



Hampton Fund

Annual Review

1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021

Tackling need, building stronger communities

Challenging Times - Record Levels of Spend

Throughout a year of lockdowns, social distancing and mask-wearing, **Hampton Fund** has provided record funding to support families and individuals on low income. Trustees awarded **1,847 fuel grants** in 2020/21, an increase of 16% on the previous year and the highest number recorded. There was a total spend on **Individual grants** of around **£970,000**, including support for white goods, furniture, school journeys and uniforms.

No doubt the coronavirus has been a contributing factor, but there are other reasons for this increase: additional staff resources that has enabled the team to be more proactive; the use of social media and greater awareness of the help we give; and the new online application form— <https://www.hamptonfund.co.uk/individual-grants/>

We awarded **76 community grants to the value of £1,354,600**. Our local voluntary sector has proved itself to be highly resilient and adaptable, supporting the most vulnerable under challenging circumstances.

INDIVIDUAL GRANTS

We help families and individuals on low income with the cost of their electricity and gas. We also help with essential household items. In addition, we can help families with the cost of the school journey and the first school uniform where children are moving from primary into secondary school.

Individuals may qualify for help with their energy bills if any of these are applicable:

- You are on a low wage
- You receive state benefits
- You receive help with rent or council tax
- You live on a pension

You must also live in our area of benefit:

- Hampton
- Teddington
- Twickenham
- Hampton Hill
- Hampton Wick
- Whitton



This is some of the feedback we have received over the year from our applicants:

“This payment has meant that I now don't have to worry about how I will pay my fuel bills in 2021. As a result of this, I feel that my severe anxiety disorder will be improved.”

“My son thanks you very much for the electricity grant. This will give him more confidence in the coming year with the ability to keep himself warm and also enable him to cook his own meals”

“I would like to thank Hampton Fund for the grant towards my fuel costs. My husband passed away in the first lockdown and I have been very stressed wondering how I was going to cope financially”

“I am so thankful to receive this grant as I have been worrying about fuel bills and this has relieved my stress so much during this cold winter”

Type of Grant	Grants awarded 2020/21		Grants awarded 2019/20	
	Number	£	Number	£
Fuel grants	1,847	897,730	1,591	770,650
Essential items and furniture		64,412		53,325
Careline units	0	0	41	2,248
School journey grants	29	3,796	9	1,298
School uniform grants	53	5,300	10	1,000
Children's Disability Fund	0	0	2	1,220
TOTAL		971,238		829,741
Less: Fuel grant refunds		(3,962)		(9,672)
TOTAL		967,276		820,069

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (*abridged version*)



While I am happy, and somewhat relieved, to report that Hampton Fund has fully recovered from the financial effects of COVID-19, I am acutely aware that this is not the case for many of those we support. As such it has been our dual priority over the past year to continue providing as before while at the same time making special provision for these extraordinary times.

To that end, unusually for Hampton Fund, we sought both third-party and local community funding on top of our own income from investments. Through the oneRichmond project this brought in an additional six figure sum. I write more on this later, but I would particularly like to thank all those who contributed.

While all this was happening, we welcomed two new Trustees, Adele Kimber and Sharika Sharma, who have already made a positive difference to the team.

Grants & Investments

Hampton Fund provides grants and other forms of financial help to low income families and individuals, primarily helping them with their energy costs, core furnishing and white goods and a contribution to school uniforms and school trips. We also continue to make grants to other local charities that support local people and provide a range of services within the community.

Our stock-market-invested endowment fund enables us to do this, and great credit goes to our fund managers, Hampton Fund Director, David White and our Chair of Finance and Investment, Dr Martin Duffy, for steering us through with a steady hand.

Placed based giving

oneRichmond is a collaborative venture between Hampton Fund, Richmond Parish Lands Charity (RPLC) and, in time, other community stakeholders. We agreed last year that children and young people would be oneRichmond's first theme. This year we successfully secured a grant of £100,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund to support youth projects to



deliver activities and services for vulnerable young people who have been affected by the COVID-19 crisis. An independent Panel awarded 15 grants to the value of £104,100. The Awards Panel was made up of representatives from local community stakeholders, including four young people, one being the Richmond Chair, Children in Care Council. The Harlequins Foundation contributed the shortfall of £4,100.

