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# The Military Vehicle Trust

## GRANTS MAKING POLICY FOR EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

The Military Vehicles Trust (MVT) Grants Making Policy is there to help eligible organisations carry out their plans to support the Trust's charitable objects.

Funds for these purposes are finite and an application does not guarantee a grant will be awarded.

Except in very special circumstances, grant applications must be received with supporting information before 1<sup>st</sup> November each year.

All grant applications should be made to the MVT Treasurer by email at: [treasurer@mvt.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@mvt.org.uk) Trustees will consider all applications and make their recommendations at the end of the November Council of Management (CoM) meeting. Trustees are required to undertake a large volume of reading prior to the November CoM meeting, so please ensure your application is brief, concise and to the point.

Trustees award grants where they believe its contribution will make a real difference and in doing so, we ask all grant recipients to act, without exception, in accordance with the Trust's Code of Conduct.

Our current funding priority categories are:

- (1) To promote and encourage the restoration, preservation, display and operation of historic military vehicles of any origin
- (2) To preserve historic archives, artefacts and equipment relating to such vehicles, that are of actual or potential historic or scientific importance and educational value
- (3) To exhibit to the public such vehicles, artefacts and equipment by means of either temporary or permanent exhibitions and to demonstrate and assist in demonstrating to the public the working and operation of any such vehicles, artefacts and equipment
- (4) To provide access to the public of the archive material
- (5) To promote subjects relating to the history of military vehicles, and

### Eligibility

Applications will be considered from:

- Charities registered in any part of the United Kingdom
- Exempt Charities (see schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011) such as recognised educational institutions and Government or municipally-funded museums
- Not for profit organisations
- Community Interest Companies (CICs), and
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs)

All organisations external to the MVT must have a constitution, an elected committee and a bank account controlled by two or more committee members.

Applications will NOT be considered from:

- Individuals
- For profit businesses
- Charities registered outside the UK, or
- Political parties

Grant purposes, sizes and restrictions

Applications must be for charitable purposes relating to our current funding priority categories and fall into one of the core classifications listed below. Applications for purposes outside these categories and classifications are only permitted at the direct invitation of a Trustee.



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Core Classifications:

- (1) Restoration
- (2) Preservation
- (3) Display
- (4) Archives
- (5) Artefacts and equipment, and
- (6) Education

Applicants may apply for support towards:

- Specific projects
- Development costs, and
- Core costs

Applicants may **NOT** apply for support towards:

- Capital expenditure
- Expeditions
- Anything promoting extremism
- Politics, or
- Projects that promote religion

All applications must be accompanied by:

- Your organisational structure
- A business case and budget
- A recent set of accounts, and
- The amount of grant required

Without these documents the application cannot be considered.

All applicants will receive a response from the Trust whether or not their application has been successful. We normally respond to grant applications within four weeks of the date of the November CoM meeting.

If your application is shortlisted, you may be asked to provide additional information and Trustees might ask to visit certain shortlisted applicants.

We will consider applications for grants up to £1,000. Grants are generally made as single payment and successful applicants are asked to provide a receipt upon payment of the grant.

A follow-up report is expected, within 10 months of payment, from any applicant in receipt of a grant. A report need not necessarily be more than two sides of A4 but should include information regarding the number of beneficiaries and what outcomes you have observed. Reports will be kept on file for reference if further grant applications are made.

In some cases, larger grants are awarded in instalments, payable over a period of time, usually on the condition that satisfactory progress reports are submitted at regular intervals.

Repeat applications from eligible organisations outside of the MVT are not usually considered within two years of an award.

A list of grants awarded is available in the most recent Trust's accounts on the Charity Commission website.