

# CANARY WHARF GROUP COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME

WEBINAR / Q&A WITH EECF  
TUESDAY 12 MARCH 11 TO 12 PM



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Canary Wharf Group understands it has a responsibility to create a positive and lasting impact that goes beyond the buildings and places they create. They pride themselves in their ability to create **long-standing and meaningful relationships with the communities based around Canary Wharf.**

The Community Grant Programme is aligned to the overarching Social Value Approach, which focuses on the benefits they deliver to wider society. As part of this, the Community Grant Programme aims to **support local community initiatives that will deliver the greatest impact for those who need it the most.**

Canary Wharf Group are working in partnership with East End Community Foundation (EECF) in delivering the programme.



# FUNDING AVAILABLE

- £300,000 of funding available
- Distributed through 3 grant rounds throughout 2024, approximately £100,000 per round
- Grants of between **£500 and £10,000** are available for projects and activities running a maximum of 12-months



# WHO WE CAN FUND

**Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprises (VCFSE) with an annual income of under £2,000,000 per year**

- Registered charities
- Community groups
- Co-operatives, community interest companies limited by guarantee and social enterprises that are not-for profit organisations
- Faith organisations

**Schools and statutory agencies (no income cap)** delivering services to meet the needs of residents, outside their mandated funding and statutory responsibilities.

We cannot accept applications from:

- For-profit organisations
- Individuals seeking funding for personal benefit, or sole traders
- Organisations based outside the UK



# WHAT WE CAN AND CAN'T FUND

## **We can fund project activities** including

- staffing including sessional staff
- running costs related to the project e.g. volunteer costs, room hire, refreshment
- contribution to organisational overheads
- small-scale purchase of any equipment you need.

## **We cannot fund**

- Projects taking place outside Tower Hamlets and not benefiting Tower Hamlets residents
- Religious or political activity
- Activity that replaces government or statutory responsibility
- Retrospective activities or costs
- (See guidelines for all exclusions)



# PRIORITIES

**Education:** programmes supporting children and young people to fulfil their educational potential through curricular and extra-curricular support and training, including programmes to boost confidence and career aspirations.

**Skills and Employment:** programmes delivering skills and employment opportunities for local people, particularly those who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) or long term unemployed.

**Wellbeing and Biodiversity:** programmes creating a healthier community through interventions related to physical activity, mental health and those addressing the impact of poverty, and programmes that provide more green spaces and access to water which will increase the area's biodiversity.



# PROJECT EXAMPLES

**Education** grant to a school to purchase new gymnastics equipment for the students to use as part of their PE/ sports lessons. The extra equipment will significantly improve the children's health and wellbeing while also providing indoor gymnastics classes which are currently unavailable.

**Skills and Employment** project designed to guide women towards informed choices for their futures, by facilitating a platform for further education, training, work experience and employment.

**Well-being and Biodiversity** could range from massage and acupuncture for people with severe mental illness from ethnic minority groups delivered in a group format to increase their social interactions and friendship, to a food garden enabling residents to volunteer and support a local food co-op.

Full list of 2023 grant awards

<https://group.canarywharf.com/environmental-social-governance/community-grant-programme/>



# CONSIDERATIONS

We anticipate this grant programme will be **oversubscribed**. Even strong projects may not be funded with less amount available than requested. The following are plausible considerations that will guide the prioritisation of eligible proposals received:

- **Alignment with priorities and guidelines;** the project clearly aligns with the identified three priority areas of the Fund and what's eligible
- **Filling a gap;** Projects that are engaging with a beneficiary group that other applications may not be reaching
- **Locally based and needs-led;** Organisations that have demonstrated being community-led and highly engaged in its project area and target audience
- **Project Plan;** Clear project plan and corresponding budget
- **Collective impact of grant programme;** Funding projects that allow for the granting programme to reach a diverse and wide beneficiary and geographic reach throughout the borough to support multiple residents around Canary Wharf and Tower Hamlets





# KEY DATES - 2024

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Opening Date	24 Jan 24	<b>27 Feb 24</b>	30 April 24
Webinar/Q&A	6 Feb 24	<b>12 March 24</b>	11 June 24
Application Deadline	Mon 26 Feb 24 12 noon	<b>Mon 29 April 12 noon</b>	Mon 2 Sept 12 noon
Award Notification	w/c 1 April 24	<b>w/c 3 June 24</b>	w/c 7 Oct 24
Payments*	April - May 24	<b>June – July 24</b>	Oct-Nov 24
Final Reporting	June 25	<b>Aug 25</b>	Nov 25

\*Subject to return of offer letters and conditions of grant



# TIPS ON COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

- **Be concise**, and make sure your responses provide detail but **only** related to the specific question be asked
- Make sure it's clear **where all your activities are taking place including location days and hours each day** if known
- Please ensure your project captures all required elements of this funding including **priority theme**
- Be realistic on how your **activities will support your chosen outcomes**
- Provide information on **track record**, working with/led by specific community, whether this is a new project, extension of existing project
- Provide a **budget breakdown** that clearly identifies breakdown of costs; including overheads and ensuring capacity to deliver projects



# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

**Supporting documents:** The following are **essential** to be submitted with your application or directly to [grants@eastendcf.org](mailto:grants@eastendcf.org)

- Constitution or articles of association (unless previously submitted)
- Approved accounts (or a record of income and expenditure for the organisation in the most recent financial year)
- Equality and diversity policy
- Safeguarding policy for vulnerable adults and/or children and young people
- If you are working with children and young people, please also provide a risk assessment as part of your application or prior to your project commencing
- One bank statement dated within the last 3 months that shows the account is in the organisation's name, account number and sort code



# REPORTING

Final reporting is required once you have spent your grant and delivered your project:

- The activities you carried out with the funding
- Number of residents supported by the project
- Impact numbers, such as how many people gained employment, reporting increased well-being, numbers involved in environmental projects
- Changes to the delivery of your project and any learning that could help you when delivering similar activities in futures
- How the grant was spent including sample of receipts and invoices
- Positive changes for residents that you can present through a quote or case study
- Photographs and videos of your project (if appropriate)



# GUIDELINES AND APPLICATIONS

These slides are an overview of main points – **please read full guidelines before applying** found at: <https://eastendcf.org/tower-hamlets-grants/>

Once you register to receive an online application form, you can view it at any time to see questions asked and save your responses before the deadline. Please ensure to submit your completed application form before the deadline.

Applications must be submitted by **12 pm mid-day on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April** to be considered in this current round of funding

Please reach out to [grants@eastendcf.org](mailto:grants@eastendcf.org) if you have any questions on viewing or submitting your online form or attaching/sending through your supporting documents and need any support or reasonable adjustments

