



# **MVT**

# **Grant Making Policy**

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## Previous Versions

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## MVT Grant Making Policy (External Organisations)

**Context:** The Military Vehicle Trust is the World's largest organisation of ex-military vehicle owners and enthusiasts and is dedicated to "keeping our mechanical veterans alive". We have been a Registered Charity since 1987 and our Charitable Purposes are set down in a document called our "Memorandum of Association".

*The Trust is established for the purpose of restoring and preserving military vehicles of historical interest and the preservation of books, drawings, records, documents, sound and visual recordings, films, photographs and other media and ephemera relating to such vehicles, their history and development, and promoting and encouraging the same aim in others.*

Our Core Values are summarised in our three aims:

*Conserve and Restore, Educate and Inspire and Honour and Respect*

**This policy aims to assist eligible organisations in advancing the Trust's charitable objectives. All funding is limited; therefore, submission of an application does not guarantee award of a grant.**

Except under exceptional circumstances, all applications must be submitted with full supporting documentation by 1st November each year. Applications should be directed to the MVT Treasurer at [treasurer@mvt.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@mvt.org.uk). The Trustees review all submissions and provide recommendations following the November Council of Management (CoM) meeting.

Given the substantial preparatory work required ahead of the November CoM meeting, applicants are encouraged to ensure that their submissions are succinct and focused. Grants are awarded where Trustees deem their support will have meaningful impact. Recipients of grants are expected to comply fully with the Trust's Code of Conduct.

Current funding priorities include:

- Promotion and encouragement of the restoration, preservation, display, and operation of historic military vehicles of any origin
- Preservation of historic archives, artefacts, and equipment related to such vehicles, particularly those with historical, scientific, or educational significance
- Public exhibition of vehicles, artefacts, and equipment via temporary or permanent means, and demonstration of their operation
- Provision of public access to archive material
- Advocacy relating to the history of military vehicles

## **Eligibility**

Applications are accepted from:

- Registered charities within the United Kingdom
- Exempt Charities (see Schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011), including recognised educational institutions and government- or municipally-funded museums
- Not-for-profit organisations
- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs)

All external applicants must provide evidence of a constitution, an elected committee, and a bank account managed by at least two committee members.

Applications will not be considered from:

- Individuals
- For-profit entities
- Charities registered outside the UK
- Political parties

## **Purpose, Size, and Restrictions**

Grants must pertain to charitable purposes aligned with current funding priorities and fall within one of the following core classifications:

- Restoration
- Preservation
- Display
- Archives
- Artefacts and Equipment
- Education

Support may be requested for:

- Specific projects
- Development costs
- Core organisational costs

Grants will not be awarded for:

- Capital expenditure
- Expeditions
- Activities promoting extremism
- Political ventures
- Projects promoting religion

### **Application Requirements**

All applications must be accompanied by:

- Details of organisational structure
- A business case and budget
- Recent financial accounts
- The requested grant amount

Incomplete applications cannot be processed. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission, typically within four weeks after the November CoM meeting.

Shortlisted applicants may be required to provide additional details and may receive a site visit from Trustees.

Grants of up to £1,000 are available. Payments are generally made as a single instalment, and recipients must issue a receipt upon payment.

A follow-up report is required within ten months of receiving the grant, outlining beneficiary numbers and observed outcomes; this report need not exceed two pages of A4. Reports are retained on file for reference regarding future applications.

Larger grants may be disbursed in instalments subject to satisfactory progress reports. Repeat applications from external organisations are generally not considered within two years of a previous award.

For transparency, a record of grants awarded can be found in the Trust's latest accounts on the Charity Commission website.