

# COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAMME



CANARY WHARF  
GROUP

East End  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION





# CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

At Canary Wharf Group, we understand that we have a responsibility to create a positive and lasting impact that goes beyond the buildings and places we create. We pride ourselves in our ability to create long-standing and meaningful relationships with the communities based around Canary Wharf.

Our Community Grant Programme is aligned to our overarching social value approach, which focuses on the benefits we deliver to wider society. As part of this, our Community Grant Programme aims to support local community initiatives that will deliver the greatest impact for those who need it the most. We are working in partnership with The East End Community Foundation (EECF) in delivering the programme.

**EECF are a local grant maker dedicated to improving lives within Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Newham, and the City of London. Working in the East End for over 35 years, EECF are a trusted grant maker, supporting groups to make lasting impact, with simple and transparent processes. Working together with their donors to build stronger communities, tackle hardship, and create opportunities where they are needed most.**

**The programme is centred around three key themes: Education, Skills & Employment and Wellbeing** and is open to all not-for-profit organisations operating in and benefitting the residents of Tower Hamlets.

## THEMES

**Education** - programmes supporting children and young people to fulfil their educational potential through curricular and extra-curricular support and training, including programmes to boost confidence and career aspirations.

**Skills and Employment** - programmes delivering skills and employment opportunities for local people, particularly those who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET), or long term unemployed.

**Wellbeing** - programmes creating a healthier community through interventions related to physical activity, mental health and those addressing the impact of poverty, as well as programmes that provide more green spaces and access to water, which will increase the area's biodiversity.

## ELIGIBILITY

This Community Grant Programme seeks to fund high-impact projects that are aligned with our company themes and geographic footprint. The programme will support initiatives that aim to make a positive difference to the lives of local residents. Grants of £500 to £10,000 will be available to support local groups with an annual income of less than £2 million and statutory organisations. Projects should deliver against the following priorities: Education, Skills and Employment, Wellbeing.

### To be considered for a grant, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a not-for-profit organisation
- Operating in and benefiting the residents of Tower Hamlets
- Proposed project duration is 12 months or less
- Proposed project focuses on at least one of the themes
- Require funding of between £500 and £10,000

### Extra information we'll need:

- A bank account in the name of the organisation with at least two signatures of individuals who are unrelated
- Constitution or articles of association
- Approved accounts or a record of income and expenditure for the organisation for the most recent financial year
- One bank statement dated within the last 3 months showing the organisation's account details
- Equality & Diversity Policy
- Safeguarding Policy for working with vulnerable adults and/or young people
- If you are working with children and young people, please also provide a risk assessment as part of your application or prior to your project commencing

## WE DO NOT FUND

- Projects outside Tower Hamlets
- Political parties or causes
- Projects that have no community or charitable element
- Services which are a statutory responsibility (i.e. are the responsibility of the Council, Government or Health Authorities)
- The advancement of religion, we will fund faith-based organisations to undertake secular activities
- Medical research
- Foreign travel
- Retrospective grants (money for a project that has already happened)
- Individual fundraising activities or challenges (e.g., costs for a sky dive etc.)

## APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FROM

- For-profit organisations (including CICs limited by shares)
- Individuals seeking funding for personal benefit, or sole traders
- Organisations based outside the UK

## APPLICATION PROCESS EXPLAINED

1. EECF receives applications and undertakes initial appraisal
2. EECF undertakes due diligence to include:
  - a. Eligibility
  - b. Constitution and Governance
  - c. Public profile and reputational risks
  - d. Finances and Accounts
  - e. Equality and Diversity
  - f. Safeguarding and Risk
3. Grant assessment is presented to CWG for decision
4. EECF Grants Committee Chair ratifies recommendations
5. EECF administers grant agreements and payments









## HOW TO APPLY

Please scan the QR Code below to Access the Guidelines and Application Form



If your proposed project fulfils the eligibility criteria as stated in the guidelines, you can commence the application process and register for an online application form to complete or be sent a postal application form if requested. The application form will require information on the organisation requesting a grant, details of the project to be delivered and the anticipated outcomes. We welcome opportunities for Canary Wharf Group employees to support the delivery of projects and ask for details of how they may be able to engage or volunteer their time to support.

There will be three grant rounds per year:

| Round | Opening Date     | Grants Webinar Q&A     | Closing Date                        | Award Notification              |
|-------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| One   | Mon 26 Jan 2026  | Tues 10 Feb at 11 am   | Mon 2 Mar 2026 at 12 noon (midday)  | Week commencing 27 April 2026   |
| Two   | Tues 3 Mar 2026  | Tues 17 March at 11 am | Mon 25 May 2026 at 12 noon (midday) | Week commencing 20 July 2026    |
| Three | Tues 26 May 2026 | Tues 16 June at 11 am  | Mon 7 Sept 2026 at 12 noon (midday) | Week commencing 26 October 2026 |

The Grants Webinar/Q & A will provide interested groups with more information about the fund, the programme themes and tips for submitting a successful application. You can submit an application at any time and your application will be considered by the grants panel after each closing date. If you need your funding for a specific time please make sure you submit your application to the grant round to ensure you to receive a decision and funding prior to the start of your project.

## MONITORING & EVALUATION

If your application is successful, you must be able to spend the funds within 12 months of the grant being awarded. It is important to gather information throughout the duration of your activities. These pieces of information must be submitted in an end of grant report submitted online. The end of grant report will ask questions on your project, and how you delivered against the plans you set out in your application.





## ALTERNATIVE ACCESSIBLE FORMATS

We are committed to equity and inclusion, and we recognise the diverse needs of our communities. If you experience or anticipate any difficulties with the application process (language or other barriers) or if you have any specific requirements in accessing the information and applying for grants, or would like a paper application form, please contact the EECF grants team by emailing [grants@eastendcf.org](mailto:grants@eastendcf.org) or calling **020 7345 4444**





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