

Royal Greenwich Community Innovation Grants 2022 Application Information

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A new funding opportunity is available for community-led projects in Royal Greenwich to improve mental wellbeing and address unfair differences in health. Individuals, groups or organisations can apply for between £1000 and £5000. We will also consider partnership applications for up to £15 000.

Background

We know many local people are living with unfair differences in physical and mental health and wellbeing due to the conditions in which they're born, grow, live, and work. These differences have been made worse by COVID-19 and its impacts.

Related to this, some people may find it more difficult to access and influence local support and services, due to barriers including language, culture, accessibility, and experience of discrimination. This can contribute to people having worse mental, physical and social health and wellbeing.

What sort of projects are we funding?

We are looking for projects led by communities to help improve unfair health differences, with a focus on improving mental health and wellbeing or increasing access to health services.

All projects should aim to reach those who are disadvantaged or marginalised and at greater risk of unfair health differences, due to the impacts of isolation, deprivation or discrimination, including racism and other prejudices.

We are keen to fund smaller grassroots groups who have less experience accessing funding. We encourage these individuals or groups to apply for between £1000 and £5000, with the support of a sponsor organisation (see more information below).

We also encourage partnership bids to apply for grants of up to £15 000. For example, two organisations applying for up to £10 000 or three organisations applying for up to £15 000. Due to these grants being larger, we would expect these bids to reach larger numbers of people in the community and/or the project to be more multi-faceted.

Your project could be a totally new idea or a continuation/development of something existing. However, please ensure all applications conform to the criteria, terms and conditions outlined on the following pages.

What you need to consider before completing your application

Funding criteria

All projects must aim to reach people that are at risk of unfair health differences and have been disproportionately affected by the impacts of the pandemic. This includes people from:

- Ethnic minority communities
- Disabled people
- Other vulnerable/excluded groups, such as older people, LGBTQ+ communities, people on low incomes and/or living in areas of high deprivation, people who are homeless or insecurely housed, people experiencing domestic abuse, digitally excluded people.

Your project will benefit them **by either:**

1) Improving mental health and wellbeing

This could include for example:

- Projects that improve social connection through offering community appropriate activities.
- Projects that will improve mental health and wellbeing through addressing a particular need in your community.
- Projects that strengthen community voice and collaboration through community activities and information sharing.
- Projects that promote and raise awareness of positive mental health and wellbeing, including outdoor activities.
- Projects that connect people to local support and training that can improve health and wellbeing e.g. welfare rights, domestic abuse support, work/training programmes, digital inclusion, volunteering etc.

OR

2) Improving access and uptake of health services

This could include for example:

- Projects that work with communities and services to understand and address needs and barriers to improve uptake of covid-19 vaccination.
- Projects that work with communities and services to understand and address needs and barriers to improve uptake of health screening services e.g. cancer screening, health checks etc.
- Projects that work with communities and services to understand and address needs and barriers improve uptake of other important health services.

What you can't apply for

- Funding the running costs of your group or organisation (for example: rent, gas, electricity, water bills and maintenance costs, including maintenance of equipment)
- Contribution to core or pre-existing salaries (project specific staffing costs, such as tutors engaged for the sole purpose of delivering the project will be considered)
- Activities that charge a fee to the general public
- Items which only benefit individuals (for example: bursaries and equipment that is not shared)
- Activities promoting political activities or religious belief
- Fundraising activities
- Activity that has already happened. Funding cannot be used retrospectively to pay for things that have already been delivered, however you can use it to fund further provision of activities you have delivered previously.
- Extending activity that is already funded through contracts by Royal Greenwich.

Completing the online application form

Please complete the online application form all at once as you cannot save and then return to complete it at a later date. However, you can make changes after submitting the form and before the closing date.

Please complete each form page before you move on to the next page.

