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City Bridge Trust

Funding Managers



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Vision

For London to be a city where all individuals and communities can thrive, especially those experiencing disadvantage and marginalisation.

Mission

To reduce inequality and grow stronger, more resilient and thriving communities for a London that serves everyone.

Values

We aim to be: Progressive; Adaptive; Collaborative; Inclusive; Environmentally Responsible; and Representative.





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Decision Process

- **6 months decision time** (main grants programme)
- **Online application** - form and supporting documents
- **Full review** by Funding Manager
- **Assessment visit** or call if this is not possible
- **Charities Finance Team review**
- **Decision**
- **Public committee meetings**





Who we fund

- Registered charities
- Registered Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Registered Charitable Incorporate Organisations (CIOs)
- Charitable companies
- Exempt or excepted charities
- Registered charitable industrial and provident societies or charitable Community Benefit Societies (Bencoms)



Who we can't fund

- Party political organisations
- Charities registered outside the UK
- Individuals
- Schools, PTAs, other educational establishments
- Hospitals and primary healthcare providers
- Statutory bodies
- For-profit organisations
- Residential facilities
- Community amateur sports clubs



What you will need to provide with your application

- Your governing document (i.e. your constitution)
- Most recent signed accounts
(We will likely ask that you provide us with two further sets of financial information after you apply, e.g. draft accounts, management accounts, budget, or forecast)
- Safeguarding policy
- Fully costed budget
- Monitoring framework



How much can you apply for?

- “Full cost recovery” – we will contribute to your overheads and core costs as part of project funding
- Up to 5 years’ continuous funding
- A revenue grant can be up to 50% of an organisation’s income as of latest signed accounts
- Minimum of the Real London Living Wage (currently £11.95/hr) for salaries
- Up to 1 FTE post for salary costs
- We can be the sole funder of a project or contribute to larger work
- Average grant size available on website



Top tips

- Read the website
- Contact us if you need help understanding our criteria or if you have technical difficulties making an application
- Show us how your work fits the criteria
- You can add a document with additional information if useful (not required)
- Don't worry if your application is a better fit for a different programme than the one you applied under
- We don't need VIP treatment - funding is based on your work, eligibility, finances and governance



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Funding programmes

**Most programmes below are open
continuously: no closing date or deadline**





Grant-making programmes include:

- Children and Young People
- Criminal Justice: better futures for people leaving custody
- Deaf and disabled people: inclusive services and better access
- Environment and sustainability: creating a greener London
- Increasing the quality and scale of giving
- Infrastructure Funding
- Mental Health
- Older people: increasing choice and control
- Social, welfare, legal advice and food poverty
- Refugees, asylum seekers and migrants
- Strengthening voice and leadership
- Tackling abuse exploitation and hatred
- Small grants
- The Anchor Programme



1. Support for children and young people

We want to fund support for parents and carers of preschoolers, young victims of gangs and disadvantaged young women.

- Support for vulnerable parents and carers of pre-school children (0-5)
- Support for children and young people engaged in child criminal exploitation
- Work which addresses the needs of disadvantaged young women and girls

We recognise that service provision is frequently fragmented and unevenly distributed across London. Therefore, we support work that builds stronger connections between the range of services available for children and young people, particularly where this addresses current system shortcomings or failure.





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2. Criminal Justice

We want to fund services which prepare people for release from the custodial system or who are reaching the end of community sentences. By supporting people in this transitional period we hope to reduce the risk of further prison or community sentences.

Examples of projects and organisations we will fund include those that:

- prepare and support people for and on release from prison and directly provide or connect them with key services and support, such as safe and secure housing, access to employment and self-employment opportunities
- deliver work at specialist premises that support marginalised prison leavers, for example, women who have survived domestic abuse
- tackle inequalities in custodial sentencing
- advocate for evidence of alternatives to custody





3. Support and services for Deaf and Disabled people

We recognise the social model of disability and the cultural model of deafness and want to fund work which removes or reduces the barriers preventing Deaf and Disabled People from participating in society and living independently.

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Examples of projects we could fund include:

- Provision of inclusive or adapted sports, arts, health and wellbeing opportunities
- Support for the transition to adulthood
- Provision of evidence-based employment programmes
- Projects that seek to increase these groups' full participation in society and independent living through access to work and training

We particularly welcome applications from Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations.

