



# Helping Hands

Community Fund



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## Helping Hands Community Fund Guidance



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# Background

### **Helping Hands Programme**

The Helping Hands Programme revolves 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 and our community safe.

### **Helping Hands Community Fund**

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 and addresses the impact of violence experienced by the community.

The Fund has also been informed by a core group of local practitioners and residents. We have worked with this group over the past 18 months to hear how Youth Violence impacts the local community and supported developing interventions which address the impact of Youth Violence. We have The panel consisted of 5 community leaders and a young person representing the Helping Hands Youth Advisory Board.

Our last grants round consisted of £30,000 with grants of up to £5,000 being made available. We funded five organisations, one resident application and supported one community event. To find out more about the grantees please visit:[www.youngwestminster.com/2023/03/23/helping-hands-community-fund-2/](http://www.youngwestminster.com/2023/03/23/helping-hands-community-fund-2/)



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# Helping Hands Community Fund Roadmap

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**23rd November / 14 December / 18 December  
Community Network Meetings**

Open space for community members to discuss interventions. Space created to help cultivate and develop ideas and interventions.

**October - December**

**Governance & Strategy Support**

Governance and Strategy building individual workshops made available for community network members.

**Monday 4th December 2023**

**Application Opens**

Application form and guidance is made available for applicants.

**November / December / January**

**Funding Surgeries and Workshop Support**

Funding Surgeries slots made available for applicants with Helping Hands Programme Manager and Core Community Members.

**Friday 26th January 2024**

**Applications Close**

Community Fund closed and shortlisting process begins with Commissioners, YWF and Funders.

**Tuesday 27th February**

**Panel Meeting & Decisions**

Community Fund Panel meeting takes place with some applicants invited in to meet panel members.

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### Who can apply?

Applications can be made by organisations or individuals partnering with an organisation.

This funding is solely for the provision of new or existing projects / activities / services / programmes (including pilots) that work in North Westminster.

Funding can be used to cover project/activity/programme costs, venue costs, and capital equipment.

### Geographical Area of Benefit

North West Westminster

Projects must benefit communities within Westbourne Ward, Harrow Road Ward and Queen's Park Ward.

North East Westminster

Projects must benefit communities within Church Street Ward.

We encourage applications to focus on children and young people who are directly impacted by youth violence.

### 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

We would like to give a range of organisations the opportunity to receive funding. Therefore we offer grants of up to £5,000

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# 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.

**Your application must demonstrate:**

- Opportunities that offer prevention and intervention for youth violence in the community.
- Projects which aim to increase feeling of safety and belonging within communities.
- Projects have been consulted with the local community and/or local young people.

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# Funding Priorities

### **We will not support applications for:**

- Work that takes place outside of eligible wards
- 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 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 funded project, highlighting key aspects of the programme which went well and challenges faced, learnings from the project which can be shared wider. Photos and videos of the project.

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# Funding Surgeries

**We are offering additional support with understanding the criteria and guidance along with supporting with applications.**

Funding Surgeries are an opportunity to discuss ideas and support available for individuals and organisations who are interested in applying. The Helping Hands Programme Manager, Marium will be holding funding surgeries alongside members of the Core Community, bookable by email only. For more information please email Marium, [marium@youngwestminster.com](mailto:marium@youngwestminster.com).

## **North West**

Thursday 23rd November  
2 - 4pm

Thursday 14th December  
3 - 6pm

Wednesday 10th January  
5 - 7pm

## **North East**

Thursday 7th December  
1 - 4pm

Monday 18th December  
11 - 2pm

Tuesday 16th January  
3 - 5pm

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# Support

The Helping Hands Community Network meetings is an open meeting for Community Members and Practitioners to attend and discuss ideas, interventions and access further support.

The Programme Manager will be holding Funding Surgeries available to be booked via email.

For more information around the Fund, Community Network Meetings and access to the application form please contact Marium Uddin, Youth Violence Programme Manager who leads on the Helping Hands Programme.



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**"When we extend our hands to young people,  
we show them a different path."**

The Hand That Helps Film