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Applying as an individual, un-constituted or small community voluntary group

Royal Greenwich can only provide funding via a sponsor organisation but we want to encourage everyone to consider applying. If you are applying for a grant as an individual or un-constituted group, you will need a Sponsor Organisation. Sponsor Organisations could be community or voluntary organisations, faith institutions and or other constituted groups etc. Support to find a sponsor will be provided if required.

If you have an annual turnover of £75,000 or less, support with writing a bid is available through Royal Greenwich.

Terms and Conditions

Conditions of application

1. You must complete and submit the application form by **Monday 21st February**. No applications after this date will be considered.
2. All supporting documentation must be uploaded with your application. For example, relevant policies, indemnities, risk assessments and DBS verification. If you are applying with a sponsor organisation, it will be their organisation's relevant documentation you will be required to upload (see more information below).
3. A representative for your application must be available for contact to answer any follow up questions from the panel prior to decision.
4. RBG reserve the right to decline any application if they believe any aspect of this application to be fraudulent.
5. Any activities delivered as part of your project must conform to the appropriate covid-19 safety guidance at that time.

Timeline

Thursday 27th January 2022: Bids Open

Monday 21st February 2022 (midnight): Bids Close/Deadline

Mid- March 2022: Award letters sent out

End of March 2023: Projects delivered.

Application Questions

1. Project name:

Resident needs

2. Please tell us which people/groups your project is aiming to reach and work with and why. Please relate your answer to the funding criteria: (*500 words max.*)

Project aims

3. Please give a brief description/overview of your project. Include what you want to do and how, explain how it will address the project funding criteria and benefit the people/groups your project will be working with: (*500 words max.*)
4. If you are applying as a partnership, please outline the partners roles in the project: (*500 words max.*)

Project details

5. What will you be delivering? Will it be classes, activities, events, resources, mentoring, support groups etc? (*500 words max.*)
6. Where do you intend to provide this? For example, a venue, online, in a park or open space, as part of a walk, ride or tour etc? Please provide us with a site address or name of an intended open space as part of your answer.
7. When will you deliver your project? Is it over a set period of time, at the same time every week or month? Is it a one-off event or activity?

Project outcomes

8. What would success look like for your project? For example, consider timescales, budget, the reach and impact of your project on the people it is aimed at (*500 words max.*)

Budget

9. How much will the project cost? You can apply for a minimum of £1000 and up to £5,000. If you are putting forward a partnership bid you can apply for up to £15,000. For example, two organisations applying for up to £10 000 or three organisations applying for up to £15 000.
10. Please provide below a detailed overview of your projected spend. (e.g. Refreshments for coffee morning £..... Room hire £..... Craft equipment £..... etc.)

Evaluation

11. We will require you to be take part in our evaluation. Do you understand that this is a requirement of funding?

12. If you are a community group or organisation we will require you to sign up to the [Royal Greenwich Equality and Equity Charter](#). Do you understand this is a requirement of funding?

Due Diligence

There are some key documents that we need to see to ensure that you and the people who take part in your project are kept safe and that the process for managing the funds has the appropriate safeguards in place.

If you are applying as an organisation, it is your policy documents etc. that we will require.

If you are applying as an individual or un-constituted group, you will need to get this documentation from your sponsor organisation to upload as part of your application.

Dependant on your project, you will be required to upload any relevant documents from the list below. PLEASE NOTE - We will also be verifying the credentials of all organisations. No projects will be considered if the appropriate policies supporting your application have not been uploaded with your application.

- Safeguarding policy for children and vulnerable adults
- DBS verification
- Public Liability & Professional Indemnity
- Health & Safety Policy
- Equality & Diversity Policy
- Risk Assessment of your activity
- Volunteer policy
- Finance policy (including accounts if available)
- Other (documentation that is deemed appropriate to verify credentials to deliver)
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You will also need to state any conflicts of interest i.e. if you are related to or have a business interest/partnership with either a member of Royal Borough of Greenwich Cabinet or Officers/Staff.

Thank you for applying. We wish you every success!