Community Impacts Resilience Fund

Frequently Asked Questions
These questions relate to both grants available as part of the Resilience Fund

**Recovery Fund**- Flexible funding to enable organisations to adapt to changing circumstance. A one-off grant of up to £15,000 for core costs

**Partnership and Network Development**- development grants of up to £10,000 to develop or embed partnerships/ networks that have resulted from the pandemic

1. **Can un-incorporated as well as constituted organisations/ community groups apply for funding?**

The Resilience Fund is designed to enable applications from un-incorporated organisations and community groups, as well as constituted organisations. However, un-incorporated organisations will still need to have an agreement/ articles of association in place and a bank account in the organisation’s name, as well as two unrelated signatories to this bank account.

Un-incorporated organisations include:

- Unincorporated i.e., non-registered charity and delivering to services/ support to Camden residents including those supporting marginalised communities/ residents
- Have an income of under £10,000 per year
- A small grassroots organisation/community groups with a single focus e.g., food poverty
- TRAs
- Newly formed organisations/ community groups responding to existing and new community needs arising from the pandemic

Constituted organisations can also apply, provided the organisation:

- Is a registered charity or ‘not for profit’ with the Charity Commission/ and Companies House
- Has a governing document
- Delivers services/ support needs to Camden residents
- Has its own bank account or has an organisation that is willing to hold funds for them
- Has a minimum of three trustees
- Has recent annual accounts signed off by the organisations Board of trustees.

**You cannot apply if your organisation:**

- Is a statutory body / organisation
- Makes a surplus or profit which is not reinvested for social benefit
2. Can a non-constituted organisation apply in partnership with a constituted one for The Partnership and Development Network Fund?

Yes, and it is suggested the constituted organisation act as the lead partner, in order to guarantee the statutory needs of the former, however this does not prohibit two non-constituted organisations forming a partnership should they wish.

3. We are in the process of forming a partnership with another organisation to develop a project/network; can we apply?

Yes, however it is suggested- but not required-that a partnership agreement be in place ahead of the application process. You may want to include developing a partnership agreement as part of the application. Where there is an agreement in place, we will ask you to summarise this in the application form, and a nominated organisation must be the lead and accountable for:

- Managing the grant bid and funding distribution
- Any project delivery of the funding proposal
- Management of any workers funded by the project
- Safeguarding

4. How much can we apply for?

The maximum amounts per fund that can be applied for per application is as follows

- Partnership and Network Development Fund £10,000.
- The Recovery Fund £15,000.

5. Can we apply for staffing costs such as salaries or sessional worker wages?

Yes, the funding allows for staffing costs impacted by the pandemic and for projected costs responding to emerging community needs. You can also consider applying costs to backfill or cover posts, for example if you have a staff member that needs to attend training, funding can be used to cover a sessional worker to cover their time.

6. Does having a Kickstarter and/or paying Living Wage inc. London Living Wage prohibit organisations from applying for funding?

No, organisations are still eligible to apply.

7. Can we apply for funding to cover the core running costs of our project or organisation?
Yes, your application can be for organisational running costs, including day-to-day rent, insurance, compliance, management and on-costs, and/or utilities.

8. What happens after we submit our Application Form?

You will receive an email confirming acknowledging receipt of your application.

We may then contact you to discuss and/or to clarify information in your application.

An internal panel of Camden officers will review each application received and assess them before making a final decision.

We will let you know the outcome of the decision via email.

9. What happens if you award us a grant?

Applicants will be notified by email informing them of what happens next.

Successful applicants will be sent a Standard Condition of Grant Aid and an award letter outlining the terms and conditions of their grant acceptance, to be signed and dated by The Chair and Treasurer of your Trustees (or equivalent governing body).

10. Can I get feedback if my application is turned down?

The decision email will provide a brief summary as to the reasons for your application being turned down. However due to the volume of applications we will be unable to provide individual feedback.

11. Can you check our application before we submit it?

Unfortunately, we cannot check applications before they are submitted, which is why we recommend seeking advice from services such as Voluntary Action Camden (VAC) and All Ways Network (AWN) who can advise you on your application form before submitting.

However, the first stage application is intended to help applicants and Camden to identify any issues that they will need to address in order to progress to the second application stage.

12. Can I apply for more than one fund?

Yes, provided there’s a clear distinction between the two applications in terms of how the funding will be used. You cannot apply for funding from both grants for the exact same purpose/outcome. Please note that we are working to ensure both a demographic and geographic spread across the borough and due to the high
number of expected applications it is unlikely that organisations will be awarded funding from both grants.

13. **How do I submit my application?**

Completed Stage one applications should be emailed to vcs@camden.gov.uk by 11pm on 29th November 2021.

Applications submitted after this date and time will not be accepted.

If you do not have access to email and would like to apply, please call us to arrange how to submit your application.

- Hafid on 020 7974 6033
- Karen on 020 7974 1411
- Lisa on 020 7974 4682