



TOWER HAMLETS

Grants Determination Sub-Committee

1 May 2019

Local Community Fund and Small Grants



Local Community Fund

- Developed through co-production with VCS
- Five themes sub-divided into 15 schemes
 - Inclusion, health & wellbeing
 - Digital inclusion
 - Information and advice
 - Employment and skills
 - Community safety
- £2.66m pa from 1 Oct 19 to 31 Mar 23



LCF – Principles

- Outcomes focus
- Proportionate process
- Full cost – no requirement for match funding
- Locally based
- Continuing co-design of activities
- ‘Light touch’ contracts
- Outcomes based monitoring



LCF – Process

- Open and transparent bidding process
- Support & training provided
- External assessment
- Equality impact and risk assessment
- Decisions made by Chief Executive
- Reported for endorsement to Cabinet
- Annual impact report to O&S and Cabinet



Engagement - Development

- 131 organisations (312 individual attendances) have engaged in the development of the final programme.
- Similar numbers participated in the development of the framework in 2018.



Engagement - Bidding

- LBTH sessions with THCVS support
 - Five sessions (3x daytime, 1x evening & 1x weekend)
 - 100+ organisations attended
- THCVS
 - Seven sessions delivered
 - Seven further sessions planned – longer workshop/surgery sessions



Current bids

- Bids in progress 100+
 - Bids from non-MSG orgs 50+
 - Partnership bids 2



Information and Support

Council – www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lcf

Questions to vcs@towerhamlets.gov.uk or
gemma.cossins@towerhamlets.gov.uk.

THCVS

Events and training: <https://thcvs.org.uk/training/>

Information: <https://thcvs.org.uk/projects/local-community-fund>

VCTH are also providing support through their Voluntary Sector Children and Young People's Network,
https://www.vcth.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=49&Itemid=69

Small Grants Programme

- Single programme for all Council grants
- Five themes
- Outcomes based funding
- Common eligibility criteria
- Proportionate levels of funding
- Externally administered by EECF
- Funding begins 1 October 2019



Funding themes

- **Innovation**

to encourage innovation or pilot something new, especially where there is a gap;

- **Prevention**

to promote grass roots activity to reduce the need for statutory services;

- **Neighbourhood action**

to promote local neighbourhood initiatives

- **Community cohesion**

to develop community resilience, promote cultural opportunities and reduce social isolation, and

- **Partnership working**

making the sector more effective through closer partnership working within the sector and across sectors.



Eligibility

- No restriction on size (priority small group)
- Local leadership
- Local area of benefit
- Include communities of interest
- Proportionate standards of governance and management – non-constituted groups supported by established organisations
- Not open to individuals



Levels of Funding

1. Up to £1,000 – one off micro funding
2. Over £1,000 up to £5,000 – one off or up to one year with potential extension for second year
3. Community cohesion up to £20,000



Timetable

- 1 May First round launched
 - 24 June Deadline for first round
 - 1 Sept First round notifications
 - 1 Oct New projects begin
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- Four rounds per year



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