

Standard Grants Programme

Through its Standard Grants programme, East End Community Foundation seeks to fund high quality delivery of projects or services that will make a positive and long-lasting difference to the people involved.

Before applying for funding, please read the following guidance carefully.

1. How much money is available?

Organisations may apply for up to £10,000

2. What are the grants for?

There are three strands to this programme:

- Employment
- Education & Learning
- Community Wellbeing & Inclusion

Applications should focus on **one** of these priority areas. Other activities such as Sports and Art can be considered but it must fit within one of the above themes. The criterion under each is outlined below.

In all cases, applications should demonstrate that there is a need for the project or service for which you are seeking funding and that, where appropriate, the people who will benefit have been involved in the planning and developing the proposed activities. You should be able to demonstrate that your organisation has appropriate links or networks in place to be able to deliver the proposal. We welcome the involvement of volunteers and where appropriate, the use of volunteers within projects and services is encouraged.

East End Community Foundation will consider contributing towards organisations' core costs where necessary.

Employment

To address the high rates of unemployment in the borough, East End Community Foundation would like to fund organisations and projects that are moving people significantly closer to, or directly into sustainable employment or self-employment.

Projects could include, but are not limited to:

- Projects or activities that support people into work
- Accredited training linked to employment opportunities
- Support with work experience or job searching where there is a clear link to employment opportunities
- Projects that provide training and skills to enable people to start self-employment

Proposals should demonstrate a clear progression route for participants and have demonstrable experience of supporting people into employment. Organisations should demonstrate that they have the appropriate links to employment opportunities in the local area.

Education & Learning

East End Community Foundation recognises that education and skills development is the key to enabling people to fulfil their potential. Through funding learning and education projects for all ages, we aim to increase the skills level of local people to support them in reaching their goals.

Projects could include, but are not limited to:

- Pre-school education
- Projects that provide study support activities to increase participants qualifications
- Activity sessions that enable people to gain new skills
- ESOL classes to support people struggling with language barriers
- Support for young people not in education, employment or training to access training or gain accredited skills
- Projects that provide people with employability skills e.g. time management, communication, CV building, interview techniques, self-confidence etc.

Proposals should demonstrate what skills or learning participants will gain from the project or activities and how these skills can be used outside of the provision. Proposals should have a clear set of objectives showing how people will benefit from attending. Tutors should be appropriately qualified to deliver education/learning activities.

Community Wellbeing & Inclusion

At East End Community Foundation, our activities are all focused on supporting the communities we serve. By promoting wellbeing and inclusion, we will support communities to create a vibrant and thriving East End.

Projects could include, but are not limited to:

- Advice services, with a focus on debt advice, delivered by registered advice providers with qualified staff
- Projects that support residents to make significant changes in reducing their isolation
- Activities that will encourage people to play an active part in society
- Projects that will have a positive and long lasting impact on participants' wellbeing
- Activities that encourage people to engage with their local community or with local issues

Proposals must show how the activities or sessions will have a lasting impact on participants. Organisations must be able to demonstrate that they will be meeting an identified need within the community and that there is evidence from the community and/or research that shows this type of provision will be effective.

Isle of Dogs Applications

Through the Standard Grants Programme, East End Community Foundation distributes grants from the Isle of Dogs endowment fund, set up by the LDDC. If your organisation is based on the Isle of Dogs, or your provision will be supporting residents of the Isle of Dogs we will accept applications outside of the above criteria. Organisations based on the Isle of Dogs may submit applications in response to any issues identified within the community, provided a clear evidence of need is provided. EECF will also accept applications for emerging needs within the local area.

Please contact the EECF Grants Team for more information on 020 7345 4444 or grants@eastendcf.org

3. Who can apply for the funding?

To be eligible to apply, organisations must:

- be a new or existing social or community organisation, i.e. not-for-profit
- be connected with and meeting the needs of the local community in Tower Hamlets
- be formally constituted
- have a bank account requiring two signatories

Applications from organisations that have a financial deficit will not be considered.

EECF's funding is targeted at smaller organisations, with a turnover of up to £1.5 million.

EECF welcomes applications for projects which involve people from a range of backgrounds and ethnicities; where a project is for people from a single community, you will need to demonstrate the particular value that the project will add to this community.

4. What types of activities cannot be funded?

East End Community Foundation will not fund:

- Expenditure or activities that have already taken place. By this we mean that retrospective funding will not be awarded; applications may be for ongoing provision
- Services which are a statutory responsibility (i.e. are the responsibility of the Council, Government or Health Authorities)
- Projects that have no community or charitable element
- Projects that are purely for the advancement of religion or politics
- Foreign travel
- Mother tongue classes

East End Community Foundation does not make grants to individuals.

5. How do I apply for funding?

Organisations are required to contact East End Community Foundation by phone to discuss their proposal. You will then need to fill in our application form which will be sent to you if appropriate.

EECF's grants team can be contacted via **020 7345 4444** or grants@eastendcf.org

6. Repeat Funding

Please note there is a four year grant funding policy in place for supported projects. After four years of consecutive funding from the EECF Standard Grants Programme organisations will be ineligible to apply for the same project for a 12-month period and should seek alternative funding during this time.

During this 12-month period organisations are eligible to apply for funding to support other elements of their work.

7. Monitoring

If your application is successful, you must be able to spend the money within 12 months of the grant being awarded.

You will need to keep financial records of how the grant is spent. You must keep all receipts and invoices for expenditure from the grant, and submit these to East End Community Foundation in accordance with the monitoring timetable indicated within the grant offer letter.

You will also be required to keep records of how many people benefit from the project or activities, and the difference the project has made to them. These pieces of information must be submitted on East End Community Foundation's end of grant report form.

The contribution of East End Community Foundation must be acknowledged in any promotional literature or annual report issued on your behalf within twelve months of receiving the grant or any instalment of the grant. Copies of such material must be supplied to East End Community Foundation free of charge.

We reserve the right to use any photographs or details of the project in any future literature and/or promotion.

8. Equal Opportunities

East End Community Foundation is committed to equal opportunities for all, and we expect groups and organisations applying for grants to show that they are aware of equal opportunities, and can demonstrate commitment to them. Accordingly, organisations applying for grants for the first time are required to submit their Equal Opportunities Statement with their application.

9. Timetable

In 2017 there will be application rounds in February, June and October. Please check our website for more details on the forthcoming deadline.

We notify organisations of the outcome of their application 8-10 weeks after the application deadline.