



Grenfell Community Activities Programme

Briefing for applicants

Context for the Grenfell Community Activities funding

In January 2025, the council launched the Grenfell Community Support, a programme for residents who live within 500m of Grenfell Tower or lived there at the time of the tragedy.

The support is for 4 years starting in January 2025 and includes:

- A household wellbeing grant for people who lived in the area at the time of the tragedy
- A free Kensington Leisure centre membership
- The support of a community advocacy team; and
- A programme of community activities

A Community Activities pilot was launched in May to provide community activities over the summer period.

Following extensive work with the residents' Operational Steering Group (OSG), the main Community Activities programme has been designed to meet residents' priorities. Two commissioning rounds will take place each year for the next three years.

The budget available for this first funding round is **up to £125,000**. For this first round, we would like to encourage applications from organisations that will be able to launch their project quickly as the community activities pilot finished in August and we would like to avoid a large gap in the offer.

A second funding round will open in February/March.

Purpose of the funding

The Grenfell Community Activities programme aims to provide activities and opportunities for individuals and families eligible for Grenfell Community Support.

Projects must contribute to at least one of the following priorities:

- Enhancing residents' wellbeing.
- Providing opportunities for group day trips.
- Providing creative activities.
- Providing physical activities.

These priorities reflect feedback received from residents during the Grenfell Community Support review undertaken between August and November 2025.

The overall programme will seek to provide a balanced range of activities across all four priorities and include a mixture of one-off, short-term and year-long projects.

Applications will be assessed by an evaluation panel comprising OSG members, Notting Dale ward councillors and Council officers.

Key dates

- **23 September:** Recommended submission date to allow time for officers to request any additional information.
- **30 September:** Application deadline.
- **21 October:** Applicants notified of outcomes.

Support for applicants

To support organisations through the application process, we have produced a set of **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** providing detailed guidance on the programme and evaluation process. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the FAQs alongside this briefing.

Council officers will also be available to answer questions at the Grenfell Education Hub on:

- Tuesday 15 September, 3.00pm to 5.30pm
- Thursday 17 September, 5.15pm to 7.45pm

The Education Hub is located on Whitchurch Road, a few metres from Baseline Studios (W11 4AS).

This briefing explains:

- Eligibility requirements for applicants.
- The types of projects we are seeking to fund and the funding available.
- The application and assessment process.

Applicants should also refer to:

- The application form.
- The Frequently Asked Questions document.
- The grant terms and conditions.
- The [Grenfell Community Support Resident Handbook](#), which explains eligibility and the area of support.

1. Eligibility requirements for applicants

Applicants must be constituted organisations with:

- A bank account in the organisation's name.
- Financial arrangements requiring two unrelated people to authorise payments.

Eligible organisations include:

- Charities.
- Community Interest Companies (CICs).
- Residents' associations.
- Faith groups.
- Voluntary and community sector organisations.

Applicants should demonstrate:

- A strong understanding of the Grenfell community and the impact of the tragedy.
- Established connections with local residents.
- Experience of delivering similar projects successfully.
- The ability to deliver positive outcomes.

Successful applicants will be required to provide relevant policies, DBS checks, risk assessments, licences and appropriate insurance cover before funding is released.

2. Type of projects we are looking for and funding available

The programme will fund a range of activities that collectively address the four priority areas. All projects, except day trips, must be delivered within Notting Dale and must support one of the four priorities:

- Wellbeing, relaxation and wellness activities.
- Group day trips.
- Creative activities, such as arts, crafts, cooking or gardening.
- Physical activities not already covered through the Leisure Centre membership offer.

Activities must be:

- delivered between November 2026 and October 2027.
- free for residents.
- exclusively for people eligible for Grenfell Community Support.
- inclusive, accessible and culturally sensitive.

The total budget for this funding round is **£125,000**.

Organisations can apply for:

- Up to **£20,000** for projects lasting 12 months (or pro rata for shorter projects).
- Between **£2,500 and £5,000** for one-off projects.

Funding must be used solely to deliver the approved activity or project.

3. Application and assessment process

1. Applicants must submit a completed application form and a recent bank statement from the organisation's account.
2. Council officers will carry out an initial eligibility check and may request additional information.
3. Eligible applications will be shortlisted by the council and shortlisted applications will be assessed by the evaluation panel.
4. The panel may request further information before making its final decision.
5. Applicants will be informed of the outcome by email. Successful organisations will then be required to provide supporting documentation before a grant agreement is signed and funding is released.

For any query, please email GrenfellCommunityActivities@rbkc.gov.uk.