

Greenwich Peninsula Community Fund

Fund guidelines 2024

Round 2

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Foundation**

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About the Greenwich Peninsula Community Fund

The Greenwich Peninsula Community Fund opened for the first year of grant funding in 2023. Funded primarily by Knight Dragon, this Fund has been established to support the growing community of Greenwich Peninsula as the area develops.

Knight Dragon are the lead developer regenerating Greenwich Peninsula. With over 17,000 new homes, 12,000 new jobs and 48 acres of open public space emerging over the coming years, here is an urban community with design and creativity embedded in its fabric.

This £1.9 million fund will support the delivery of community projects that will have a positive social, economic, and environmental impact on the local community. The first year of this fund awarded £100,000 to 7 organisations. The funding will be allocated with the support of a grants panel including representatives from Knight Dragon, the Royal Borough of Greenwich and L&Q (another Registered Social Landlord).

About The London Community Foundation

The London Community Foundation (LCF) is an independent charity which specialises in supporting grassroots, community-based organisations focused on helping disadvantaged London. We do this by harnessing ideas and talents in the community to make progress on deep-rooted issues that can't be solved elsewhere and achieve this primarily through our grantmaking. Unlike other Trusts and Foundations we do not just give out our 'own' money, rather we work with a range of donors, supporting predominantly small charities and community groups to tackle local issues.

Fund Area

The Fund will support community projects directly delivered within the Greenwich Peninsula ward boundary. Please note that a charity or organisation does not need to be registered within the Greenwich Peninsula ward to apply for this fund, however the funding spent needs to directly benefit the residents and community of Greenwich Peninsula with **80% of a project's delivery occurring within the Peninsula.**

Grant Size

Grants will be between £5,000 to £20,000 for up to 1 year.

Fund Criteria

The Fund will provide grants to community projects, voluntary sector organisations or community groups based or operating in the Greenwich Peninsula. Projects will be required to demonstrate social value through:

1. Improved access to **employment and training opportunities** across the Peninsula
2. Active **participation in the society (civic engagement)** and improvement in life skills
3. Delivering inclusive **health and wellbeing programmes**
4. Positive impact on the **local environment**, air pollution is reduced, safeguarding the natural environment, resource efficiency and circular economy solutions
5. Projects that create **more resilient communities** by demonstrating that crime is reduced, vulnerable people are helped to live independently.
6. More **opportunities for disadvantaged people and those most vulnerable** in the community including full time employment opportunities for armed forces veterans, homeless employees, mothers returning to work, survivors of modern slavery employees, young care leavers, rehabilitating offenders, young people who are Not in Employment, Education, or Training (NEETs).
7. Innovative projects that have a positive **social, economic and environmental** impact on the community.

Types of projects that have previously been funded include:

- Projects that support skills development for children and young people, i.e. mentoring, employment advice, access to training opportunities.
- Activities that promote health and wellbeing for those who are most isolated within the community. For example, befriending services or exercise classes for young professionals and older people.
- Environmental conservation projects that allow volunteering opportunities.

Who can apply?

The following **not-for-profit organisations** are eligible to apply:

- Constituted community and resident groups
- Registered charities
- Companies limited by guarantee
- Social enterprises
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) Limited by Guarantee – **not** CICs Limited by Shares
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs)

These are LCF's core eligibility criteria:

- **Eligible Legal Structures** – there must be a signed governing document in place appropriate to the legal structure which includes an asset lock (or equivalent clause), and the purpose of all funded activities must be charitable (not for profit):
 - Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
 - Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) - may also be registered as a Charity or a Community Interest Company Limited by Guarantee (CICLG)
 - Trust
 - Unincorporated Association
 - Community Benefit Societies (CBS). Ideally, the CBS will also be registered as charitable with HMRC, however this is not essential.
- **Governance:** You must have at least three unrelated members legally responsible for the governance of the organisation; Trustees/Directors/Management Committee as appropriate to your structure. Please note that this refers to the highest level of governance, a Management Committee that sits below a board of Trustees (e.g. charities, CIOs) or Directors (CLG or CICLG) does not count towards this.
- **Bank account:** A bank account in the same name as the organisation applying with a minimum of two unrelated signatories must be in place by the start of the grant.
- **Safeguarding:** You must have a safeguarding policy in place that has been reviewed in the last two years.
- **Previous LCF funding:** All conditions from any previous London Community Foundation grants must be completed and there is no current outstanding monitoring at the time of application.
- **Registration:** If the income for charitable purposes is more than £5k at the point of application, organisations must have submitted an application to register to Charity Commission or the relevant regulator (e.g., Companies House, CIC regulator or Financial Conduct Authority). If the LCF grant will take the organisation over £5k, please visit [this website](#) for guidance on setting up a charity, including information on legal structures.

Who and what isn't eligible:

- 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
- 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).

- There must be no [personal benefit](#) attached to the grant.
- The organisation must not have two years of late submissions to the Charity Commission/Companies House within the last two completed financial years.
- The organisation must not have two years of net current liabilities within the two most recent completed financial years.
- Organisations where Trustees are paid are not eligible unless evidence of approval is provided from the Charity Commission and/or this arrangement is referenced in the governing document.

Monitoring and evaluating your work

We want to maximise the social value produced by the fund and ensure that every penny spent has a positive social impact. Knight Dragon will work with our grantees to support the social value measurement of their projects.

Grantees will be required to complete a short monitoring form at 6 months with a larger final monitoring report required after the end of the project year highlighting the benefits for your service users. Monitoring and evaluating our grants enables us to better understand the impact of our grant making. It helps us to understand community need, inform future strategies, and provides vital information if we are considering future funding!

