

Neighbourhoods Fund 2024/25

Information sheet



Closing date for receipt of all applications is 12 noon, Monday 23 October 2023. Applications submitted after the above time and date will not be considered.

About the new Neighbourhoods Fund

Southwark's Multi Wards have a total of £630,000 to support activities run by local groups, for local people, across the borough. The funding will provide financial support for local community led projects that enhance inclusion, improve the neighbourhood and develop stronger communities.

What kind of things can be funded between £500-£5K

The Neighbourhoods Fund can provide money for projects benefitting people who live in the Multi Ward area, that:

- Encourages people from different backgrounds to work together
- Establishes projects which promote respect and consideration for each other
- Gives residents the opportunity to improve their local area
- Provide funding for additional neighbourhood improvement such as clean ups

Who can apply?

- Any constituted local group
- New and emerging local groups
- Any group or individual that has a sponsor, which is a constituted local organisation and is willing to administer the funds on their behalf
- Groups that are based in the Multi Ward area
- Organisations that have a track record of delivering activities in the local area
- Groups that are working together on a shared project.



Who cannot apply?

- Organisations not established in the UK
- Organisations that do not have any local links and/or do not have a track record of working locally
- Political groups and organisations
- Business/profit making organisations

How to apply?

You can apply online at <https://southwarkgrants.co.uk/>

What kind of things will not be funded?

- Loans or interest payments
- Political groups or activities promoting political beliefs
- Activities which have already happened or started before the grant decision date 1 April 2024
- Activities that finish after 31 March 2025
- Activities that do not benefit people living in the Multi Ward area
- Capital projects, such as building works or large play-ground equipment would not normally be considered

How much can groups apply for?

- Awards will generally be between £500 and £5000, but larger amounts can be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

How can I get more information or support?

By visiting

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/engagement-and-consultations/empowering-communities/neighbourhoods-fund>

If you would like help with filling in the application form please contact the officer for the relevant Multi Ward area listed opposite.

How does the scheme work?

- Applications will be screened to ensure that they meet the set criteria and the guidelines listed below
- Eligibility for the fund is conditional on you providing all the necessary information asked for in the application form (and guidance note)
- You must show how you, or your group/organisation, meet the terms of the appropriate safeguarding and health and safety policies

Applications not fulfilling any of the above requirements will not be considered.

Elected Councillors will be responsible for making decisions on all eligible applications using the guidelines listed below:

- Applications that show high levels of involvement from the local community
- Applications that involve groups working together
- Activities delivered by:
 - New and emerging groups
 - Individuals with agreed sponsor
 - Groups who have not previously received funding from the Empowering Communities Programme
- Activities must take place within the Multi Ward area, unless there is a lack of space for it within the area
- Where the majority of people benefitting from the activity live within the Multi Ward area

Decisions for applications will be made and announced by councillors, at Multi Ward meetings, which will take place in February/March 2024. You will be notified of decisions within 15 working days of the meetings.

- Successful applicant will be asked to sign and return a condition of fund agreement, before funding can be released
- All necessary documentation must be submitted with the application to be considered.

Remember your applications must reach us by 12 noon on Monday 23 October 2023. After this time no application will be considered.

For more information

<https://southwark.gov.uk/neighbourhoodsfund>

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