

LOCAL RESILIENCE FUND

Spring
2024



A NEW, PLACE-BASED FUND FOR WOMEN FURTHEST FROM
MAINSTREAM SUPPORT IN HACKNEY & NEWHAM

APPLICATIONS
CLOSE

14 JUNE 2024

SUMMARY OF THE FUND

The Smallwood Trust and City Bridge Foundation have set up a new £1M fund for women experiencing gendered poverty and the organisations supporting them in Hackney and Newham.

The programme will last for 4 years and has been designed through an extensive period of outreach interviews involving 21 organisations and a co-design process with 13 grassroots organisations.

This work made it clear that the fund should be for women at the sharp end of structural inequality, those for whom services no longer exist in this climate or never existed in the first place.

FUND PRIORITY

The priority will be on supporting organisations or groups who help women experiencing gendered poverty from **Asylum/refugee and migrant backgrounds** who may have additional layers of oppression affecting their lives such as:

- No Recourse to Public Funds
- Economic abuse (including unregulated sex or domestic work)
- Physical and mental abuse
- Identify as LGBTQI+
- Caring responsibilities
- Disability

AREA PRIORITIES





In Hackney:

the co-design panel wanted to focus on *Single Women* from the priority backgrounds with specific support areas around the themes of **HOUSING** and **MENTAL HEALTH**

In Newham:

the co-design panel wanted to fund women in general from the above backgrounds with specific support areas around the themes of **ADVICE/SUPPORT SERVICES** and **ROUTES OUT OF DESTITUTION**

CAN YOUR WORK HELP US ACHIEVE THESE AIMS TOGETHER?

-  To explore, develop or scale up workable models to address area priorities for women in Hackney and Newham
-  To strengthen networks providing services to women at grassroots level to address complex causes/results of gendered poverty
-  To promote and support mutual aid activities which add quality to services through e.g. volunteering (which builds women's capacity concurrently)
-  To compel more funding and resources for grassroots organisations and the women they support

OPEN TO INSPIRATION

This funding is unrestricted and we welcome creative ideas to start new work, scale up things that are going well or keep you doing the good work you are already doing.

All grant recipients will be expected to connect with each other to share learning/referrals etc. to uplift women living in poverty in Hackney and Newham.

WHAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE ?

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The co-design panels came up with some bold ideas and some very practical ideas for this fund.

There was support for groups coming together to tackle bigger issues as well as a demand for flexibility and support for very small groups who may be responding to practical needs.

To that end, it was decided to split the fund into 2 “pots”:

- 1) a “Consortium” in each area has been invited to work together to develop joint applications around the strategic area priorities (page 2)
- 2) “The Uplift Fund”, a one-off open round which will make 4 year grants

The Uplift Fund will support a maximum of 13 organisations with £420,000 over 4 years

In Hackney we expect to fund 4 organisations with £40,000 grants and 2 organisations with £20,000 grants

In Newham we expect to fund 4 organisations with £40,000 grants and 3 organisations with £20,000 grants

Other key recommendations we are implementing:

- Funding groups with grants for 4 years
- Focus on grassroots organisations with a turnover of £450,000 or less
- Paying grants annually upfront with annual impact and learning reviews
- Encouraging networking as part of grant conditions to re-invigorate the connections that were working well during Covid
- To pilot Participatory Grant Making

HACKNEY

Consortium Fund 200K

Uplift Fund 200K

NEWHAM

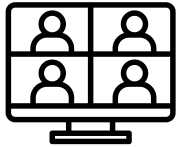
Consortium Fund 180K

Uplift Fund 220K

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE UPLIFT FUND



Read the Fund overview, Guidelines and FAQ's to check your Eligibility



REGISTER for an online GUIDANCE SESSION:

9th May at 4pm [link](#) to register

16th May at 11am [link](#) to register

THIS IS A 2-STAGE APPLICATION PROCESS

1

Fill in the online Expression of Interest Form (links below)

[Hackney Form](#)

[Newham Form](#)

If you can't access the form, you can also fill it in as a Word doc and email it to us. [Email us to request a word version.](#)

2

After an initial assessment of the Expression of Interest Forms, we will call all applicants who fit the fund criteria for a 30 min phone conversation to ask a few more questions.

