



Guidance for Applicants

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Introduction to the fund

The Grenfell Recovery programme has seen £50 million of funding distributed to the North Kensington community since 2019. The Council is committed both through its Council Plan and overall values to partner with the North Kensington community to aid the recovery of residents, the bereaved and survivors. In response to this, the Grenfell Projects Fund was established to give out grants to organisations working in the community and focussing on recovery.

This new round of funding, the Grenfell Projects Fund 2024/25, will allocate £600,000 in grants to organisations based in and have a registered address in the north of the borough. The aims of this funding are outlined in the next section and include bringing the community together and encouraging cultural enrichment and looking out for the most vulnerable.

Fund Themes and Priorities

In response to the Future Grenfell Support and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment reports, the themes and priorities for this round of funding will include the following.

Themes

1. Bringing the North Kensington community together

Finding new ways to bring North Kensington residents together, celebrate their shared experiences and provide open access to unite people.

2. Community-based cultural enrichment

Looking across the borough to understand both the existing cultural layout and bring in new forms of cultural experiences -- particularly ones that focus on science, technology, design, art, architecture or engineering -- and how North Kensington residents can access them.

3. Caring for our most vulnerable

Identifying the current gaps in community provision and addressing the needs of residents who are most vulnerable and at risk of being forgotten about.

When applying to this fund, please ensure that your project fits under one of these three themes and addresses one or more of the priorities that will be used to inform funding

against each theme. If you are unsure how your project might fit into these themes, please contact grenfellcommunityteam@rbkc.gov.uk to discuss your application.

Priorities

Within each theme, we will be prioritising applications that:

- Have a clear focus or strategy to work with and engage young people (11-25 years old)
- Have a clear focus or strategy to work with and engage older/elderly residents
- Has a clear focus on people who are considered vulnerable or “forgotten”
- Can demonstrate trauma-informed practice
- Has co-designed part of the project with their target users
- Has a track record of bringing different groups and ages together and provides open access services
- Clearly engages with and build long-lasting partnerships with other practitioners or community providers

Length of Funding – How long can I apply for the funding?

- Either one year or two years of funding

You can apply for anything up to two years of funding. For new projects, please consider and then inform us of how much set up time you will need.

Bid Thresholds – How much can I apply for?

- Up to £5k as an individual or non-constituted group via Kensington and Chelsea Social Council as a sponsor (see below)
- Up to £25k for one-year projects
- Up to £60k for two-year projects

Please be proportional about how much you apply for, for instance avoid applying for more than 40% of your organisation’s income.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to receive funding, your organisation must adhere to the following criteria:

- Have been established prior to 1st of January 2023
- Have access to your own space or have proof of secured space for delivery
- Have an income between £10,000-£500,000
- Be one of the following:

- constituted organisation
- CIO
- CIC
- Registered charity
- company limited by guarantee
- Based in and have a registered address in North Kensington

If your organisation does not meet one or more of this criteria but you would like to talk to an Officer, please contact: grenfellcommunityteam@rbkc.gov.uk

The team will try and get back to you as quickly as possible but please allow for up to five working days for us to respond.

Non-constituted groups, individuals and sponsorship

For this round of GPF, we can accept applications from individuals or groups who are not constituted or incorporated. Individuals or non-constituted/incorporated groups can apply for up to £5,000 in funding and will be sponsored by Kensington and Chelsea Social Council.

You must still be based in North Kensington and have a provisional agreement to a space where you can run your activity from.

You can apply through the standard application form. If you are interested in applying in this way, please contact the team at grenfellcommunityteam@rbkc.gov.uk.

What we can and can't fund

What we can fund...

- Full cost recovery - Full cost recovery means securing funding for all the costs involved in running a project. This means that you can request funding for direct project costs and for a proportionate share of your organisation's overheads. (Find out more from the National Lottery Community fund on Full Cost Recovery, click [here](#). to find out)
- Individuals through sponsorship with Kensington and Chelsea Social Council
- Project management and administration
- General office expenses directly relate to project costs
- Project Communications, engagement and outreach
- Monitoring, evaluation, and learning
- Project specific expenditure
- Community based capital or building projects

What we can't fund...

- Work that statutory bodies (such as schools or local authorities) have a duty to fund
- Work that promotes religion
- Trips abroad, or other activity taking place outside the UK
- Bursaries, sponsored places, fees, or similar costs
- Political activity, including party political organisations or direct lobbying
- Individuals on their own and not through sponsorship
- Costs passed on to other organisations (except where defined and applied for as a partnership)
- Help with budget shortfalls or debt repayments
- Work that has already taken place (retrospective funding)
- Expenditure unable to start within 12 months of the grant award date
- Unspecified expenditure

How to Apply

You can apply to the fund through [this link, click here to find out more](#). If you have any issues you would like to discuss with an officer, please contact grenfellcommunityteam@rbkc.gov.uk.

Please be aware that, unfortunately, you cannot save and return to your application on our system. A word document of the questions in the application is available via the web page. Please feel free to copy and paste from this document into the online system. Please be mindful of word counts as you fill in the word document.

Please email us at grenfellcommunityteam@rbkc.gov.uk if you require a paper copy of the application form.

Supporting Documents

You will be required to provide the following documents in order to be considered for funding:

- Most recent annual accounts
- A bank statement dated within the last three months that includes your organisation's name, address, account number and sort code
- Complete a budget template to show us what you are planning on using the funds for

Your organisation must also have the following policies in place:

- Health and safety policy
- Equality and diversity policy

- Safeguarding adults and children policy
- Employers Liability Insurance policy
- Professional Indemnity Insurance policy

You will need to confirm you have these in place as part of the application

Important Dates

- Week commencing 29 July: Fund launched
- Wednesday 16 October: Fund closes at 5pm

Information and Advice Sessions

We are running application advice and information drop-in sessions on a regular basis. Please visit [our website](#) for up to date information.

Grenfell Inquiry Report publication

The Grenfell Tower Inquiry report was published on 4 September which falls within the application window for Grenfell Projects Fund 2024/25. We know that the publication of the Inquiry report is an important milestone for the bereaved, survivors and local residents and for all those who have fought, and continue to fight, for justice.

The team managing the Grenfell Projects Fund recognise this is an important period for the North Kensington community. The grant timeline has been designed to allow space either side of the Inquiry publication date and, if needed, the team will work with the Residents' Panel to further adapt the fund.