Our COVID-19 Appeal was launched to support local charities whose essential services are at risk through loss of funding. To date, approximately £20,000 has been raised, including generous donations from members of the public, Richmond Housing Partnership and PA Housing. Hampton Fund and RPLC added a further £20,000 to this total through match funding. Our thanks once again go to all those who have helped to promote and support this work and to Hampton Fund's David White, Jan Webb, Geraldine Locke and my Deputy Chair, David Meggitt and to the RPLC team for maintaining the momentum.

Charity governance

Governance continues to be an important duty of the Board of Trustees and we execute a programme of regular review of all our policies.

Our Trustees

Ultimately governance sits with the Trustees. Our Trustees are permitted to serve a maximum of two five-year terms, and we can have up to 12 Trustees. We believe this offers a healthy balance of stability and turnover, with usually one or two new Trustees each year. At the close of the year, we had all posts filled, however since June, Clive Beaumont has relocated to Suffolk. I have deeply appreciated his calm and caring approach to the role – performed since 2013. We were fortunate to benefit from his membership and all wish him the very best for the future.

Our HR committee, chaired by Geraldine Locke, has carried out excellent work in the field of diversity and representation as well as honing our skills register of current Trustees and skills requirements for present and future Trustees in order to help us improve as a Board.

Keep in touch

Finally, do tap into our continued presence on social media and on our new website www.hamptonfund.co.uk



It has been a year of ups-and-downs for all of us and Hampton Fund has been busy on your behalf.

Martin Seymour
Chairman

COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED—Some Examples

Supporting the Needs of Carers

The pandemic has affected us all, especially those who are caring for a loved one, whether that loved one is an elderly person with dementia, or a child with a disability. Carers have been experiencing greater levels of stress and feelings of isolation. Many have been at breaking point.

Richmond upon Thames Crossroads Care provides a high-quality home and community respite service for those carers and the people they care for, including older people, adults, children and babies with all disabilities. During the pandemic the charity has continued its caring role for



those who are looked after, providing respite for carers. It has also been proactive in delivering food parcels in partnership with other agencies. We support the work of Crossroads Care with grants to the value of £83,000, including £5,000 for the Carers Café in Hampton Hill.

Richmond Carers Centre focused on critical support via email and telephone, including advice and information and emotional support. Weekly digital updates were produced for adult carers, and bi-weekly updates for young carers, with a focus on information, wellbeing options/activities and good news stories. We supported the charity's work with 3 grants to the value of £41,100, including tailored career guidance for 10 young carers to fit around their caring role. Our grant of £35,000 to **Homelink** covered the costs for a full-time Carer Support Co-ordinator, providing practical help, advocacy, emotional support, signposting and activities for 40 carers.

Supporting Money Advice

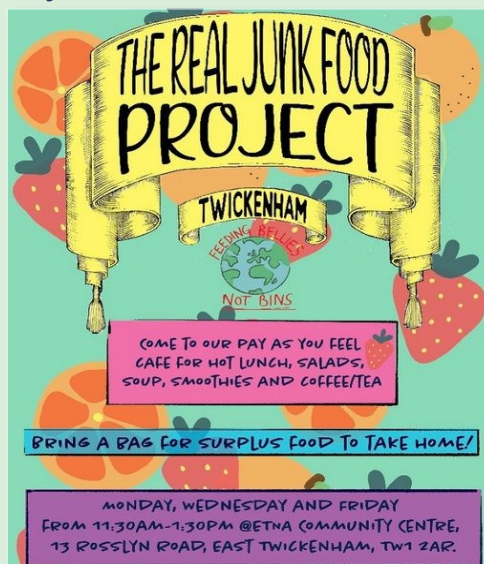
Many families in Richmond have been disproportionately affected by Covid, struggling to pay for food and household bills. An additional grant of £34,000 to **Richmond Advice & Information on Disability (RAID)**, in partnership with **Citizens Advice Richmond**, will employ two additional staff to provide targeted, intensive support for these families.

