

FOCAS GUIDELINES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES

Applicants should note that FoCAS exists to support the work of Cumbria Archive Service. The support of other archive services, however worthy, is not an object of FoCAS

1. Grants should be in accordance with the charitable objects of the Friends of Cumbria Archives (FoCAS) defined as 'the education of the public by promotion, support, assistance and improvement of the Cumbria Archive Service' as approved by the Charity Commission, and represent an investment in Cumbria Archive Service and the historical community in Cumbria.
2. The type of organisations in which FoCAS invests should have charitable objectives that are aligned with those of FoCAS and which operate within Cumbria. The relevant organisations are likely to be charitable, but may exceptionally be publicly funded or commercial.
3. A geographical spread across the County will be a consideration in making decisions.
4. The anticipated outcomes as a result of the funding should be stated, i.e. the benefits to the identified groups, to Cumbria Archive Service, and to learning and education, and how they contribute to FoCAS's public benefit.
5. Applicants are asked to provide the name and address of a referee and to identify any other funding sources to which the applying body has access.
6. A trustee of FoCAS will be appointed to liaise with a successful applicant.