3. Support and services for Deaf and Disabled people

Access improvements to community buildings

5a. Access Audits - CURRENTLY PAUSED TO NEW APPLICATIONS

Up to £5,000 for an independent access audit for buildings, design appraisals, and disability training.

The specialist must be NRAC registered or our partner the Centre for Accessible Environments

Applications will only be considered where you either own the building or the lease has at least 5 years to run.

5b. Capital Access Grants

Up to £150,000 towards access improvements to make your building more accessible and user-friendly for Deaf and disabled people.

Applications will only be considered where you either own the building or the lease has at least 10 years to run.

4. Environment and sustainability

4a. Revenue funding

We want to fund local projects that take an equitable approach to mitigating and/ or adapting to climate change. We encourage applications both from organisations that already actively focus on climate and nature and those that have not previously seen environmental action as a priority.

Examples of projects we can fund include work that:

- Sets out to reduce London's emissions
- Protects, manages, expands or enriches London's green spaces
- Tackles poor air quality
- Prevents and prepares for impacts of climate change such as flood and/ or drought or heatwaves
- Promote biodiversity
- Increase access to growing spaces

Applications can be at neighbourhood, borough, sub-regional, or pan-London level and must have clear community benefit and show evidence of community engagement.



4. Environment and sustainability

4b. Eco audits

Eco Audits set out ways organisations can be more sustainable and reduce their carbon footprint. They are free and available to all eligible organisations wherever the building is owned or with a lease over two years.

Once you have an Eco Audit from one of our approved consultants you can apply for funds to carry out the building work it recommends through our capital funding grant

4c. Capital funding for building works identified through an eco audit

We can also support improvements that reduce the carbon footprint of your building. Funding up to £150,000 towards greening improvements based on a CBT eco audit.

Applications will only be considered where you either own the building or the lease has at least 10 years to run.



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5. Increasing the quality and scale of giving

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We want to fund organisations whose sole focus is on increasing the quality and scale of the giving of time, assets, skills and/ or funding.

We want to support projects that set out to develop stronger, more open and inclusive links between organisations giving time, assets, skills and/ or funding donors and the voluntary and community sector.

Our aim is to improve the voluntary and community sector's sustainability, particularly around issues, places or communities that currently struggle to secure support.





5. Increasing the quality and scale of giving

5b. Place-based giving schemes

We want to support the growth of local partnerships that use local insight, ideas and resources to find new and better ways to address the needs in their own communities. Place-based giving schemes bring people together from different sectors (voluntary, community, public and private) to build stronger communities and leverage community assets.

Applicants must either be members of London's Giving 'place-based giving scheme' network or plan to join as their project develops. Projects must reflect the network's shared principles, to:

- Connect people and foster collaboration, bringing together residents and public, private and voluntary sectors
- Empower local people to act on the issues that affect them
- Speak up about inequality and challenge ourselves and our partners

Place-based giving schemes bring together the voluntary and community, public and private sectors, to build stronger communities and improve local places. They set out to leverage wider community resources either to improve existing and/ or to develop fresh approaches to fundraising, volunteering, kind giving, grant-making, capacity-building, influencing or convening.



6. Infrastructure funding: capacity building and representation

We want to fund organisations and initiatives delivering quality capacity-building services and/ or voice, representation and advocacy support to the voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors.

Funding is available to second-tier and infrastructure organisations, and for infrastructure initiatives and services setting out to provide high-quality support to wider networks of London frontline voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations that will help them in the delivery of their work.

We are keen to fund work that sets out to increase the sector's:

- Sustainability: including adaptability, resilience, effectiveness and collaboration
- Voice and representation: especially where it increases users' influence on decision-making
- Involvement of communities
- Impact: in terms of improved outcomes and better access to community facilities and services for Londoners

7. Mental health services

Funding is available for mental health services and associated running costs. We will fund psychotherapy, counselling, and talking therapies delivered in community settings.

