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# Greener Futures Fund

Fund guidelines 2021

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## About the Fund

The Greener Futures Fund is a new fund created by Grosvenor and the London Community Foundation for the benefit of communities in Westminster and North Southwark. The aim of the Greener Futures Fund is to empower communities to take local action on climate change.

The fund is a part of Grosvenor Britain & Ireland's new £1 million+ community investment programme focused on communities & the climate emergency, Greener Futures: People Powered. Aimed at improving lives in and around the places Grosvenor helps to make and manage, the programme will support training and job opportunities in the green economy, enable community-led climate action and support young people's access to nature.

These Guidelines outline the Fund criteria and tell you how to apply. The Greener Futures Fund is managed by The London Community Foundation and is open to proposals for work taking place in Westminster and North Southwark, with priority given to those benefitting South Westminster and Bermondsey.

The deadline for applications is **midday on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January (updated)**.

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## Fund criteria

Grants of up to £30,000 per year are available to support work enabling communities to take climate action in Westminster and North Southwark. Applicants can request 1 or 2 years of funding in this round. The fund is expected to run until 2025, successful projects will also be able to apply for continuation funding in future years.

Applications must clearly be about local climate action and should meet at least one of the following priorities:

- Have a positive impact on the local environment
- Encourage local people to get involved in grass roots environmental activities
- Raise awareness of climate change and changing behaviours leading to more local environmental action
- Develop and share knowledge about the environment with others locally
- Provide skills, training or job opportunities for local people connected to the climate response
- Improve access to nature and nature-based climate solutions

Applicants may be based anywhere, but the funded work must benefit communities in Westminster and North Southwark, with priority given to those benefitting South Westminster and Bermondsey. Applicants must demonstrate good local knowledge and / or local partnerships and be able to report on the impact of their work.

**Priority will be given to:**

- South Westminster and Bermondsey based groups
- Smaller, grassroots organisations which don't already have substantial funding in place
- Organisations demonstrating a clear understanding of the local community and the impact of their work

**Examples of the types of projects that might be funded include:**

- Food growing or food waste prevention projects
- Reuse / recycling projects
- Greening and / or wildlife habitats
- Education or training projects relating to the local environment including gardening skills and forest schools
- Skills development projects for local people relating to the climate response including carbon literacy, re-use/repair skills, energy advice & retrofitting
- Sustainable transport schemes such as bike loans
- Supporting the community in switching to sustainable energy suppliers
- Community-led research and awareness projects
- Digital projects to enhance sustainability – such as apps or websites to enable behaviour change or increase local awareness of climate action

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## Who can apply?

The fund is open to:

- Constituted community groups, neighbourhood forums and resident groups
- Registered charities
- Companies limited by guarantee
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) Limited by guarantee
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs)

Applicants must:

- Be based in, or supporting people living within London
- Have a management committee/board of directors/trustees of at least three unrelated people
- Have a signed constitution or other relevant governance document
- Have a bank account under the name of the group with at least two unrelated signatories
- Have Annual Accounts or an Income and Expenditure Sheet for the post recent financial period
- Have a Safeguarding Policy

## Closing date for applications

The deadline for completed applications, including all supporting documents is **midday on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January (updated)**.

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## What cannot be funded through this programme?

The following types of organisation are not eligible:

- Companies limited by Shares (including CIC limited by shares).
- Statutory organisations, such as local authorities.
- NHS bodies.
- Co-operative Societies
- Commercial organisations

The grant funds cannot be used for:

- Activities that promote religious or political views
- Purely commercial ventures (for profit)
- Spending that has already taken place (i.e. retrospective funding)
- Individual sponsorship or redistribution of a grant to individuals or other organisations
- Activities where people are excluded on the basis of religion, sexual orientation, gender or ethnicity (unless the issue is group-specific)
- Mainstream activities and statutory requirements of hospitals and medical centres (including NHS Trusts), universities, colleges and schools (unless out of school activities)
- There must be no personal benefit attached to the grant

The following are not eligible to apply:

- Organisations that have had two concurrent years of late submissions to Charity Commission/Companies House within the last two completed financial years
- Organisations that have had two years net current liabilities within the two most recent completed financial years
- Organisations where Trustees are paid - unless evidence of approval is provided from the Charity Commission and/or this arrangement is referenced in the governing document
- Organisations with overdue or incomplete monitoring on a previous grant from The London Community Foundation and / or Grosvenor

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## How to apply

To apply for a grant, click on the following link

<https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/LondonCF/GreenerFutures>

Please also read the **online application form guidance**, which is also available on the Greener Futures Fund home page at <https://londoncf.org.uk/uploads/Greener-Futures-Online-Form-Guidance-2021.pdf>

These notes will help you understand what we expect, and guide you as you go through the online application form and you can save your application at any point and come back to complete it at any time before the closing date.

**You also need to submit all of your supporting documents by uploading them at the end of your application form.** We regret we are unable to consider incomplete or late applications.

Supporting documents you need to submit are:

- A copy of your signed governing document, i.e. Memorandum and Articles of Association or Constitution
- A copy of your most recent signed annual accounts or a current/forecasted income and expenditure sheet for new organisations
- A copy of your safeguarding policy if you will be working with children or vulnerable adults
- Names and addresses of your management committee members

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## What happens next?

### What happens after you have applied?

We may contact you to discuss your ideas by phone or email. You should hear the outcome of your application by March 2022. Therefore, your project should not start before Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022. If you are awarded a grant you will have up to 12 or 24 months to spend it and deliver your project/programme, including any required permissions (depending on whether you apply for 1 or 2 years of funding).

### Successful applicants

If your application is successful, you will be required to:

- Credit support from Grosvenor and The London Community Foundation on all materials related to the funded work (logos will be provided);
- Complete your spending within 12 months or 24 months (depending on whether you apply for 1 or 2 years of funding) – projects may be shorter than this duration but may not exceed it.
- Complete an online project review form about the impact of the project within four weeks of completing your grant, and no later than 14 months after receipt of grant. 2 year projects will also be required to complete an interim report at 12 months.
- Maintain financial records for all grant spending and submit requested information to The London Community Foundation, including original invoices
- Be available for a potential monitoring visit by The London Community Foundation or The Greener Futures Fund

## Living Wage Friendly Funder

The London Community Foundation is now a Living Wage Friendly Funder. This scheme, run by the Living Wage Foundation means that The London Community Foundation will actively encourage and support applications from organisations willing to pay staff the Living Wage (currently £10.85 per hour in London), or higher. You can learn more about The Living Wage by clicking [here](http://www.livingwage.org.uk/whatliving-wage). (<http://www.livingwage.org.uk/whatliving-wage>).

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## Key application dates for The Greener Futures Fund 2021-22

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021



After Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Applications Open



Application Deadline @ Midday



Decisions Released



Earliest Date Projects Can Start for Grantees

### Need help?

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss your proposal prior to making an application, if you need help with completing the form or providing the supporting documents.

The London Community Foundation: [applications@londoncf.org.uk](mailto:applications@londoncf.org.uk) / 020 7582 51171



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