

LONDON COMMUNITY RESPONSE

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- London Funders is the membership network for funders and investors in London's civil society – 170 members, across all sectors
- We're here to enable funders from all sectors to be effective. We're focused on collaboration – convening funders to connect, contribute and cooperate together, to help people across London's communities to live better lives.

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Working together to support Londoners

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London's funders are working together to provide coordinated funding to support groups responding to the needs of communities in the capital affected by the covid-19 pandemic.



Over £4m new funding available to support London's civil society organisations through the second lockdown

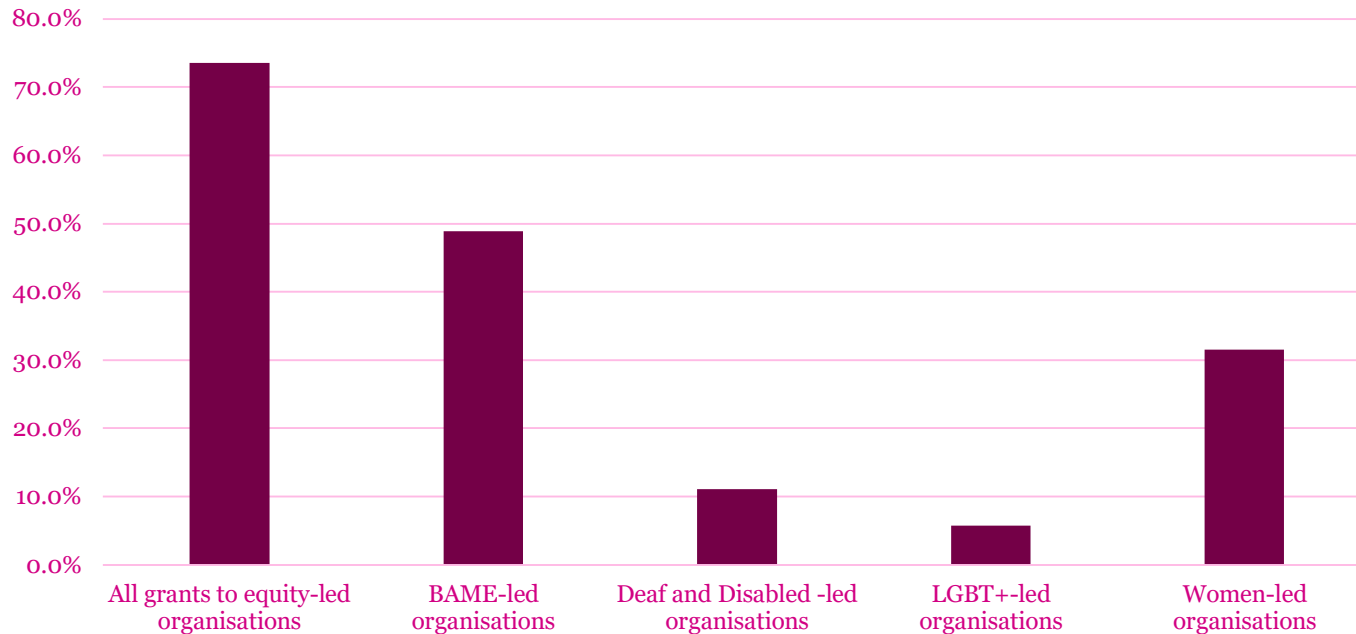
London's funders have once again come together to provide new funding for civil society organisations

The story so far...

- Creation of a single, simple application portal
- 65 funders in the partnership for first waves, two new funders joining us for wave four
- Originally opened four days after lockdown #1
- Three waves of funding completed to date
- 6,527 applications received
- £133.3m requested by civil society
- £41.8m distributed through 2,592 grants

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Wave three: focus on equity



73.5% of total grants went to groups led by focus communities

Wave four: overview

- £4m+ pledged so far by funding partnership
- Grants up to £10,000 for navigating crisis
- Applications open until **5pm on 3 December 2020**
- Decisions to be made by Friday 18 December 2020
- Funding can be spent over next six months

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Priorities this wave

- **Equity and inclusion** – organisations led by and for marginalised communities and those most affected by the covid-19 crisis (particularly Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME); Deaf and Disabled; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT+); and/or women’s-led groups)
- **Strong connections** – groups who reach people at high risk of negative impacts from Covid-19 (in terms of health outcomes, as well as social and economic issues)
- **Smaller organisations** – typically those with a turnover of under £1m a year

Who is eligible to apply?

