FAQs

* **We are not a sports organisation, will that go against us?**  
  No, we welcome applications from both sport and non-sport community organisations. However, your request for funding must be for sport or physical activities.
* **We are a small organisation which is a subsidiary of a larger organisation based outside London, can we still apply?** Yes, as long as your delivery is within London and for Londoners. You should demonstrate links to the community you are working with in London.
* **Would you fund projects for self-defence, dance and yoga?** Yes.
* **Can my project be pan-London?** Yes, as long as your delivery model makes sense to the priorities of the fund.
* **My partner organisation has a turnover of more than £300,000, can I still apply?** Yes, income restrictions are for the applicant, not the partner organisation accepting funds on their behalf.
* **We have received and/or are in receipt of GLA funding, can we still apply?** Yes, you are still eligible to apply. The only exception is if you are currently delivering a previous Stronger Communities grant, then you can’t apply. Please contact the Groundwork team if you are unsure.
* **Our organisation is already supported by the London Community Response Fund, but we want to apply for another project strand that supports this work. Will be eligible?** Yes, as long as the grant will be funding at least 65% of a stand-alone project.
* **Can we make two applications for different projects?** We would only fund one project per organisation so we would recommend choosing one project and focusing your efforts on that application.
* **Does it need to be a new project or will you support existing projects?** We will support both new and existing projects, please just ensure you show how they meet the fund priorities.
* **Does the funding cover the Greater London area?** We will support delivery within any of the 33 local government authorities in London: the 32 London boroughs and the City of London Corporation.
* **Does the fund cover drama activities?** No, the fund is focussed on sport and physical activity so drama would not be eligible.
* **Can we use the fund for an existing project?** If you can demonstrate that you are applying for a new strand of an existing project, which specifically focusses on the priorities of this fund, then you would be eligible to apply. The project must have a clearly defined start and end date, with the grant funding at least 65% of the project.
* **Would children who will be going back to school fit the target group of ‘those who have been disproportionately more at risk of loneliness and isolation during COVID-19'?** Yes, if you can demonstrate that you understand the specific issues of the target group you are working with and you have consulted with them to define the need for your project.
* **We have funding for a younger cohort from the Mayor of London, can we deliver a project to older people whose activities are not currently funded?** Yes, this new project would be eligible. The only exception is if you are currently delivering a previous Stronger Communities grant, then you can’t apply. Please contact the Groundwork team if you are unsure.
* **Is there a specific age range of target participants**? No, there is no target age range.
* **My project uses both in-person and online delivery, is this OK?** Yes. Be as clear as possible about how you are intending to deliver your project and how each delivery method meets the aims of the grant. We will fund projects taking place both online and in-person, but we would like to see a majority of the funding being used to deliver in-person socially distanced physical activities.
* **Last year our turnover was over £300,000 (2019/2020). However, this year (2020/21) it will be significantly less than £300,000. Can we apply?** You would need to provide full accounts to show your turnover is less than £300,000 so it is unlikely that your organisation would be eligible to apply as the current financial year has not yet ended.