



Lasa receives major boost from London grant maker

*The City of London Corporation's charitable funder, **City Bridge Trust**, celebrates 20 years of giving with 20 special grants*

To mark 20 years of grant giving in the Capital, the City of London Corporation's charitable funder, City Bridge Trust, has awarded an exceptional £20,000 grant to Lasa.

This rare unrestricted funding injection will be a boost to Lasa and enable the organisation to do even more vital work. Every year Lasa's innovative social welfare law and technology support services help thousands of voluntary sector organisations to improve their advice provision and deliver efficient, high quality services to disadvantaged communities.

The City Bridge Trust grant will help Lasa provide impartial technology information and advice to the voluntary sector, supporting and improving the delivery of services. The grant will also support Lasa's social welfare law advice work – including the delivery of the award-winning rightsnet website (www.rightsnet.org.uk), used daily by thousands of organisations to stay up to date with the latest social welfare law developments in welfare rights, housing, debt, employment and community care.

Lasa's grant is one of 20 which City Bridge Trust has awarded to London charities to mark 20 years of investing in Londoners and addressing disadvantage in the Capital.

Over the past two decades, City Bridge Trust has donated £1/3 billion to over 4,000 organisations working with the most disadvantaged people across every London borough. This has enabled many initiatives to grow and become an integral part of life in the Capital.

Commenting on the 20 special grants, City Bridge Trust's Chairman, Jeremy Mayhew said:

"In our 20th year of grant making, we are delighted to be able to provide further support to Lasa. Everyday, London's communities and voluntary sector face challenges: our city, whilst rich and vibrant, is also home to extremes of poverty and deprivation. We are committed to supporting organisations such as Lasa' helping to make London a fairer place in which to live and work."

Terry Stokes, Lasa's Chief Executive, said:

"We are absolutely delighted to receive this special grant from the City Bridge Trust which will help us to continue providing much needed social welfare law and technology support to the London voluntary sector."

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About the City of London Corporation's charity, City Bridge Trust

- The City Bridge Trust is the grant-making arm of Bridge House Estates which maintain Blackfriars, Southwark, London, Tower and Millennium Bridge at no cost to the tax payer. For the past 20 years, the City of London Corporation's charity, City Bridge Trust has awarded surplus funds from the upkeep of the bridges as charitable grants to benefit Londoners.
- The City of London Corporation is the sole Trustee of the City Bridge Trust.
- The City Bridge Trust's mission is to support disadvantaged Londoners through grant-making, social investment, encouraging philanthropy and influencing public policy. It provides grants totalling around £20m per year towards charitable activity benefitting Greater London.

For further details see: www.citybridgetrust.org.uk

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