Westdene Fund Guidance for applicants

The Westdene Fund at Sussex Community Foundation has been established to provide one-off financial support to students in need displaying outstanding musical talent. Please read the guidance notes carefully to ensure you are eligible to apply for funding.

If you have any queries please contact the Grants Team on 01273 409 440.

Who can apply?

Applications are invited from individual young people who:

• Are 16+ years old and attend a school or college in Sussex (East & West, or Brighton and Hove)

• Have secured, or already taken up, a place at a recognised centre of excellence for musical education, or passed Grade 7 in their chosen instrument

• Are able to demonstrate a wide and continuing interest in music

• Intend to pursue a musical career

• Can demonstrate financial need

What you can apply for

Awards will be made to support a specific activity or object e.g.: consultation lessons, a masterclass, participation in a National Youth Orchestra, a County music tour, or a contribution to the cost of a better grade instrument.

Grant size Grants will be awarded of up to £1000.

Frequency of grants There is no deadline for applications and grants are awarded on a rolling basis.

Process After receipt of an application, Sussex Community Foundation will ask any applicant it wishes to consider further to attend an interview. This will be held at our offices in Lewes and last for approximately 30 minutes. Applicants will normally be informed of the result within two weeks of attending their interview.

How to apply You can apply for a grant by completing the Westdene online application form. This is in 2 parts – the first is for the applicant to fill in and second (which comprises of supporting statements) is for your instrumental teacher and the Head of Music or Director of Studies at College to complete. The

online application form (parts 1 & 2) and guidance note may be accessed through the Sussex Community Foundation website at https://sussexgiving.org.uk/apply-forgrants/how-it-works/