

# City Bridge Trust

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## Vision

For London to be a city where all individuals and communities can thrive, especially those experiencing disadvantage and marginalisation.

## Mission

To reduce inequality and grow stronger, more resilient and thriving communities for a London that serves everyone.

## Values

We aim to be: Progressive; Adaptive; Collaborative; Inclusive; Environmentally Responsible; and Representative.





# City Bridge Trust's Grant-making

- Revenue funding
- Core funding
- Some capital funding
- Access and Eco audits
- Small grants
- Bridge Programme (funder plus)



# Decision Process

- **6 months decision time** (main grants programme)
- **Online application** – form and supporting documents
- **Full review** by Funding Manager
- **Assessment visit** or call if this is not possible
- **Charities Finance Team review**
- **Decision**
- **Public committee meetings**





# Who we fund

- Registered charities
- Registered Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Registered Charitable Incorporate Organisations (CIOs)
- Charitable companies
- Exempt or excepted charities
- Registered charitable industrial and provident societies or charitable Community Benefit Societies (Bencoms)



# Who we can't fund

- Party political organisations
- Charities registered outside the UK
- Individuals
- Schools, PTAs, other educational establishments
- Hospitals and primary healthcare providers
- Statutory bodies
- For-profit organisations
- Residential facilities
- Community amateur sports clubs





# What we can't fund

- Party political campaigning/lobbying
- Medical or academic research
- Religious activities (e.g. proselytising)
- Work that has already taken place
- Festivals or events that last a few days or less
- Residential activities/overnight stays
- Residential care
- Multiple concurrent grants to one organisation (with some exceptions)
- Organisations within the "fallow period" after a previous grant or application

# What you will need to provide with your application

- Your governing document (i.e. your constitution)
- Most recent signed accounts  
(We will likely ask that you provide us with two further sets of financial information after you apply, e.g. draft accounts, management accounts, budget, or forecast)
- Safeguarding policy
- Fully costed budget
- Monitoring framework





# How much can you apply for?

- “Full cost recovery” – we contribute to your overheads and aspire to full cost recovery.
- Up to 5 years’ continuous funding
- Up to 50% of your annual income per year for project grants or 10% for core grants + taper
- Minimum of the London Living Wage (currently £11.95/hr) for salaries
- Up to 1 FTE post for salary costs
- We can be the sole funder of a project or contribute to larger work
- Average grant size for reopened funding strands available on website



# Top tips

- Read the website
- Contact us if you need help understanding our criteria or if you have technical difficulties making an application
- Show us how your work fits the criteria
- You can add a document with additional information if useful (not required)
- Don't worry if your application is a better fit for a different programme than the one you applied under
- We don't need VIP treatment - funding is based on your work, eligibility, finances and governance





# Funding programmes

**All the programmes below are open continuously: no closing date or deadline**

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# Other Grant-making programmes include:

- Mental health
- Advice work
- Refugees, Asylum Seekers and migrants
- Deaf and Disabled
- Older people
- Tackling abuse and exploitation
- Making London a greener city
- Criminal justice
- Children and Young People
- Infrastructure support
- Place-based giving
- Voice and leadership
- Small grants



# 1. Support for children and young people

We want to fund interventions with children and young people (up to 25) at moments of key transitions, with a focus on:

- Services in support of vulnerable parents and care givers of pre-school children (0-5)
- Children and young people engaged in child criminal exploitation
- Work which addresses the needs of disadvantaged young women and girls

Organisations should display knowledge of the locality or community, and build stronger connections between the range of services available (particularly where this addresses current system shortcomings or failure.



## 2. Mental health services

We want to support services for people experiences disadvantage and inequality. Funding is available for mental health services and associated running costs, including psychotherapy, counselling, and talking therapies delivered in community settings.

Approaches that understand multiple disadvantages and offer appropriate, specialist responses are encouraged.

We are particularly interested in work that involves and engages people in shaping the services they receive.

Mental health practitioners delivering the services, will have relevant qualifications and accreditations, for example, registration with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP), and United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapy (UKCP).



# 3. Provision of advice and support to disadvantaged individuals

We support work in the following areas:

- Benefits
- Debt (We can only fund debt advice delivered by FCA regulated firms.)
- Money
- Fuel poverty
- Employment problems
- Housing
- Immigration

An advice quality mark (e.g. Advice Quality Standard) is required (or being applied for) for this strand.



## 4. Food poverty

We want to tackle issues related to hardship and crisis by funding the infrastructure needed to support the distribution of donated food.

We are particularly keen to hear from organisations working to ensure beneficiaries receive culturally appropriate food.

We aren't able to directly fund the purchase of food.



