

Borough & Bankside Community Council Fund

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(formerly the Community Fund)



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Information Sheet

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Each of Southwark's eight community councils has **£15,000** to support activities run by local groups. Bids for grants of between £100 and £1000 can be made to Borough & Bankside community council fund (formerly the community fund) via a very simple application form.

Who can apply?

- Any constituted local group (i.e. that has a business bank account and letter-headed paper) or any group/individual that has a sponsor organisation (with bank account & letter-headed paper) who can administer the funds on their behalf.
- Any community group that is based in the community council area they wish to bid to, and plans to hold their project in that area. Please see the enclosed community council postcode list and map to find out which is your community council area.

What kind of things can be funded?

The Community Council Fund can fund a variety of projects. Examples include:

- a one off event such as a fun-day or a football tournament
- a series of workshops/activities involving members of the local community
- publicity/merchandise to advertise the event you are doing.

How much can groups bid for?

Local groups can make bids of £100 to £1000. Help can be requested with completing application forms and advice sought about the types of applications that are likely to get approval (Please see overleaf for who to contact).

How and when can you bid?

You can put in a bid by completing an application form and returning it to the contact address overleaf. You are advised to return your application form by Friday June 29 2007.

NB: applications can be submitted after June 29 2007 up until December 2007, if funding from the initial £15,000 pot is still available.



Who makes the decisions on what gets funded?

Council officers will assess and make recommendations but locally elected councillors will ultimately be responsible for making decisions on which groups get funding.

It is possible that the decision will be given out at a special Community Council Fund meeting before you are notified by letter, but you will be informed of this once you have submitted your application.

What type of criteria will be used to judge applications?

- The project is a revenue project: i.e. it involves the money being spent on an activity/ event (e.g. fun-day, education day, work-shops) or on certain materials/goods that will contribute to a group activity/or revenue project (e.g. play equipment for a nursery, publicity or merchandise for an event).
- The project is seen to benefit the local community (e.g. a number of local people involved/a number of people will benefit from the project in some way).
- The money must be spent before the end of March 2008.
- The group bidding for the project is based in the community council area it is bidding to, and will be carrying out the project in that area (unless it is a project for an outing e.g. to theatre/other place of interest outside of area).
- The project involves mostly local residents.
- The group agrees to complete a feedback/monitoring form about the project and provide evidence of spend once the project is completed.

Please note that groups that are not constituted who would like to apply/individuals with project ideas are advised to get in touch with the community council coordinator for their area for advice (contact details below).

Please note that priority will be given to:

- Applications that show a high level of community involvement
- Projects that demonstrate groups working together
- Groups who have not previously received funding from this small grants scheme.

Groups who have not previously received funding are particularly encouraged to apply.

Groups can submit more than one application form but will only be awarded for a maximum of one of their project ideas (with a maximum award of £1000) from the small grants scheme.

For more information

Please contact:

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