It should also help you to collect valuable information on how service users benefit from your work, what works and what doesn't, and also demonstrate to funders the value of your work. For further information and tips on monitoring your work, there are several useful websites, such as [NVCO's Guidance](#) and [The UK Evaluation Society](#).

How to apply

The online application form can be accessed via the London Community Foundation's 'Available Grants' page [here](#) on the website by clicking on the 'Apply now' button on the webpage.

Please read the instructions carefully, tick to say if you agree and have understood, enter your e-mail address and click on the "Send e-mail and continue". Once you have done this you will be sent an e-mail with a link to your unique online application form. You should receive the e-mail within a couple of minutes (please check your junk mail folder).

Application deadline

The round opened for funding on Wednesday 10th July and will close at **midday on Friday 6th September**. Please note we are unable to consider applications that are submitted after the deadline or those that do not have the supporting documents included.

Some top tips for top applications:

- Draft responses before completing the online form and save them in a Word document.
- Make sure that every question has been answered in full (the form will prompt you).
- Ensure your budget section has a clear breakdown of all the costs associated with your project.
- Ask somebody to read through the application before sending, preferably someone who knows nothing about the project. This is a great way to pick up on any mistakes or lack of information and rectify it before submitting.

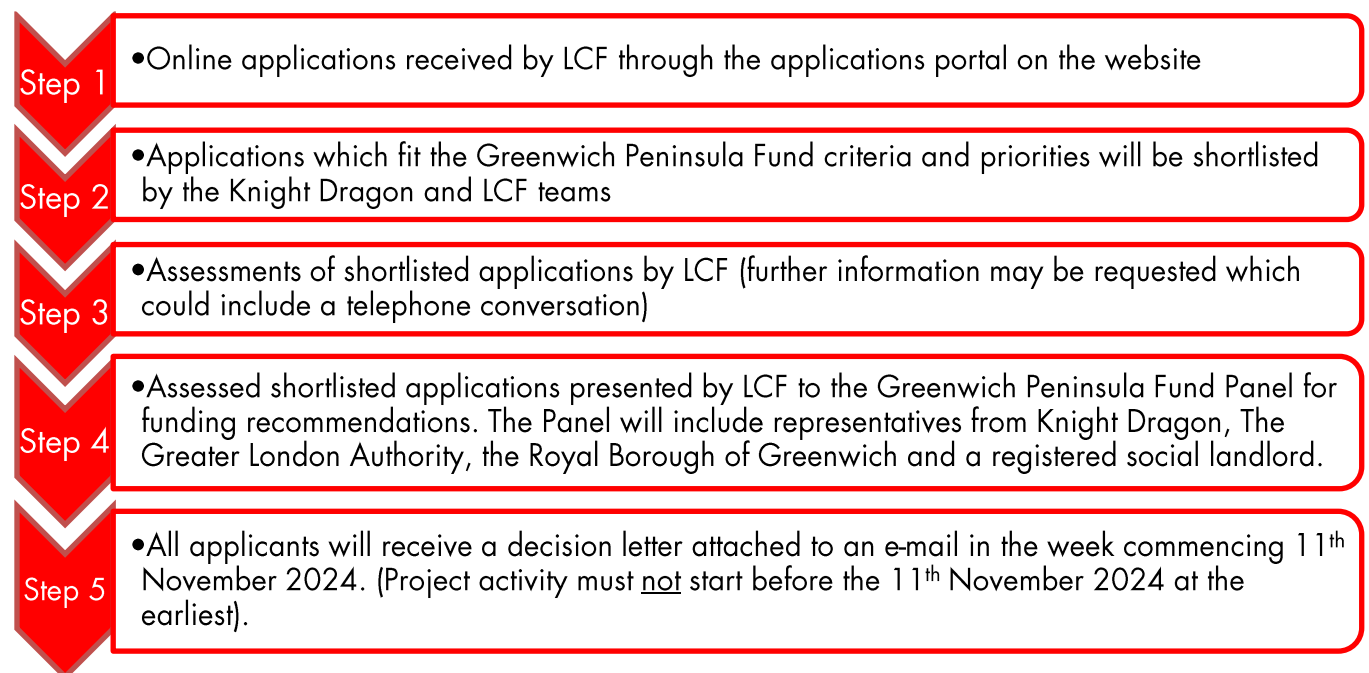
Living Wage Funder

The London Community Foundation is a Living Wage 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 real Living Wage (currently £13.15 in London), or higher.

If you are applying for funding of any staff costs (this could include existing staff members, sessional workers, part-time or full-time posts, freelance workers) you should budget these at the Living Wage or above. We are sensitive to circumstances where applicants feel that taking up the Living Wage could cause difficulties, in these instances, please explain the circumstances in the Living Wage section of the application form. This does not require employers to pay the Living Wage to apprentices or interns although we recommend it as best practice for employers who can afford to do so.

You can learn more about The Living Wage Funder Scheme at <https://www.livingwage.org.uk/living-wage-funders>

What happens next?



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

- Credit support from the Greenwich Peninsula Community Fund and The London Community Foundation on all materials related to the funded work using the correct logos (available on request).
- Complete spending within 12 months, and a monitoring form about the project within four weeks of completing your grant, and no later than 14 months after receipt of grant.
- Maintain financial records for all grant spending and submit requested information to LCF.
- Be available for a potential monitoring visit by LCF or representatives of the Fund.

Need help?

Please do not hesitate to contact The London Community Foundation's Grants Team if you would like to discuss your proposal prior to making an application, if you need help with completing the form or providing supporting documents.

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