# 5. Support for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants

We want to support refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to access mainstream services and widen participation in the communities in which they live.

We will fund organisations that tackle the barriers and provide access to resources. This can include but isn't limited to:

- Mental and physical health support
- Provision of legal services
- Assistance with housing and educational needs
- Influencing, raising voices and ensuring representation
- ESOL pre-entry (Level 3)

We particularly welcome applications from orgs led by people with direct experience of the UK immigration system.



# 6. Support and services for deaf and disabled people

We particularly welcome applications from Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations (DDPOs).

Organisations working to remove or reduce barriers preventing disabled people from participating in society and living independently

This could include participation in the arts, inclusive or adapted sports activities, health & wellbeing opportunities, support with the transition to adulthood, and evidence-based employment programmes.







## 7. Support and services for older people

Organisations supporting older people to lead active, independent, and healthy lives that are rich and fulfilling. We will support:

- Work with people aged 70+ that encourages healthy lifestyles and/or reduced isolation through participation in arts, sports, cultural, educational, and/or wellbeing opportunities
- Non-medical services supporting people aged 65+ living with dementia or Alzheimer's to live independently as long as possible
- Support and services for older carers (65+)

## 8. Tackling abuse, exploitation and hatred

Organisations supporting survivors of all types of abuse (including physical, sexual, emotional, economic coercion, or neglect). that prevents abuse, exploitation, hatred, as well as services that assist survivors.

This could include:

- Male violence against women and girls
- LGBTQIA+ community and other communities which face barriers to appropriate provision
- Work with perpetrators of abuse
- Addressing modern slavery and trafficking
- Tackling hate crime





## 9. Voice and leadership

Specialist organisations who work with under-represented or marginalised communities, and the organisations that support them, to strengthen voice and leadership.

Currently, we award no more than £100,000 over two years under this programme.

# 10. Making London a greener city for all

## 4a. Revenue funding

Local approaches to mitigate and/or adapt to climate change, designed for the specific needs of the area and community.

This could be (but is not limited to) work focused on protecting, managing, expanding, or enriching green spaces, tackling poor air quality, flood/drought mitigation, promoting biodiversity, adapting to climate change, or enabling access to growing spaces.

We welcome applications from environmental organisations, as well as community organisations in collaboration with environmental specialists. Particularly partnership applications that bring different sectors together to fight climate crisis solutions.



# 10. Making London a greener city for all

## 4b. Eco-audits

One of our approved eco audit consultants can assess your environmental performance.

Applications will only be considered where the lease on the building has at least 2 years to run.

## 4c. Capital funding for building works identified through an eco-audit

We can also support improvements that reduce the carbon footprint of your building. Funding up to £150,000 towards greening improvements based on a CBT eco-audit.

Applications will only be considered where you either own the building or the lease has at least 10 years



# 11. Access improvements to community buildings

## 5a. Access Audits

Up to £5,000 for an independent access audit for buildings, design appraisals, and disability training.

The specialist must be NRAC registered or our partner the Centre for Accessible Environments

Applications will only be considered where you either own the building or the lease has at least 5 years to run.

## 5b. Capital Access Grants

Up to £150,000 towards access improvements to make your building more accessible and user-friendly for Deaf and disabled people.

Applications will only be considered where you either own the building or the lease has at least 10 years to run.





# 12. Criminal Justice

We want to build settled lives for those leaving custody or serving community sentences. Services which prepare people for release from the custodial system or who are reaching the end of community sentences.

We are particularly interested in funding work that reduces the risk of further prison or community sentences, such as:

- Work that informs and advises people of the services available to them on release
- Work at specialist premises that support especially marginalised individuals, such as women who have survived domestic abuse
- Safe and secure housing
- Access to employment or self-employment opportunities



# 13. Small Grants

Up to £10,000 per year for a maximum of 5 year for organisations with an income of less than £100,000:

- greening and growing projects which bring communities together; and
- projects which enable disabled people and/or disadvantaged, older people to actively participate in wellbeing opportunities





# 14. Infrastructure funding: capacity building and representation

Organisations which provide support to other voluntary, social enterprise and community sector organisations.

We are particularly keen to support organisations working with and/or who are led by groups that have historically faced barriers in terms of receiving an equitable share of funding, resources, and other available support



# 15. Increasing the quality and scale of giving

Organisations which are uniquely focused on increasing the quality and scale of philanthropy (the giving of time, assets, skills, and/or funding).

## 2a. Place-based giving schemes

Place-based giving schemes bring people together from different sectors (voluntary, community, public and private) to build stronger communities and leverage community assets.

We expect successful applicants to be part of the London's Giving network and their scheme to reflect the shared principles that underpin London's Giving's approach to place-based giving.





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