

INSPIRING COMMUNITIES FUND

East End Community Foundation is delighted to be distributing funding on behalf of Get Living London to support the local community in the East Village. The Inspiring Communities Fund has been set up to benefit the communities in E20, E15 and/or E9 postcodes by providing grants to local community and voluntary organisations. Funded projects will be working with local residents to increase community connections, improve health and wellbeing and engage more people with the arts and cultural opportunities in the local area.

How much money is available?

The total value of the fund is £28,000 and applicants may apply for grants of £500 - £3,000

What are the grants for?

There are three strands to this programme:

- **Communities and People**
- **Health and Wellbeing**
- **Arts and Culture (particularly focused on children and young people)**

Applications should focus on **one** of these priority areas, the criteria under each is outlined below.

In all cases, applications should demonstrate that there is a need for the project or service and, where appropriate, that the local community have been involved in the planning and development of the proposed activities. Proposals should have a clear set of objectives showing how participants will benefit from attending.

The Inspiring Communities Fund would like to support organisations that can demonstrate appropriate links or networks in the local area to deliver the proposal and we welcome the involvement of volunteers within projects and services. Applications must be able to demonstrate that the activities will be for the benefit of the local communities in E20, E15 and/or E9 postcode areas.

Communities and People

Due to the number of residents moving into the East Village and new developments in the surrounding area, the Inspiring Communities Fund wants to bring people together to get to know their neighbours and to build a strong sense of community. Good communication helps people understand what is going on in their area and encourages people to feel connected. Projects should work with local residents to provide opportunities to learn new things, meet new people and to feel a common link with their area and neighbours.

Support could be provided through a variety of different ways including, but not limited to:

- Encouraging people from different areas or backgrounds to come together
- Utilising local open spaces to increase community networks and reduce isolation
- Activities that bring together local residents to build relationships and increase their sense of community involvement
- Projects that demonstrate a lasting impact on reducing the isolation of local residents

Health and Wellbeing

Newham is one of the least active boroughs in England with 39% of residents overall reported as doing less than 30 minutes of moderate exercise a week. This can have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of local communities and the Inspiring Communities Fund is therefore keen to support projects working to improve the health and wellbeing of participants through engaging and activity based projects.

Projects could include, but are not limited to:

- Keep-fit groups or fitness classes with a clear link to improving health and/or wellbeing
- Activities that empower people to make healthy lifestyle choices and prioritise their wellbeing
- Projects that are supporting people with an identified health or wellbeing issue e.g. mental, physical, emotional or situational
- Interactive approaches to engaging residents in improving their health and wellbeing

There should be a clear explanation of how organisations will understand the lasting impact of their proposed activities on the improved health and/or wellbeing of its participants.

Arts and Culture

The east end has well above the national average ratings for arts, heritage and culture with a high number of available local amenities. However, there are large numbers of local residents, particularly children and young people, who are not currently benefiting or engaging in creative activities. More can be done to promote and engage children and young people in the local arts, heritage and cultural opportunities available.

Projects could include, but are not limited to:

- Activities and/or events that engage residents (particularly children and young people) in the local arts, heritage and cultural opportunities
- Giving residents access to cultural opportunities they haven't had access to previously
- Using the arts, culture and/or heritage of the local area to bring people together, inspire them and encourage them creatively
- Projects that teach local residents new creative art forms such as drama, dancing, art, photography, music etc.

Who can apply for funding?

To be eligible to apply, organisations must:

- be a not-for-profit organisation that is formally constituted i.e. have a signed governing document in the group's name
- be connected with and meeting the needs of the local community
- have good financial management procedures, including a record of income and expenditure
- have a bank account in the name of the group, with at least two unrelated cheque signatories

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

What types of activities cannot be funded?

The Inspiring Communities Fund will not fund:

- Expenditure or activities that have already taken place
- 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
- Core project costs i.e. the general administration costs
- Projects that take place outside of the target area. If the proposed project is taking place just outside the area but is still benefiting residents within it, contact EECF to discuss whether this would be eligible
- 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.

How do I apply for funding?

Please contact the EECF Grants Team to discuss your proposal. You will then need to complete an online application, which will be sent to you if your project idea is suitable.

EECF's Grants Team can be contacted via **020 7345 4444** or you can email a brief description of your proposal to grants@eastendcf.org

What is the application process?

Applicants must submit their application form and supporting documents before the application deadline date. The applications will be reviewed by the EECF Grants Team for compliance with these guidelines and then assessed by the Inspiring Communities Panel and EECF Trustee Board.

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 including receipts and invoices. These must be submitted 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 the identified outputs e.g. number of people benefiting from the project and the identified outcomes e.g. the difference the project has made to them. East End Community

Foundation will also request a case study from one participant so it is important to gather information throughout the duration of the activities. These pieces of information must be submitted in East End Community Foundation's end of grant report form.

The contribution of East End Community Foundation and the Inspiring Communities Fund 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.

EECF and Get Living London reserve the right to use any photographs or details of the project in any future literature and/or promotion.

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.

Timetable

There are usually two grant rounds for the Inspiring Communities Fund. Please check our website for more information on the 2017 application deadlines www.eastendcf.org

We will notify organisations of the outcome of their application normally within eight to 10 weeks of the application deadline.