

LONDON BOMBINGS RELIEF CHARITABLE FUND

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Timeline

7 July 2005	Four bombs are set off by terrorists on the London transport system – on three tube trains and on a bus - killing 52 people and injuring many more.
8 July 2005	London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund set up by the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone, and the British Red Cross to enable people who want to give money to assist the victims and their families. Interim trustees appointed to oversee the running of the charity. The London Evening Standard gives its backing to the Fund.
11 July 2005	Fund registers as a charity and incorporates as a company.
15 July 2005	Former charity commission chief, John Stoker, appointed as LBRCF chief executive.
18 July 2005	Donations reach £3.5 million.
21 July 2005	Interim payments are announced for bereaved relatives (£5,000) and to those injured and hospitalised overnight (£3,000). The payments are aimed at helping with immediate financial need and will be topped-up later as the needs of the victims and their families emerge.
22 July 2005	The Fund total £5 million.
26 July 2005	Six new trustees to oversee the running of the charity.
3 August 2005	Total raised and pledged: - £8 million.
4 August 2005	The London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund welcomes a donation of £100,774.77 from London Underground customers. The donations were collected in the space of one day at over 60 tube stations.
30 August 2005	More payments, aimed at helping with immediate financial need, are announced for the relatives who lost loved ones in the bombings and to those who were injured and hospitalised for a week as a result of the 7 July attacks. Grants paid top £1 million.
20 September 2005	Major grants programme of substantial financial help to the bereaved and seriously injured announced. This takes the value of grants available to these victims to £2.8 million. The Fund also announces grants of £3,000 to victims who were medically certified as unfit for four weeks or more between 7 July and 20 September because of the bombings, provided they have not already had a grant from the Fund.
4 October 2005	Grants paid to victims pass £1.5 million
26 October 2005	Grants paid to victims pass £2 million
30 October 2005	Fund total reaches £9 million.
16 November 2005	Further programme of major grants announced. Announcement commits between £6-£7 million of the Fund's budget.
12 December 2005	Carol Stone appointed as chief executive of the LBRCF.

John Stoker, the former chief executive, continues to act as an adviser to the Fund.

21 December 2005

Grants paid out reach £4.75 million

5 January 2006

Workers at Liverpool John Lennon Airport hand over a donation of nearly £32,000 to the LBRCF.

21 February 2006

Grants paid out pass £5 million

LBRCF makes £71,000 grant to 7 July Assistance Centre. Fund announces 31 March 2006 deadline for new grant applications by anyone who has not applied to the charity before.

14 March 2006

Grants paid out pass £7 million

LBRCF announces final payments to the most seriously affected victims of 7/7.

10 April 2006

Grants paid out pass £7.5 million

8 June 2006

Grants paid out pass £8.2 million

Government announces a donation of £2.5 million to the LBRCF.

LBRCF nominated for a national prize at the Charity Awards 2006 for its grant-making work.

15 June 2006

Charity Awards 2006: LBRCF wins the award for effectiveness.

30 June 2006

Grants paid out reach £10.5 million

23 August 2006

Grants paid out reach £11 million

October 2006

Grants paid out reach almost £12 million including a further grant to the 7th July Assistance Centre

LBRCF closes its fundraising and announces its formal closure. The Trustees confirm that at the end of the legal process for closing the charitable company any remaining funds will go to charities continuing to support those affected by the bombings.