

Study Support Programme

About the programme

East End Community Foundation is a grant-making charity working to improve opportunities for people in the East End of London. East End Community Foundation has funding to be able to offer grants to schools for study support weekends to increase pupils' skills and educational attainment. This programme is open to all state secondary schools in Newham, Hackney and Tower Hamlets.

About the weekends

Weekends funded must have an academic focus. Although other elements, such as outdoor activities or outings, may be incorporated into the programme, there must be a clear link either to essential transferable study skills or directly to a curriculum topic. Please note that a study support weekend does not require an overnight stay but must take place outside of school premises.

Schools are expected to identify an appropriate cohort of pupils for the weekend. For example, a weekend could be for year 7 pupils needing help with transitioning to secondary school, give extra support to those year 10 students who could improve their grades, or focus on specialist workshops in revision techniques for year 11s.

Schools who have applied to the fund so far have sometimes chosen to use external facilitators, to give their students a learning experience different from anything they would experience within the school environment.

How much funding is available?

Grants of up to £4,000 are available

What can funding be used for?

- Accommodation/venue costs
- External facilitators
- Specialist learning resources

Funding is available to cover accommodation and activities plus external facilitation costs; transport costs and any additional payments to teachers must be met by the school.

What cannot be funded?

- Travel
- Trips abroad
- Payments to school staff
- Students' stationery
- Rewards to students
- Weekends that have already taken place

How do schools apply?

Schools can apply online using this link <https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/studysupportweekend>

What happens next?

Applications for funding will be read by the EECF Grants Team, who will contact the school if anything is unclear within their application or they need more information. The application will then be assessed by East End Community Foundation's Grants Committee and Board, and a decision will be made. This is usually within 10-12 weeks of the application deadline.

Payment and Reporting

Schools receiving a grant offer must keep evidence of costs e.g. invoice from the activity centre to submit to EECF before the grant is released. Schools will also be required to keep records of the outcomes of the weekend e.g. the difference the weekend has made to pupils as well as providing a case study of one pupil. This information must be submitted to East End Community Foundation in a report.

East End Community Foundation will require a report comparing pupils' grades before and after the study support weekend, to assess the impact on the pupils' qualifications.

Please note the school will be paid for the weekend in arrears, once receipts of expenditure and a satisfactory evaluation report have been received. EECF reserves the right to reduce the amount awarded based on the final costs of the weekend.