

**HELPING HANDS PROGRAMME
COMMUNITY FUND**

Funding Guidelines and Priorities

| Applicant Information Summary | |
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| Background | <p>The Helping Hands Programme revolved around creating interventions that are led by the voices of young people and community members who have been directly and indirectly impacted by Youth Violence. Working in collaboration with local youth clubs and partners, we will give communities ownership over creating innovative opportunities for the borough, building on the valuable work already being done to keep young people safe.</p> <p>The Helping Hands Community Fund is a community-led grants initiative that will provide funding to organisations or individuals working in partnership with an organisation to deliver projects for young people and/or the local community. This will focus on opportunities that offer prevention and intervention for youth violence in the community.</p> <p>This funding has been made available through contributions from Westminster City Council, London Violence Reduction Unit, Children in Need and Young Westminster Foundation.</p> <p>The Community Fund is designed to respond to the needs of young people and the community within North West Westminster as identified in our North West Westminster Serious Youth Violence Consultation Research Report. The Community Fund aims to support partners to build capacity within the community to address the impact of Serious Youth Violence.</p> <p>We have asked young people who live in North Westminster what change they would like to see in their local community. We heard about the importance of ‘expanding positive activities for young people’ ‘safe spaces for young people to meet’ and ‘more opportunities to gain skills for employment’.</p> <p>We also work with a Local Community group to hear how Serious Youth Violence impacts them through our work with the Core Community.</p> |
| Who can apply? | <p>Applications can be made by organisations or individuals partnering with an organisation.</p> <p>This funding is solely for the provision of new or existing projects / activities / services / programmes (including pilots) that work in North Westminster.</p> <p>Funding can be used to cover project/activity/programme costs, venue costs, and capital equipment.</p> |



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| Geographical Area of Benefit | Projects must benefit communities within Westbourne Ward, Harrow Road Ward and Queen’s Park Ward. We encourage applications to focus on children and young people. | |
| How will funding decisions be made? | A steering group made up of local community members, practitioners and residents will make the funding decisions. | |
| Size of available grants | The total funding available is £30,000. We would like to give a range of organisations the opportunity to receive funding. Therefore we offer grants of up to £5,000 | |
| Timeframe | Open for Applications | Monday 30th January 2023 |
| | Application Deadline | Monday 27th February 2023 |
| | Panel Meeting | Will take place on Friday 10th March 2023 |
| | Applicants informed | Within 10 days |

Funding Priorities

Priority will be given to applications which demonstrate one or more of the following:

- We would like to use this as an opportunity to test ways to support Westminster’s most vulnerable young people through tailored approaches or outreach where required. This could involve direct face to face outreach and/or digital engagement and/or other suitable approaches.
- Knowledge: Show a clear understanding of the organisations knowledge of Serious Youth Violence in the context of the impact on the local community.
- Working in partnership: we would like to see how the work you are applying for is embedded in the local context. This means we would like you to demonstrate how your organisation works with others, learns from others or shares resources with others to ensure you give young people the best service possible, minimising duplication of services.

We welcome applications which demonstrate these ways of working:

- Projects which demonstrate that they understand and meet the needs of children, young people and communities affected by Serious Youth Violence, particularly in the local North West Westminster Community.

- Opportunities that offer prevention and intervention for youth violence in the community.
- Projects which aim to increase feeling of safety and belonging within communities
- We are particularly interested in projects that are co-produced with young people and/or the local community

We will not support applications for:

- Work that takes place outside of Westminster
- Individuals who are not working in partnership with a local organisation
- Political activities
- National organisations with no track record of delivery in Westminster

We are unlikely to support applications:

- From organisations that are in serious financial deficit
- Preference may be given to organisations which have not been funded multiple times through YWF grant funding

How to apply:

- Fill out the application form, highlighting the project/activity/ service/programme and how it will be addressing the impact of Serious Youth Violence.

Grant Reporting:

The reporting for the grant will include a short video discussing how the grant has been impactful, to meet the needs of the community, how it has addressed the impact of Serious Youth Violence.

We would also like 2 case studies for the project/activity/service/programme, highlighting key aspects of the programme which went well and challenges faced, learnings from the project/activity/service/programme which can be share wider. Photos and videos of the project/activity/service/programme.