



NCVS role in handling funds

Some grant-making charitable trusts limit their giving to registered charities, ie charities which are registered with the Charity Commission. This can cause problems for non-registered groups.

NCVS can sometimes help such groups who are members by offering to accept those grants and passing them on, ie acting as an intermediary.

In order that NCVS does not break the law certain formalities **must** be complied with:

- The organisation must write to the NCVS Chief Executive, seeking approval for the use of this facility, giving a brief but adequate explanation of the aims of the organisation.
- The same letter should inform NCVS of the names of the trusts to whom the group is applying for funds, how much is being asked for, and what it will be used for.
- NCVS will let your organisation know in writing whether or not it can act as a transmitter of funds.
- NCVS will make sure that the donor trust understands and accepts that we will not be monitoring the use of funds.

An agreement by NCVS to provide this service does not last indefinitely. If, six months after the original agreement, the organisation wishes NCVS to continue acting for them, we would need another letter asking for the agreement to continue, and giving information on new funding approaches.

Please note that no permission is given for “using” or “borrowing” our charity number, as this is illegal.

We are sorry if this process seems complicated, but the law surrounding this issue is very complex, and NCVS must take great care to ensure that it is acting legally.

For further information contact the Chief Executive at NCVS.

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