

Cold Spots Grant Application

Information & Guidance

Information about the cold spots grants scheme

Much of the established youth sector provision and patterns of funding in the capital reflect historical need and is weighted towards inner London and this has led to funding 'cold spots' in London's outer boroughs.

Whilst child poverty remains high in parts of inner London, more and more young people and their families are being priced or moved outwards and are living in outer borough communities. 62% of young people aged 0-11 in the capital now live in an outer borough. London Youth are aware that local people are responding, and new community-driven organisations are starting up offering local young people out-of-school opportunities. These frontline organisations, often born out of social action, are responding to need in their boroughs. However, because they are situated in outer London, they are often playing catch up with larger more established charities in terms of building skilled teams of staff, developing partnerships and being able to offer a full range of out of school provision.

London Youth have partnered with Community Links Bromley and Bromley Children and Families Voluntary Sector Forum to deliver a piece of work that aims to address the funding and support cold spots in Bromley.

We conducted a survey with youth organisations that deliver youth work in the borough and discovered that small organisations are often not eligible to apply for larger grants due to their small annual turnovers and only need small amounts of money for resources or staffing and volunteer costs. We also found that many small organisations often don't have the capacity to undertake the high levels of monitoring and evaluation some funders require. We utilised all the information we gained from the survey to design this grant scheme to ensure that the process is as simple and accessible as possible for small youth organisations in Bromley.

About the grants

London Youth have secured **£20,000** to help support those hardworking, grassroots community organisations who are delivering frontline support for young people living in Bromley.

Applicants will be able to apply for a grant of up to **£5,000**.

These grants can be used for anything, as long as it **benefits children and young people living in Bromley Age 5 – 19** (up to 25 years old if the young people have a physical or learning disability). You can use these grants to cover core costs such as staffing costs, venue or transport hire, organisational and staff development.

RESTRICTIONS – we are not able to fund the following types of organisations:

- Religious groups – **if** the funding is intended to help support the promotion of a religion/faith
- Unregistered / unincorporated community organisations

Deadline for applications

Applications for the grants open on **Thursday 28th March 2024 at midday**. (will be open for 3 weeks).

Applications close on **Thursday 18th April at midday** (Any submissions after this deadline will not be considered).

Eligibility

To apply for a grant your organisation needs to:

1. Be a registered charity (have charity status) **OR** a registered company (e.g. not for profit company or Community Interest Company).
2. Have an annual turnover of **less than £1 million**.
3. Currently work with young people in the London borough of Bromley.
4. Be based in Bromley **OR** deliver youth work in the borough of Bromley.
5. Willing and able to provide basic information for due diligence? (See below for what is required).

Due Diligence

As part of your grant application, you are required to undertake our small grants due diligence checks. Please complete the small grants due diligence form and upload the four supporting documents listed below via the Community Links Bromley portal, you can find this [here](#).

1. Safeguarding policy
2. Most recent bank statement
3. Public Liability Insurance
4. Employers Liability Insurance

How to apply

Once you have completed your due diligence form and uploaded the accompanying documentation. All you need to do to apply for a grant is complete a very simple funding application form (see below for the questions it contains). The form can be found on the portal: <https://www.communitylinksbromley.org.uk/latest-news/london-youth-cold-spots-grants/>

Please see below for a list of the details/questions we ask in the form. We recommend that you type your answers into a word document and copy and paste them into the online form.

1. Does your organisation meet the eligibility criteria? (These will be yes or no tick boxes)
2. Name of person applying for grant
3. Name of your organisation, address and contact details for applicant.
4. In no more than 200 words, explain what your organisation does
5. How much are you applying for exactly?
6. What will you use this grant for? (500 words max)
7. How will the young people you work with in Bromley benefit from this grant? (500 words max)
8. How will this grant benefit your organisation? (500 words max)
9. When do you plan on spending this grant by? (Grants must be spent by 31/10/24)

Submit a clear budget sheet

You also need to submit a simple budget that outlines how you will spend the grant. If you are new to creating budgets, don't worry, we have provided a template you can use, it can be downloaded from the portal.

Please note: You must use the portal to apply for a grant. Submissions via any other means will not be considered by the funding panel.

Application guidance:

We recommend typing out your answers in a word document in advance and copying and pasting them into the form just in case any issues occur with the online form or your Wi-Fi connection when completing it. It is good practice to have a saved copy of your application and it's much easier to keep track of your word count in a word document.

There are only four detailed questions to answer in the application form, here is our guidance on how to answer those questions effectively.

In no more than 200 words, explain what your organisation does

Be succinct in answering this question. If your organisation offers services to young people and adults, please state this, but make sure you focus most of your word count on what you do for young people in Bromley.

What will you use this grant for? (Please use no more than 500 words)

Get straight to the point with your answer, we don't need to know too much background, we want to know exactly what you'll spend the money on and why you have chosen to spend it in this way.

How will the young people you work with in Bromley benefit from this grant? (Please use no more than 500 words)

Be clear on what you aim to achieve with this grant. We want to know how this money will support the work that you do with young people. What difference will it make to them?

How will this grant benefit your organisation? (Please use no more than 500 words)

You may choose to spend this grant on providing positive activities for young people, or you might use it to develop your organisation in some way. Either way, we want to know how this grant will benefit your organisation. Please give at least one example and explain your answer.

The Funding Panel

London Youth have worked with our local partners (Community Links Bromley and Bromley Children & Families Forum) to create a local funding panel. This panel is made up of representatives from all three of our organisations as well as some local young people.

This panel will review all applications and decide which are successful.

Expectations if you are awarded a grant

If you are successful in your grant application, you will need to meet some basic expectations including:

- Sign London Youth's small grant agreement form
- Spend the grant money by end of October 2024
- Complete a short survey on how you found this application process and how helpful you found the grant and any support you received.

If you have any questions or would like more information about this grants scheme

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