We particularly welcome applications that support:

- Racialised communities including migrants, people seeking asylum and refugees
- Deaf and disabled people including those with long-term mental health conditions
- People experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- People leaving prison or at the end of community sentences
- People identifying as LGBTQ+
- People aged 65+ who are disadvantaged
- People aged under 25 who are disadvantaged
- Survivors of abuse, exploitation, and hatred

We can only fund services delivered by accredited and qualified practitioners, for example, with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP), and United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapy (UKCP).



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8. Older people: increasing choice and control

We want to support older people to lead active, independent, and healthy lives that are rich and fulfilling. Funding is available to projects and organisations providing services that:

- Work with people aged 70+ that encourage healthy living and/ or reduced isolation through arts, culture, education, sports and/ or wellbeing opportunities
- Provide non-medical support* for people aged 65+ who have dementia or Alzheimer's so they can live independently as long as possible
- Support carers aged 65+



9. Social, welfare, legal advice and food poverty

9a. Advice and support for disadvantaged individuals

We want to fund projects and organisations providing advice on:

- Welfare benefits
- Money
- Fuel poverty
- Employment problems
- Housing
- Immigration status - we can only fund OISC accredited provision
- Debt - we can only fund FCA regulated firms

We particularly want to fund agencies able to demonstrate inclusion of marginalised communities in the design and delivery of services and supporting people with multiple and/ or complex problems.

An advice quality mark (e.g. Advice Quality Standard) is required (or being applied for) for this strand.





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9. Social, welfare, legal advice and food poverty

9b. Food poverty

We want to support organisations tackling hardship and crisis for Londoners that are experiencing food poverty.

Funding is available to projects and organisations distributing donated food to people in London who find themselves in these circumstances.

We are particularly keen to hear from organisations working to ensure that clients receive culturally appropriate food.

We do directly fund the purchase of food for distribution.



10. Support for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants

We want to increase support for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers to fully participate in their communities and neighbourhoods, to build flourishing lives and to tackle the barriers they face by providing access to resources.

We fund organisations tackling the barriers these groups face. Through direct service provision and referrals through qualified support providers, our funding includes, but is not limited to:

- Targeted services providing access to resources, including:
 - Mental health and physical health
 - Legal services
 - Assistance with housing
 - Education and training
 - English language courses
- Work that sets out to increase the influence, voice and representation of the people they work with so they can push for more widespread, lasting change in the services they receive





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11. Voice and leadership

We want to support specialist organisations who work with under-represented or marginalised communities, and the organisations that support them, to strengthen voice and leadership.

Currently, we award no more than £100,000 over two years under this programme.

We plan to review this programme and will announce more details in the future.



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12. Tackling abuse, exploitation and hatred

This funding is to help organisations working to prevent and to support survivors of all types of abuse, exploitation and hatred, as well as preventative services.

We want to fund projects and organisations tackling:

- abuse that is physical, sexual, emotional, financial or neglectful
- male violence and domestic abuse, especially against women and girls
- modern slavery
- human trafficking
- crime motivated by hostility based on race, religion, nationality, disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity

We are particularly keen to fund work tackling male violence against women and girls and to support work with the LGBTQIA+ community and other communities which face barriers to appropriate services and support. We also fund organisations working with perpetrators.



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13. Small Grants - Currently paused to new applications

We want to give smaller charities easier access to funding for community environmental projects and schemes to increase older and/ or disabled people's participation in activities.

Up to £10,000 per year for a maximum of 5 years for organisations with an income of less than £100,000:

Applicants can apply under one of two strands:

- Greening and growing projects which bring communities together and improve the local environment
- A project which enables disabled people and/ or older people who are disadvantaged to actively participate in the arts, sports and health and wellbeing opportunities



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14. Anchor Programme - Currently paused to new applications

The programme is committed to achieving change for Londoners at a systemic level. The fund will aim to achieve this by providing long-term core funding, over a period of 7-10 years, to equity led second-tier organisations that provide frontline support.

The fund aims to achieve the following:

- Capacity building: improving capacity for civil society organisations to engage in positive structural change
- Wider knowledge sharing within civil society
- More equitable outcomes for London's marginalised communities
- A rebalanced relationship between funder and funded organisations, with a deeper focus on funded organisations' learning journeys

The Anchor Programme has been co-designed with civil society organisations and aims to achieve change for Londoners at a systemic level.



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