

# Somerset Masonic Charity

Lodge Match Funding

## SMC lodge match funding scheme rules



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE  
OF SOMERSET

In Somerset we are most fortunate to have a benefactor who supports a lodge match funding scheme, whereby lodges can apply to the SMC for an additional donation to increase and charitable funds already raised. To ensure fair distribution across the Province, the SMC follows the guidance outlined below

- Any Craft Lodge through their Charity Steward may make an application to the scheme, once in any period of 12 months.
- A single application may be divided between one or more charities. With a minimum Grant requested for a single charity, not to be less than £200.
- Ideally the charities supported will be local, non national
- The committee is capped in offering a grant of one half of the sum raised by a lodge for that charity. That means if the lodge raises £1000 the committee cannot make a grant greater than £500.
- The maximum grant awarded to any one lodge in a 12 month period will be £500 but at the discretion of the committee, this may exceptionally be raised to £1000, representative of £2000 being raised by the lodge.
- Where applications exceed the funding available, the committee is to give priority to lodges that have not previously made an application.
- The SMC committee reserves the right to refuse to support a request
- The lodge must withhold any presentation to their charity(s), until notified of the decision of the committee, with the aim of making a joint presentation and maximising publicity potential.
- A lodge has the option to request a representative of the committee, might make the presentation or be in attendance.
- Cheques will only be made payable to the nominated charity
- We recommend that lodges engage their communications officer for publicity

All enquiries should go via your lodge charity steward, who should then coordinate with the SMC secretary, W Bro Tony Cooper  
([tonygcooper@btinternet.com](mailto:tonygcooper@btinternet.com))