We'll make sure we call you at a convenient time and will give you the questions in advance. At this stage, we will ask to see paperwork like your financial information and Safeguarding policy.

3

Your Application will be taken to the Participatory Grants Panel who will make a decision in the last 2 weeks of July.

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If you would prefer to submit a short video/audio recording instead, please get in touch with: TessaDugmore@smallwoodtrust.org.uk

WHO CAN APPLY?

You can apply if you meet these Basic Eligibility criteria:

- Deliver frontline services led by, for and/or serving women aged 18+ in Hackney or Newham
- Respond to the identified area priorities for women in the priority group (see pages 1,2)
- Had an income of £450,000 or less in the last year
- Are a not-for-profit organisation or group (*see what funds are available for incorporated and unincorporated groups below*) **Community Groups, Associations and Clubs are included in this definition**
- Have a written governing document e.g. Constitution, Memorandum and Articles of Association or a set of rules telling us how you operate
- Have a management committee with at least 3 unrelated members/directors if you are incorporated but at least 2 unrelated people who are named as responsible for your group if you are unincorporated
- Have a UK based bank account (*or can use a partner organisation's account*) with at least 2 authorised signatories who are unrelated and don't live at the same address
- Are not in debt and your financial returns (if applicable) are up-to-date
- Have an appropriate adult Safeguarding and/or Risk Management Policy in place

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

Additional Criteria are taken into consideration in assessments to check the closest fit with the Co-design Area Priorities and Aims on page 2.

This is especially important if we receive many more applications than we can fund and will help the Participatory Grants Panel make final decisions.

- Staff members and/or volunteers have first-hand knowledge of the experiences affecting women furthest from mainstream support
- In Hackney, work with single women is particularly welcomed
- Existing work is safeguarded or enhanced through this bid: eg. jobs are sustained, volunteering is supported, training is supported, services are maintained or extended
- If you are a religious group or charity, you must demonstrate how your work is inclusive and doesn't include religious content
- Can demonstrate a commitment to networking with other organisations to improve opportunities and joint approaches to tackling gendered poverty

HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?

Unincorporated organisations/groups can apply for up to £20,000 spread over 4 years (i.e. £5,000 per year)

In Hackney we expect to fund 2 groups at this level

In Newham we expect to fund 3 groups at this level

Incorporated organisations can apply for up to £40,000 over 4 years (i.e. £10,000 per year)

In Hackney we expect to fund 4 organisations at this level

In Newham we expect to fund 4 organisations at this level

CAN YOU GIVE SOME EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF GROUPS YOU FUND?

- Registered charity
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“CIO”)
- Charitable Trust
- Co-operative Societies*
- Community Benefit Societies
- Community Interest Companies limited by Guarantee
- Community Interest Companies limited by Shares
- Company limited by Guarantee**
- Unincorporated Association/Organisation

** Must have a not for profit/asset lock clause(s) in your Society Rules AND be registered with the Financial Conduct Authority.*

*** Must be a registered charity OR have a not for profit/asset lock clause(s) in your Articles of Association.*

Small voluntary and community groups are very welcome to apply - get in touch if you're not certain you meet the criteria or you can read more here:

(<https://www.resourcecentre.org.uk/information/legal-structures-for-community-and-voluntary-groups/#uia>)

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY “GENDERED POVERTY?”

Women tend to be poorer than men and their poverty is more severe than men. Women's poverty is largely explained by the unequal position of women in society which is exacerbated by caring status, ethnicity, health, age, sexuality, gender identity and disability. Systems such as the labour market, the design of social security and the role of paid and unpaid care all contribute to gendered poverty.

WHAT IF I NEED SOME HELP WITH THE FORM?

LINK: [Hackney Form](#)

LINK: [Newham Form](#)

ONLINE WEBINAR SESSIONS OFFERED to go through the guidance notes and ask any questions.

9th MAY 4pm - 5pm REGISTER HERE [link](#)

16th MAY 11am - 12pm REGISTER HERE [link](#)

Get in touch if:

- You would like to discuss any accessibility requirements you may have
- You would like to record rather than write your answers
- You would prefer to fill out the form in another language
- You would prefer to fill in a Word document application and email it back to us

PHONE OR EMAIL:

You can contact the Programme Manager on: 07599 932716 or:
TessaDugmore@Smallwoodtrust.org.uk

WHAT CAN'T BE FUNDED?

