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Key Information

- **Application Window:** September 2026
- **Funding Available:** Eligible organisations can apply for up to £15,000 for a project
- **How to Apply:** [Click Here](#) to apply and find out more about application and criteria guidance
- **Dragon's Den presentation:** November/December 2026
- **Final Decision and Payment:** January 2027

Any questions please email community@lbbd.gov.uk

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Guidance Note

- This is an Innovation Fund and is designed to support new projects and organisations.
- No organisation or individual can receive NCIL funding more than once every 2 years for similar activities.
- Only one application per round can be considered if submitted by the same individuals, directors, or trustees.
- Umbrella Groups: Exception for groups umbrellaing smaller organisations not eligible to apply otherwise.

Equality and Diversity Community Fund

Key Information

- **Application Window:** Three rounds each year opening 1st February, 1st June and 1st October.
- **Funding Available:** Eligible organisations can apply for up to £500 to deliver an event or project.
- **Eligible events and projects:** Promote social inclusion, celebrate diversity, and support equality through providing opportunities for people with protected characteristics.
- **Final Decision and Payment:**
 - Application window open for 3 weeks.
 - Panel meets to review all applications within 2 weeks of closing date.
 - Applicants informed of outcome within a week of the panel meeting.
- **How to Apply:** [Click Here](#) to find out more including criteria guidance.

Any questions please email ce-strategy@lbbd.gov.uk



Community Chest

Key Information

- **Application Window:** Expressions of Interest Open December 2026 & Close end January 2027
Invite to Pitch sent out February 2027
- **Funding Available:** Eligible organisations can apply for up to £5,000 for a project
- **How to Apply:** [Click Here](#) to apply and find out more about application and criteria guidance (information will be updated for the new fund when available)
- **Participatory Pitching Event :** February / March 2027
- **Final Decision and Payment:** March 2027
- Activities to run between end March 2027 and August 2027

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Crisis Resilience Fund

Key Information

- **Application Window:** May 2026 – ongoing for 3 years
- **Criteria:** help residents currently experiencing financial hardship, prevents others from falling into financial difficulty, and strengthens the networks of support already in place within communities
- **Funding Available:** Eligible organisations can apply for small to large funds
- **How to Apply:** Email to find out more about application and criteria guidance
- **Final Decision and Payment:** Ongoing

Any questions please email

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Other Funding

- Faith Health Action Partnership [Barking & Dagenham Faith Leaders Network](#)
- Winter Activities Fund (for VCFSE organisations to provide a warm space over winter months)
- Social Value in Procurement (aimed at supporting VCFSE orgs. with goods, activities and in-kind services that will be delivered through LBBDs supply chain) – speak with Faye Elliott
socialvalue@lbbd.gov.uk
- There are many other opportunities that come up and it's also best to sign up to [One Borough Voice](#) and [Discourse](#)

