

£100,000 Small and Faith Fund

Lewisham Council are looking to fund new projects and will not be able to provide funding support to projects already in existence. Applicants should demonstrate in their proposals how they intend to roll out/sustain their projects following the end of the funding period.

To be considered for Lewisham Council funding you must first raise at least 15% of your project costs via Crowdfunder.

Remember though that you should not rely solely on the Council's pledge to reach your target, but should raise as much as possible from your local community.

Lewisham Council will assess each project against the eligibility and funding criteria, and for those projects that best meet our criteria and demonstrate the strongest likelihood of becoming self-sustaining, will pledge maximum contribution of £10,000 towards their funding goal.

Please note, the maximum contribution available from the Council is 65% of overall project cost.

Are you eligible?

To be eligible for the Small and Faith fund, projects must:

- Be submitted by a faith, community or voluntary organisation
- Focus on benefitting residents in Lewisham (minimum 85% of recipients of project)
- Actively promote equal opportunities and social inclusion

The Council is unable to fund:

- Individuals – If you are an individual with an idea you could link up with a local organisation. Contact us if you would like help with this
- Activities that promote political views or religious beliefs
- Commercial or business related activities
- Statutory organisations
- Spending that has already taken place
- Projects already fully funded by other Lewisham Council sources

Projects that aren't eligible are still encouraged to crowdfund their ideas and make them happen.

Funding Criteria

Priorities

The Small and Faith Fund aims to stimulate local development which enables organisations to develop projects in the following areas:

- Community activities
- Work with vulnerable adults
- Arts and Sports Related Initiatives, particularly aimed at promoting inter-generational activities and widening access

The Council is keen to see projects which aim to develop sustainable activities, and would encourage projects which have an element of long term community investment, e.g. one-off capital investment or seed-corn funding for a self-sustaining project

We want to hear about projects that:

- Offer new, innovative ways of working with the community, not just business as usual
- Have clear support for the project from the community and the Crowd

Things to think about...

You can apply for the fund once you've started adding your project details in your dashboard. You must agree to the Terms & Conditions in the application.

As part of the application process you will be required to submit:

- Organisation's constitution or governing document
- Equalities and Diversity policy and procedures
- Public liability insurance

You may also be required to submit the following documents specific to your project:

- Health & safety policy
- Volunteers' policy
- Child protection and vulnerable adults safeguarding policy
- Statement evidencing that all staff & practitioners are DBS checked to the required standards for the project being undertaken
- Risk Assessment

Successful projects will be required to return a completed monitoring form and financial breakdown of how the grant was used no later than 3 months after the end date of the project. Failure to do so will render the project ineligible for future grants. [Download a template monitoring form here](#)

Lewisham Contact Details

For any queries or if you would like to discuss your project in more detail please email community.enterprise@lewisham.gov.uk or call 0208 314 7858.

Good luck with preparing and raising funding for your project.