

INSPIRING COMMUNITIES FUND

East End Community Foundation is delighted to be distributing funding on behalf of Get Living to support the local communities in and around East Village in Newham.

The Inspiring Communities Fund has been set up to benefit the communities around Get Living's properties by providing grants to local community and voluntary organisations. Funded projects will be supporting 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 is available?

The total value of the Inspiring Communities Fund is £28,000 and organisations may apply for grants of between £500 and £3,000.

What are the grants for?

The Inspiring Communities Fund will fund activities taking place in E15, E20 and/or E9 postcodes which covers much of Stratford and Hackney Wick. Grants are available to support a variety of project activities under one of the three priority areas.

There are three strands to the Inspiring Communities Fund:

- 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 and around East Village neighbourhood.

Communities and People

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
- Activities engaging local people in improving the local environment e.g. litter picking, promoting recycling etc.

Health and Wellbeing

Wellbeing is vital to enable communities and people to thrive and build resilience. The Inspiring Communities Fund is keen to support projects working to improve the health and wellbeing of participants through engaging and activity based projects.

Support could be provided through a variety of different ways including, but 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 impact of their proposed activities on the improved health and/or wellbeing of its participants.

Arts and Culture

Newham and Southwark have 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.

Support could be provided through a variety of different ways including, but 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.

Required Supporting Documents

To enable East End Community Foundation to consider your application you must attach relevant supporting documents to your online application. Alternatively, you can also send these documents in by email to grants@eastendcf.org.

Please ensure you have the following documents ready to attach to your online application:

- A copy of your governing document (e.g. articles of association or constitution)

- A copy of your most recent annual accounts (or management accounts if these are unavailable)
- A copy of one bank statement dated within the last 3-months that clearly shows the account holders details, bank account number and sort code. The bank account must be in the name of the organisation applying and have two unrelated signatories
- A copy of your Safeguarding Policy, if applicable
- A copy of your Equality & Diversity Policy*

*East End Community Foundation and Get Living is committed to equality and diversity for all, and we expect groups and organisations applying for grants to show that they are aware of equality and diversity and can demonstrate commitment to them. Accordingly, organisations applying for grants are required to submit their Equality and Diversity policy with their application.

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 assessed by the EECF Grants Team for compliance with these guidelines and then reviewed by the Inspiring Communities Panel and the EECF Grants Committee.

Timetable

Please check our website for more information on the 2019/20 application deadlines www.eastendcf.org

We will notify organisations of the outcome of their application normally within 10-12 weeks of the application deadline.

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 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.