

The London
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Lambeth Community Fund

Fund guidelines 2021

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About the Fund

The Lambeth Community Fund is a charitable venture set up to support the borough today and long into the future, responding over time to the changing needs of local people. It was established in 2008 by the transfer of the trusteeship of the Pedlar's Acre endowment from Lambeth Council. The Lambeth Community Fund is also made up of a number of other endowments. We have now consolidated all these separate programmes so that community groups can apply to one fund with one set of criteria.

This year, the Fund will be allocated **via the London Community Response Fund:**

<https://londoncommunityresponsefund.org.uk/> The benefit of this is that applications not funded by the Lambeth Community Fund can be considered by other funders.

Fund Themes

Funds will be directed towards the Renewal strand of the London Community Response Fund. The themes are:

- **Building strong communities:** people are able to play an active role in their communities; and London is a more equal and inclusive city post COVID-19. Includes work to help people feel a belonging to their community, capacity building for civil society, meeting new/changed demand, and support for community hubs
- **New deal for young people:** recognising how the coronavirus pandemic has impacted young people's mental and physical wellbeing, their safety, potential, education and job prospects; this theme will focus on helping the most disadvantaged young people. Includes support for youth centres to sustain, mentoring, tailored support and youth advocacy.
- **Robust safety net:** people are supported so that they can avoid or be lifted out of poverty and relieve hardship. This includes advice services and crisis support.

Further information on these themes and the LCRF criteria can be found here:

<https://londoncommunityresponsefund.org.uk/guidance>

Fund Criteria:

To be considered for the Lambeth Community Fund, your organisation **must be based in Lambeth and projects must be for the benefit of Lambeth residents**. However, if this is not the case, you can still be considered for other pots of funding available through the London Community Response Fund.

The majority of the Lambeth Community Fund funding is flexible, however, we have some specific funding to meet certain criteria. Your application must still address the themes above but if your project also addresses one of the following you may have a greater chance of success:

- Benefits the Portuguese-speaking community;
- Supports young people aged under 25 into positive activities. This includes supporting NEET young people (those not in education, employment or training) into education, training or apprenticeships.

How much can I apply for?

Grants of up to £50,000 are available. As funds are limited, please apply for the level you need.

What can I apply for?

- People – staffing and volunteer costs associated with delivering the work you are applying for;
- Support – supervision and support for your team, including wellbeing and specialist support that ensures the resilience of staff and volunteers;
- Equipment – any equipment you need to deliver this work that is not already in your budget;
- Resources – any new software or training needed for your team to do their work;
- Services and access – meeting the needs of the people you work for, including food and essentials, translation or interpreting services, or deep cleaning of accommodation;
- Overheads – direct additional costs (e.g. for home working), together with a proportionate contribution to your organisational costs (including your governance costs);
- Partnership – staff time, professional fees, or support needed to enable collaboration; and
- Development – contributions to capacity building, infrastructure and organisational development.

Who can apply?

Constituted community groups, registered charities, charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs), or community interest companies (CICs) limited by guarantee (without shares) with an annual income of £250,000 or less are all eligible to apply to the fund.

Please note that if your organisation's annual income in the last year was greater than £250,000 you will not be eligible for funding from the Lambeth Community Fund but may be considered for other funding through the London Community Response Fund.

Your organisation will need to have the following elements in place prior to an application:

- a governing document (constitution or memorandum & articles of association);
- an active management committee of at least three people who are not related;
- a bank account in the name of the organisation, with at least two unrelated signatories;
- recent financial accounts (or a bank statement if you are a new group)
- a safeguarding policy (if working with children and young people (under 18) and/or vulnerable adults).

What cannot be funded by The Lambeth Community Fund?

Grants will not be provided to:

- Non-Lambeth based organisations
- Projects primarily benefiting people who do not live, work or study in Lambeth
- Activity that is the responsibility of Statutory organisations
- Statutory organisations, such as Local Authorities, NHS organisations and schools*
- Individuals or projects run by individuals, as opposed to an organisation
- Commercial or profit-making organisations or projects
- Direct payments to your beneficiaries
- Activities that are primarily religious or political in nature
- Activities where people are excluded on religious grounds, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, faith etc.
- Contribute to capital build ('bricks and mortar') projects
- Organisations with any overdue monitoring for previous grants through The London Community Foundation
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) limited by shares
- Spending that has already taken place (i.e. retrospective funding)
- Organisations whose current liabilities have exceeded their current assets at the last two balance sheet dates
- 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 in receipt of Directors/Trustees Loans
- Applications from organisations with overdue or incomplete monitoring on a previous grant from The London Community Foundation from any of its programmes. If you know you have outstanding monitoring on a previous grant, please contact The London Community Foundation to resolve this.

* 'Friends of' schools or Parent Teacher Associations may apply, however projects should be open to and of benefit to the wider community, not just for children at the school. Please call and speak to the LCF Programme Manager about your proposed project before applying if you fall into this category.

Deadline for applications

Midday on Monday 15 February 2021 (No late applications will be accepted)

How to apply

Applications are submitted through an online application form. To apply for a grant please visit:

<https://londoncommunityresponsefund.org.uk/apply-0> We recommend that you read the guidance notes before completing the online application form.

Monitoring and evaluation

Monitoring and evaluating our grants enables us to better understand the impact of our grant-making. It helps us to understand community need, enables us to learn from our grant-making and inform future strategies, and also enables us to show our supporters the impact of their donations and hopefully encourage them to give more. It should also help you measure the difference that your project has made, collect valuable information on how service users have benefited from your work, what works and what doesn't, and also demonstrate to funders (and donors) the value of your work. Monitoring and evaluation is therefore a key part of our work, and all grantees are required to submit an end of grant monitoring report. Full details on the information grantees need to collect will be given to successful applicants when the grant is awarded.

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 Living Wage (currently £10.85 per hour in London), or higher.

Key Contacts

If you have any queries about The Lambeth Community Fund, please call us on 020 7582 5117.

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