



WIMBLEDON FOUNDATION HOMELESSNESS FUND

The Wimbledon Foundation Homelessness Fund is a special grants initiative which marks the completion of No. 1 Court roof in 2019 by supporting homelessness charities that help people to access services and safe shelter.

Strengthening local homelessness charities

The Wimbledon Foundation is partnering with The London Community Foundation (LCF) to strengthen homelessness charities providing vital services **in the locality of Merton and Wandsworth**. We recognise that community-based homelessness organisations are subject experts in the field responding to increasingly complex needs and demand for services.

Strategic grants are available to help build organisational resilience and efficiency over the next three-years and contribute to the sustainability of homelessness prevention and support services.

Eligibility

All applicants **must**:

- Be a **registered charity** with a primary organisational objective to tackle homelessness.
- Demonstrate expertise and significant experience of delivering services for homeless people in the **locality of Merton and/or Wandsworth**.

Funding available

- Flexible multi-year grants of up to £50,000 per year are available for up to three years as a guideline. A reduced amount should be requested for the final year.
- Funding requests should be proportionate to the organisation's size and the extent of their existing services currently provided in the locality of Merton and Wandsworth. The amount requested in each year must not be more than 25% of an organisation's annual income (or average income over the past three years).
- Funding is for **core costs** to contribute to the strategic development of your organisation to build resilience and sustainability.

What we will fund

Feel free to tell us what you need most as an organisation. For example, a strategic grant could help you to:

- Develop key operational functions within the organisation such as management, business planning, information systems and training.
- Develop a more cost-efficient service; improve ability to demonstrate impact; improve user consultation and services addressing complex needs; scale effective or expanded approaches.
- Invest in leadership and development of key personnel including Trustees, staff and volunteers.
- Develop partnerships and partnership bids with other organisations tackling homelessness.
- Plan effective interventions in Merton and Wandsworth, taking care to avoid duplication of effort.
- Build networks to share learning and develop referral pathways for service users/clients.

These are only a few examples of the types of capacity building activities we would consider supporting. This is a flexible, strategic fund and we welcome your ideas.

How to apply

Visit [here](#) to download our straightforward, short Application Form which tells us about your charity and work to tackle homelessness, your organisational needs, and how a flexible strategic grant could best support your organisation. We recommend that you also download and read our [Application Form Guidance Notes](#) before starting to complete the form.

Application deadline

- **Friday 3rd May @ 5pm**

Please ensure that your completed application and supporting documents are submitted no later than the deadline given above.

Application process

Monday 8 th April 2019	Applications Open
Friday 3 rd May 2019	Application Form Submission Deadline @ 5pm
Mon 20 th May - Wed 5 th June 2019	Visits to Shortlisted Charities – please ensure that your organisation and key staff would be available to host a visit during this period
w/c Monday 17 th June 2019	Decisions Released

Supporting documents

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

- A governing document, i.e. a constitution or memorandum and articles of association
- An active management committee of at least three people (who are not related)
- Audited Annual Accounts
- An Income & Expenditure forecast for the current financial year
- A bank account in the name of the group, with at least two unrelated signatories
- A safeguarding policy

Please note that not all of the above documents will be requested at the Application Form stage.

Need help?

We recommend that you 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 grant request amount and duration provided are for guidance and we welcome initial discussions to explore your organisation's specific request. In exceptional circumstances grants in excess of £50,000 per annum may be available.

For further information please contact Rich Horsnell at The London Community Foundation at richard.horsnell@londoncf.org.uk / 020 7582 5117.

About The London Community Foundation

We are The London Community Foundation, the charity for London's grassroots. We specialise in supporting community-based organisations focused on helping disadvantaged London.

We're passionate about London, its people, its communities and its vitality. But we also know that it's a place that can exclude and marginalise. We believe grassroots organisations hold the key to improving the lives of the most disadvantaged.

By shining a light on the key issues faced and supporting the best ideas to grow, we strengthen and nurture the network of local people solving local problems.

About the Wimbledon Foundation

The Wimbledon Foundation is the charity of The All England Lawn Tennis Club and The Championships. Its mission is to help change people's lives using the resources and heritage of Wimbledon. The Foundation's goals are to:

- Strengthen the local community by helping people in the boroughs of Merton and Wandsworth
- Support healthy and active lives by enabling good mental and physical health for people of all ages
- Develop young people by creating opportunities to learn skills for life
- Help those in need by supporting charities through The Championships and the All England Club.

For further information about the Wimbledon Foundation visit: www.wimbledon.com/foundation.