

CRITERIA

THE LUDUN FUND

A FUND MANAGED BY

BEDFORDSHIRE AND LUTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

ON BEHALF OF

THE TRUSTEES OF LUDUN



Bedfordshire & Luton
Community Foundation

LuDun

INTRODUCTION

Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation are proud to have been chosen by the Trustees of LuDun to manage their fund to support adults with learning and/or physical disabilities into employment. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to individuals that meet the criteria. We are dedicated to improving the quality of community life of those in Bedfordshire and Luton and, in particular, those in special need by reason of disability, age, financial or other disadvantage and/or diagnosed mental health issue.

AIMS

The fund was set up with income received following the closure of the LuDun premises in Dunstable. The object of the fund is to provide access to training and education to adults with physical or learning difficulties. At present, this is a small awards fund and the maximum award under the fund will be £1,000. There is no minimum amount you need to apply for.

Beneficiaries must live in Central Bedfordshire or have previously been employees of the LuDun facility in Liscombe Road, Dunstable, wherever they may now reside. Priority is given to those who qualify for both and are over the age of 18.

We will consider applications for help towards 2 main categories:

1. Costs of training courses

Assistance with the costs of enrolling on an accredited study course and purchasing of associated books or equipment which will increase including training fees, learning and support, or IT skills. Equipment, for example uniform costs or tools etc. will also be considered.

2. Special needs

Payments for one off purchases of ongoing expenses for items that enable the applicant to attend such training courses or employment

Payments cannot be made to cover salaries or national insurance payments.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms can be downloaded from our website. Staff are happy to forward a copy of the application via email or in hard copy if required.

All applications will be reviewed and are subject to a thorough assessment and relevant due diligence checks by BLCF. [Find out more here](#). Only applications that have been fully completed, clearly meet the criteria, provided all required supporting documents, and where queries raised by the Foundation team have been answered, will go to the decision-making panel. The panel is made up of local individuals which meets three/four times a year.

If you have any difficulties in completing the application form you can call the Foundation office for assistance or clarification on 01525 306690. You can also ask the team at the Disability Resource Centre and contact details can be provided by our staff if needed.

MONITORING

We ask that all grant recipients tell us what they have used the money for and what they have achieved as a result of receiving the grant.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

We are committed to promoting equal opportunities and to valuing diversity regardless of age, gender, race, ethnic origin, nationality, religion/belief, culture, language, disability, learning difficulty, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status, health status, or any other discriminatory grounds.

Should you have any queries about this criteria or applying to this fund please contact a member of the BLCF team who will be able to help either by phone: 01525 306690 or email administrator@blcf.org.uk