

Community Led Recovery grants: FAQ's

How much funding can I apply for?

The Community-Led Recovery Programme invites groups who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and face barriers to participation to lead projects focused on recovering from the pandemic in London.

The programme offers two grant streams:

- Community-Led Action (CLA) offering grants between **£2,000 and £9,000**
- London Community Story (LCS) offering grants between **£500 and £1,500**

You can submit an application to any/all of the above grant programmes, however due to anticipated high demand, we recommend that you focus your efforts on applying to one grant stream as we will only be able to fund one project per organisation/individual.

Who can apply?

We welcome applications from organisations, community groups, un-constituted groups and individuals. If you are applying as an individual/un-constituted group then you will need to partner with an organisation to accept the funds on your behalf and be financially responsible for the project.

If you are applying as an organisation, your annual turnover should be less than £250,000. Your project must be based within the Greater London boundary, see [here](#).

When can I apply?

You can apply from **11th January** until **12pm on 19th February 2021**.

You should aim to submit at least a day before 19th February to factor in any unforeseen technical difficulties.

Where does my project have to take place?

Your proposed project must involve (or have involved for LCS) communities located within the Greater London boundary, click [here](#) for the map.

When can my project start?

Community Led Action – Projects must take place between 01 April – 31st October 2021.

London Community Story – Projects must take place between 01 April – 31st July 2021. Your collection of materials should have already taken place, or should take place by 31st March 2021.

The panel meeting to decide on successful applications will take place in February 2021. You will be informed about the panel decision w/c 15th March 2021. Once your funding agreement is in place you can start preparing and marketing your project straight away. Please note, the grant cannot cover any activities that happen before the funding agreement is in place.

Do I have to complete an eligibility checker to apply?

Yes. You need to complete our eligibility checker before accessing the online grant form. When you click 'Apply Now' on our website, it will take you through to a Survey Monkey questionnaire and once you have completed this you will be linked to the grant portal login page. If you did not pass the eligibility checker and are unsure why - please contact our team and we can talk you through it.

What happens if the government guidance changes halfway throughout my project?

We understand that the COVID-19 situation is constantly changing and there will be some degree of flexibility with your project deliverables. If your application is successful, we can support you to accommodate any changes needed in order to adhere to the government guidelines at the time of delivery. For example, if your project was going to be delivered outside and you needed to adapt to deliver online instead then we could discuss this with you. To stay up to date with government guidelines then please follow this [link](#).

I am a community organisation/individual but don't have a bank account with two signatories, can I still apply?

If you do not have a bank account with two signatories, you must partner with an organisation to accept the funds on your behalf. Your partner organisation will ring fence the funds for you and offer some guidance and advice in running your project.

If I apply to both Community Led Action and London Community Story, do I stand a higher chance of being funded?

We would advise that you focus on a one application rather than attempting to apply for multiple projects. We will be assessing each application on their own merits, so you may find it more beneficial to spend more time developing and improving one application since only one project per organisation/individual can be funded.

If I have trouble accessing the application form or have access requirements what should I do?

If you experience any issues accessing the form/have any access requirements that you need to let us know about then please get in touch and we can discuss alternative options with you.

You can call 020 7239 1390 or email CommunityLedRecovery@groundwork.org.uk

How do I RSVP to the Information sessions/Online Application Advice Session?

The Greater London Authority and Groundwork London will host online information sessions and an application workshop for anyone who are considering applying for either of the grants. These sessions are free and provides guidance and insight into completing your application.

Information Session 1 ([Link](#)) – Monday 18th January, 12:00– 13:30

Information Session 2 ([Link](#))– Thursday 28th January, 17:00 – 18:30

Application workshop ([Link](#)) – Wednesday 3rd February 16:30 – 18:30

You will need to register by clicking the link next to the sessions and registering online. Please get in touch with Groundwork if you have any questions.

How can I access the online portal?

You need to complete your application through the online portal called GIFTS. You can find the link to this on the Groundwork website [here](#).

If you have already started your application and wish to return to it then please follow this link: https://www.GrantRequest.co.uk/SID_123?SA=AM and enter your login details. **Please note, this link will not lead you to an application form if you have not already completed the eligibility checker.**

GIFTS isn't compatible with smart phones or tablets, so you will need a computer or a laptop to access the online portal.

You also have to use Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox when using GIFTS. Google Chrome, Safari or Microsoft Edge will not work.

Who should I contact if I have got a question about the application?

You can contact a member of the team at Groundwork London who are administering the grant through the email CommunityLedRecovery@groundwork.org.uk or via phone – **020 7239 1390**