- Organisations who are set up as:
 - Registered, exempt or excepted charity
 - Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
 - CIC limited by guarantee
 - Charitable company (limited by guarantee)
 - Charitable cooperative (Bencom)
 - Faith group, where the activity is not promoting religion
 - Registered Community Amateur Sports Club
 - Constituted but unincorporated club or association
 - Constituted Tenants and Residents Associations
 - Constituted community group
- Can also apply via a host organisation

Which themes are covered?

- Advice
- Arts and culture
- Children and young people
- Domestic abuse and VAWG
- Equity and inclusion
- Food
- Homelessness
- Infrastructure (civil society support, including community anchor organisations)
- Mental health and wellbeing
- People at risk
- Refugees and migrants

Navigating crisis grants (1)

- Access to food, including cooked food, for those most in need and who are not reached by public services
- Access to essentials for people facing crisis so that they can access services and support safely
- Support for people on mental health and wellbeing, including tackling isolation and loneliness

Navigating crisis grants (2)

- Advice to people on benefits, employment, housing, and/or immigration problems (reaching people who are experiencing difficulties for the first time, supporting those with complex issues, and/or boosting capacity to deal with increases in demand for advice and casework)
- Work that helps to get key messages about how to stay safe to groups who may be missed by existing channels

Navigating crisis grants (3)

- Work that enhances the capabilities and volunteer management of groups meeting the needs outlined above
- Support to develop and sustain community action at a local level (in particular mutual aid groups) so that it can best meet the needs of Londoners and strengthens local relationships

Navigating crisis grants (4)

- Adaptations to essential services so that they can be delivered through digital or other safe and accessible channels (including for people at risk of digital exclusion), so that positive activities and outcomes can be maintained
- Development work that helps to prepare organisations for longer-term funding beyond crisis or avoids the loss of premises (e.g. through developing new business models, forming collaborations, or ensuring that buildings are covid-secure for when people can return), with a particular focus on maintaining community infrastructure organisations

What can the funding be for? (1)

- People – staffing and volunteer costs associated with delivering the work you are applying for
- Support – supervision and support for your team, including wellbeing and specialist support that ensures the resilience of staff and volunteers
- Equipment – any equipment you need to deliver this work that is not already in your budget
- Resources – any new software or training needed for your team to do their work

What can the funding be for? (2)

- Services – meeting the needs of the people you work for, including food and essentials, translation or interpreting services, or deep cleaning of accommodation
- Overheads – direct additional costs (e.g. for home working), together with a proportionate contribution to your organisational costs (including your governance costs)
- Partnership – staff time, professional fees, or support needed to enable collaboration
- Development – contributions to capacity building, infrastructure and organisational development

What's excluded?

- Direct payments to your beneficiaries (though a small number of funders can cover the costs of vouchers given to people to buy items);
- Costs that should be covered by public funding (e.g. the provision of laptops to pupils by schools); and
- Work that isn't charitable or doesn't benefit London (as stated in the earlier section).

How to apply...

- Single application form on the LCR website:
 - www.londoncommunityresponse.org.uk
- Application form sections:
 1. Winter Crisis Grants (themes)
 2. Your contact details
 3. About your organisation
 4. Financial information
 5. Funding request
 6. Budget
 7. Uploads and statements

Tips for the form

- If you've applied before, you should have a copy of your previous application
- There's a word version of the form you can download to draft your answers
- You can save your online form and come back to it later – you will be emailed a link to access your form to continue working on it
- All the guidance and regularly-updated FAQs can be found on the website:

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Useful resources

- Newsletters and wider funding info:
 - www.londonfunders.org.uk
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