes (West Yorkshire)

This policy also applies to the areas in the historic county of Kent where the Trust has a significant property holding, namely the following parishes: Borough Green, Boxley, Detling, Graveney with Goodnestone, Hartlip, High Halstow, Hollingbourne, Isle of Grain, Leeds, Newington, Thanington, Wrotham and the wards of Chalk, Westcourt, Rainham (South) and Joyce Green.