

Thrive LDN London Communities Microgrant Fund

What Is London Communities Microgrant Fund

Thrive LDN is a citywide partnership that exists to promote mental wellbeing for all Londoners, prevent mental ill-health, and to help address the unequal social and structural conditions that put some communities at greater risk of mental distress.

Grassroots and small (formal and informal) community organisations play a critical role within this landscape. They are often deeply embedded within communities, trusted by local residents, and able to respond quickly, flexibly and compassionately to emerging need.

Through the London Communities Microgrant Fund, we aim to invest in the power of these local organisations to support their delivery and improve their resilience, particularly for marginalised communities who may be affected by war, crisis, poverty, discrimination or exclusion from accessing traditional mental health support.

This fund is offering up to £5,000 (dependent on organisations' yearly turnover) in grants to help relevant grassroots and community organisations keep doing the work they excel at. Organisations must be based in and support participants from a London borough, including the City of London, and have a turnover of less than £500,000. The fund can only support existing projects, activities, and initiatives that can be delivered quickly and effectively in a short timeframe. For example, to cover the costs of projects in delivery, which may include hire of a space, staff and volunteer time, materials and resources (e.g. food and drink).

The London Communities Microgrant Fund is being delivered by Groundwork London. It is commissioned by Thrive LDN with support and funding from the Mayor of London.

Overview

- Grants available of up to £5,000:
 - £2,000 for organisations with a turnover of less than £300,000
 - £5,000 for organisations with a turnover of less than £500,000
- Supporting existing community activities
- Projects supporting wellbeing, resilience and belonging
- Projects must be delivered in London
- Applications close: 10am, 21 September 2026

Who can apply?

Organisations must be based in Greater London (32 Boroughs of London and City of London) and support residents from this area. The fund cannot fund activities outside of this area.

Type of Organisation

The London Communities Microgrant Fund is designed to support London based and equity led grassroots organisations who find it difficult to access other forms of grant funding.

Organisations, small charities, and informal community groups with an annual turnover of less than £500,000 are encouraged to apply, such as:

- Small charities and voluntary organisations
- Community groups and networks
- Faith-based organisations
- Cultural and identity-based organisations
- Resident-led and neighbourhood groups
- Peer support and mutual aid groups
- Community interest companies (CICs)
- Informal or unconstituted groups with appropriate arrangements to receive funding

Unconstituted groups may apply through an appropriate host organisation to manage payments on their behalf

Types of Participants

Proposed projects must work with marginalised and underserved communities experiencing poor mental health and wellbeing due to social, economic and structural inequalities, including:

- Communities affected by crisis, displacement or global conflict
- Communities experiencing social exclusion and discrimination
- People experiencing poverty and financial hardship
- Refugee and asylum-seeking communities
- Racialised and minoritised communities
- LGBTQ+ communities
- Disabled communities
- People facing multiple forms of disadvantage

Types of Projects

Projects should support mental wellbeing, resilience, belonging and social connection within communities. Projects do not need to provide formal mental health services, but they should demonstrate how their proposed activities will contribute to wellbeing and community belonging.

Examples of projects include:

- Community wellbeing and resilience programmes
- Community-led activities
- Food-based community activities
- Faith-based support activities
- Wellbeing projects around the creative arts and culture
- Peer support groups and networks
- Programmes that build confidence and leadership in engagement
- Safe spaces and community events that promote wellbeing and engagement

Suitable costs could include:

- venue or space hire
- facilitator or staff time
- volunteer expenses
- food or refreshments
- materials or equipment
- travel or participant expenses
- accessibility support (e.g. interpreters, transport, childcare)

Existing Projects Only

This fund is designed to support and sustain existing community activity. Funding is not available for entirely new initiatives. Applicants must demonstrate evidence of recent delivery or an established track record of supporting their community

How Much Funding Can I Apply for?

Organisations can apply for grants of up to £5,000. Applicants must demonstrate how the funding will be used to support the delivery and continuation of existing community-based activities.

Project Delivery and Reporting Requirements

Projects should be designed so that most of the funded activity is delivered by 14 December. Applicants are expected to demonstrate the proposed activity can begin promptly after award.

Successful applicants will be required to complete a monitoring report by 14 December detailing:

- Activities delivered
- Numbers of participants engaged
- Outputs and outcomes achieved
- Evidence of delivery (for example participant feedback, photographs, case studies or attendance records)

Projects may continue beyond December 2026, where there is clear need and delivery plan for ongoing work past 14 December.

Grant payments will be made on a **75% upfront / 25% in arrears** basis. The final 25% payment will only be released following receipt of:

- A satisfactory monitoring report; and
- An agreed delivery plan for any remaining activity due to take place after 14 December 2026.

Safeguarding Requirements

You must have appropriate safeguarding measures and are required to submit

- a safeguarding policy

How do you apply?

Before starting your application, we recommend that you read the application guidance and application portal user guide available on the webpage. This will assist with giving tips on how to answer the questions.

Applications must be submitted through the online application portal, or via the below link: Click [Here to apply](#)

We cannot process applications in MS Word documents via email or other formats. If you need help or support accessing the application portal or completing the application form,

please get in touch with Groundwork London and a member of the team will be happy to help you.

Timeline

Event	Date
Application window opens	Monday 24 August
Application online support workshop	Wednesday 9 September 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Application window closes	Monday 21 September, 10 am
Outcome notification	Friday 2 October
First payments made	From Monday 5 October
Delivery starts	From Monday 5 October
Mid-project monitoring and calls	2 November – 23 November
Project reporting and monitoring	Monday 14 December

Accessibility support:

If you need specific help to enable you to apply for funding, that is not available via Groundwork we have an Accessibility Pot of up to £4000 that can support you to apply. You can apply to the Accessibility Pot for up to £500 per applicant for specific assistance needed to help you complete the application form. You must submit your Accessibility pot request **before** applying