



# WEST SOMERSET STEAM RAILWAY TRUST LIMITED

Registered Charity No. 265564

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## POLICY ON GRANTS TO OTHER BODIES

### Context

1. The Trust has the power to make grants to other bodies where this is consistent with its objects and is for the public benefit.
2. The objects are:  
to promote education by furthering interest in and appreciation of railway lines, equipment, buildings, and construction and steam or other traction engines<sup>1</sup> of historical engineering or scientific importance particularly by preserving and displaying the same.

### Policy

3. The Trust may consider making a grant to another body (the 'receiving body') where it has funds available, and considers that this is a better way of delivering the Trust's objects than incurring expenditure directly.
4. Before making a grant, the Trust will consider a range of factors including:
  - **railway heritage:** the grant should support the preservation or display of railway assets of historical, engineering or scientific importance, and should therefore generally be for capital items;
  - **additionality:** if the receiving body would deliver the same railway heritage benefits even without a grant, then a grant is less likely to be appropriate;
  - **public benefit:** the railway assets should be available to view by as wide a group of the public as possible, for example visible from station platforms;
  - **availability of resources:** before making a grant, the Trust will need to be satisfied that this is of a sufficiently high priority compared with other Trust activities. This is likely to be the case where the Trust has benefited from work done by the receiving body in anticipation of a grant, or where it has received a donation restricted to a project being undertaken by the receiving body;
  - **donor restrictions:** if a donor has specified that a donation should be used for a specific project, or for the preservation or display of railway assets on a particular railway, the Trust must treat that donation as restricted to that project or railway, but still needs to consider railway heritage and public benefit issues.

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<sup>1</sup> Collectively referred to in this policy as 'railway assets'.

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Responsible Trustee: Chris Bolt

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