TW Money Advice Service (TWMAS) is a small local charity, providing 1-1 debt advice and casework for local residents, often dealing with multiple complex issues. The charity has seen a notable increase in those seeking help. Our grant of £8,500 will contribute to salary costs.

Initiatives Addressing Food Poverty

The Real Junk Food Project was established in 2018 to collect surplus food from local supermarkets and shops. It also operates pop-up cafes in the community to serve the food on a 'pay as you feel' basis, helping to alleviate food poverty. Our grant of £19,000 has helped the group employ staff for the first time, including a part-time Project Manager.

Voices Of Hope received £10,000 towards its Brite Box Project to benefit vulnerable families in our area. They will each receive a weekly box of ingredients and recipes to cook a healthy meal. Parents and children will learn new cooking skills and resilience.



The mental health and well-being of our young people remains a priority. Grants to the value of £30,000 were made to **Off The Record, Twickenham** to provide counselling sessions for young people and a grant of £9,000 to **Art & Soul** for a 'Creative Connections' project enabled creative workshops and an online exhibition for young people with mental health concerns.



Capital Grants & Support for Building Developments

TAG Youth Club for Disabled Young People received £20,000 towards a fully accessible minibus, enabling 120 members to participate in activities, trips and residential breaks.



We provide ongoing revenue funding (£12,300) to **Addiction Support and Care Agency (ASCA)** to support its counselling services, but when it rains heavily, you find out that it's time to get the roof fixed. A grant of £7,800 contributed to a new roof.

East Twickenham Neighbourhood Association (ETNA) Community Centre

Trustees approved £10,000 towards the costs of creating a Sensory Garden that will be enjoyed by the community.



SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

Category	Grants awarded 2020/21		Grants awarded 2019/20	
	Number	£	Number	£
Advice, Advocacy & Outreach	5	156,500	1	30,000
Arts, Sports & Recreation	1	6,000	3	42,000
Carers	8	159,100	6	111,200
Children & Young People	12	174,800	11	153,300
Community Activities	6	109,100	8	124,850
Disability	16	295,200	17	256,800
Education	5	57,000	4	42,500
Health & Wellbeing	13	195,500	10	136,900
Housing & Homelessness	2	50,000	2	49,800
Older People	7	131,400	10	155,200
Other	1	20,000	1	28,000
TOTAL	76	1,354,600	73	1,130,550

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The table below provides some of the key information relating to our financial activities for the year ended 30 June 2021. The information is taken from our Annual Report and audited Statement of Financial Activities 30 June 2021, approved by the Trustees on 4 November 2021. A full copy of the report can be viewed on our website at www.hamptonfund.co.uk

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
Income	1,944,549	1,945,918
Expenditure		
Grant making	2,405,341	1,997,619
Staff costs	223,172	179,393
Other	149,081	149,110
Investment Management Costs	97,715	90,289
Total Expenditure	2,875,309	2,416,411
Net gains on investments	7,019,747	(4,407,556)
Net (Expenditure)/Income	6,088,987	(4,878,049)
The Funds of the Charity		
Permanent Endowment Fund	48,687,534	47,506,429
Unapplied Total Return Fund	4,259,977	558,094
Unrestricted Income Funds		
General Fund	9,843,734	8,637,735
Total Charity Funds	62,791,245	56,702,258

The needs of Carers have never been more important, and we are extremely thankful to Hampton Fund for their ongoing support of our high-quality bespoke home and community respite services.
Crossroads Care - Julie da Costa, CEO

Hampton Fund is a responsive, proactive funder that actively engages with the community to understand its needs, and with local charities to understand gaps in support and to build capacity. Their grants have enabled us to offer specialist support to local disabled children (and their families) helping to give them the best possible start in life.
RUILS – Cathy Maker, CEO



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