- Work with men
Please note: if you also work with men, these funds can only be spent to benefit women over 18years old.
- For-profit organisations
- Individuals (although organisations can support individuals themselves)
- Organisations that will use the funding for work overseas
- Organisations that are party political
- Organisations that focus on the promotion of religious beliefs
- Organisations that will use the funds for the purchase of buildings/capital costs

IF MY APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, WHAT KIND OF REPORTING OR CONDITIONS CAN I EXPECT?

- We'll work with you to agree how and what you will report on to show the effect of your work
- There will be one review per year and we will ask about the progress towards the goals you agreed to report on
- We will ask if you had any challenges, if you need to change anything and if we can help
- We will ask you about what you learned and what you're most proud of - stories and pictures you can share about the work you do are always welcome!
- We'd love to visit you if you'd like to show/share
- We will expect you to be part of a local women's network and this will mean you (or a colleague or fellow volunteer) attending at least 1 online and 1 in person networking event every year as part of this programme

CAN SMALLWOOD OFFER ME ANY HELP DURING THIS TIME?

YES - Through our "Funder Plus Offer", we can help in some of these ways:

- Continuing to assist in network support, arranging opportunities for training and capacity building (e.g. advice on other funding applications, HR support, strategy support etc.)
- Access to support to strengthen work with local government, commissioners and other decision makers
- Assistance in social justice work and community organising activities
- Support with monitoring, evaluation and learning
- Support in increasing your profile

LIVING WAGE FRIENDLY FUNDER

We are a Living Wage Employer and Friendly Funder, which means that we would like to see a Living Wage in place for the posts we fund or contribute to. If increasing the salary in this way is problematic for your organisation please discuss this with us.

WHAT ARE THE KEY DATES FOR THE FUND?

<p>2 MAY 2024</p>	<p>FUND OPENS</p>
<p>9TH AND 16TH MAY 2024</p>	<p>FUND INFORMATION WEBINAR SESSIONS</p> <p>9th May link or 16th May link</p>
<p>14 JUNE 2024</p>	<p>CLOSING DATE FOR ONLINE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM</p> <p>Hackney Form Newham Form</p>
<p>14 June - mid July 2024</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY AND ADDITIONAL CRITERIA ASSESSMENTS - (PHONE CALLS TO ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS, QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE)</p>
<p>Mid July 2024</p>	<p>PARTICIPATORY GRANTS PANELS MEET IN HACKNEY AND NEWHAM</p>
<p>End July 2024</p>	<p>CONTRACTS AND FIRST ANNUAL PAYMENT SENT OUT TO UPLIFT GRANT PARTNERS</p>
<p>August 2024</p>	<p>PROJECTS START</p>
<p>August 2025 August 2026 August 2027 August 2028</p>	<p>FIRST REPORT AND SECOND PAYMENT DUE SECOND REPORT AND THIRD PAYMENT DUE THIRD REPORT AND FOURTH PAYMENT DUE FINAL REPORT DUE</p>

CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST WILL BE ASSESSED?

The first section of the online form is about Eligibility - there are no scores for this section but ALL the basic eligibility criteria must be met to progress to the next section of the form.

The second section of the form is the Additional criteria where we ask about your track record, what you would like to bid for and how you would use the grant.

4 of these questions are scored to help the Participatory Grant Panel make a decision about which applications to fund. This helps particularly if there are many more applications than can be funded.

Please see this [Link to Expression of Interest and Assessment outline](#) which explains how questions are scored and assessed.

HOW WILL THE PARTICIPATORY GRANT MAKING WORK?

The co-design panels in Hackney and Newham expressed an interest in Participatory Grant Making.

Although we've not done this before, we are interested to try this process with the Uplift Fund as this fits with our aim of Sharing Power and continues the work we've done through the outreach and co-design phases.

We will work with 6 of the community partners who took part in the co-design to review applications which come through the second stage (the phone interview, after the EOI online form).

The panel will be paid for their time at double the rate (to account for their time/travel/expenses) of the Programme Manager to attend training, read and assess the applications.

**LINKS TO THE ONLINE EXPRESSION OF
INTEREST FORM**

HACKNEY FORM

NEWHAM FORM



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