



Community Impacts Resilience Fund

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This guidance will help you decide whether to apply to Camden's Community Impacts Resilience Fund. It provides you with the information that you need to make your application.

Please read these guidance notes before making your application.

About the Resilience Fund

The Community Impacts Resilience Fund offers financial support to local organisations that are struggling financially because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

It also provides support for new partnerships and innovative ways of working, which have been developed within the sector in response to the challenges of the pandemic.

In 2021/22 there are two strands of funding available in the Community Impacts Resilience Fund:

- **Recovery Fund:** Grants of up to £15,000 to support organisations to return to business as usual. Funding can be used to cover day-to-day costs such as staffing, rent and utility bills. A total of £600,000 is available through this fund.
- **Partnership and Network Development Fund:** Grants of up to £10,000 to support organisations to develop existing or to establish new partnerships and collaborations within the community. Applications can be made as individual organisations, partnerships or networks. The fund can also be used to cover core costs associated with this work such as staffing, rent and utility bills. A total of £150,000 is available through this fund.

Aims of the Fund

The overarching aims of the Community Impacts Resilience Fund, which your application should address are:

- **To increase your ability to contribute to Camden's Renewal Missions:** For you to develop sustainable approaches to delivering against Camden's Renewal Missions of:
 - **Food poverty and sustainability:** By 2030, everyone eats well every day with nutritious, affordable, sustainable food.
 - **Diversity in positions of power:** By 2030, those holding positions of power in Camden are as diverse as our community – and the next generation is ready to follow.



- **Health and sustainability of estates:** By 2030, Camden's estates and streets are creative and sustainable.
- **Opportunities for young people:** By 2025, every young person has access to economic opportunity that enables them to be safe and secure.

This fund aims to support you to do this by:

- **Increasing your organisation's financial resilience:** For example, to provide training to trustees; to develop a new business plan; to develop and deliver a fundraising strategy; maximise the use of a building you manage; or to increase your organisation's digital capacity.
- **Enabling your organisation to respond to new and emerging needs:** For example, you may have had to respond to a new community need; to form new partnerships; to reach out to different parts of the community; to deliver services in a different way such as online or through outreach; or establish new provision.

Recovery Fund

The purpose of the Recovery Fund is to recognise the vital role the VCS has played in supporting communities during the pandemic. It is both a grant to recognise organisations' contribution and flexible funding to enable organisations to adapt to changing circumstance resulting from the pandemic to ensure ongoing viability.

It is a one-off grant that can be used to cover core costs, this could include retrospective costs incurred during the financial year 21/22.

We recognise that the pandemic has had a range of impacts on VCS organisations. Therefore, the funding can be used for a variety of purposes to ensure that your organisation is resilient. For example, you may have lost or seen a reduction in an income, you may have changed or expanded your services to broaden their scope or to target a particular community, you may have had to adapt your space, purchase equipment or deliver services in a different way, or your organisation may want to review its business planning in the light of the Pandemic.

£600,000 is available in total and organisations can apply for up to £15,000. There is no minimum grant request, but we expect most awards to be in the region of £5,000-£15,000.

Partnership and Network Development Fund

The purpose of the **Partnership and Network Development Fund** is to enable you to develop or embed partnerships or networks that have resulted from the pandemic.



Core funding will be available to organisations to develop partnerships or networks over a year, without the need to deliver a project. This will enable organisations to invest time in establishing trust and ensuring the partnership or network is responsive to need and recognises the value that each partner brings.

The funding can be used to support a variety of areas of work. For example:

- To develop or establish a partnership to recognise the role and value of smaller and Black, Asian and minority led organisations and challenge the traditional power imbalances of partnership working.
- A youth organisation may need to develop partnerships with local corporates to support its mentoring scheme. This funding could be used to fund additional staff time to identify and work with local corporates to develop and embed these partnerships.
- A local food provider has been making regular referrals into a local advice service. This funding could be used to develop a formal partnership agreement and identify ways in which the two organisations can work more closely together in the future.
- An existing network of organisations meet regularly to discuss challenges in their neighbourhood or community. They have developed several action plans but lack the resource and capacity to progress the work.

This funding can be used to cover an administrator's time to convene the network and to track progress. Manager or project worker staff costs could also be covered to enable organisations to progress projects and areas of work identified as part of the action plan.

There is £150,000 available in total and groups can apply for a grant of up to £10,000. There is no minimum grant request, but we expect most awards to be in the region of £5,000-£10,000

Eligibility: Who can apply?

You can apply to the Camden Community Impacts Resilience Fund if your organisation meets the following criteria:

- Is a registered charity, 'not for profit' or faith organisation undertaking work to benefit the wider community
- Has a focus and a track record of delivering to Camden residents
- Has its own bank account with at least two unrelated signatories, or has an organisation that is willing to hold funds for them
- Has a minimum of three trustees or is an unincorporated organisation with an agreement/ articles of association in place
- Has recent annual accounts



- Pays all employees and contracted staff the London Living Wage as a minimum

You cannot apply if your organisation:

- Is a statutory body / organisation
- Makes a surplus or profit which is not reinvested for social benefit
- Promotes political or religious beliefs
- Delivers projects and services that contravene the Equality Act 2010

Income threshold:

- It is unlikely grants will be awarded to organisations with an annual income of more than £2m

Your Application

The grant application process for both funds is in two stages. You will need to submit a stage 1 application form for assessment. If successful, your organisation will then be invited to submit a Stage 2 application form. Please read the application form carefully – we have provided notes for certain questions to help you with your responses.

For stage one, applications for both the Recovery Fund and the Partnership and Network Development Fund is combined in one application form. “Section 2: Funding Request” in the application form has further information about which sections you will need to complete.

You can apply for both grants but please be aware that there will likely be more applications than it will be possible to fund and it is unlikely that organisations will be awarded grants from both funds.

The first section in the application form asks questions to determine your eligibility. If your organisation fails to meet any of the eligibility criteria your application will not be considered, so please check your eligibility before spending time on the application form.

The rest of the application form is broken down into the following sections:

1. Information about your organisation
2. Your funding request
3. Camden’s Renewal Missions and Your Response to COVID-19
4. Your organisations financial information

If you are applying for the Partnership and Network Development Fund you can apply as an individual organisation outlining how the grant will help you develop partnerships or a network. You can also apply as part of an existing partnership or network. If you are applying as part of an existing partnership or network, you will need to decide on which organisation will submit the application as the lead



organisation. This organisation will be responsible for the financial administration of the grant and monitoring and reporting.

Assessment and suitability

We will score applications based on the following criteria:

- Whether the organisation meets the eligibility criteria
- Demonstrates a clear need and a proposed response/ solution
- The difference the funding will make to the organisation(s) and Camden residents
- Ability to contribute to renewal and renewal missions
- Organisation’s response supporting residents during the Covid pandemic
- Financial viability of organisation
- Financial impact of Covid on the organisation

The following scoring criteria will be used:

- 0 There is no response to the question
- 1 An attempt has been made to respond, but does not meet requirements/solution does not cover any essential points
- 2 The response/solution partially meets requirements (covers some essential points)
- 3 The response/solution meets requirements (covers all essential points, may have included clear examples)
- 4 The response/solution exceeds requirements (covers more than the essential points, giving clear examples)
- 5 The response/solution will add significant value (covers more than the essential points, giving clear thorough examples to illustrate how value will be added)

Once we have assessed all of the applications consideration will also be given to the geographical spread (i.e. enabling a balanced spread of funding support across the borough) and equalities considerations (i.e. ensuring that the portfolio of funded VCS organisations reflects the borough’s diversity, with a particular focus on tackling inequalities and advancing the rights of groups facing structural inequalities).

Key Dates

Launch of Expressions of Interest	5th November 2021
Deadline for submitting Expressions of Interest	11pm 29th November 2021
Applicants informed of decision on Expressions of Interest	Mid December 2021
Launch of Stage two applications	End December 2021
Deadline for submitting Stage two applications	End January 2022
Funding awards announced	March 2022



Questions?

If you have any questions, then please go to FAQs: [Community Impacts Resilience Fund Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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