<u>Community Contribution Fund – Round 7 Application</u> Guidance

Applications to the Community Contribution Fund will open on 2nd January 2025 and close 11:59pm on 13th February 2025.

If you require any assistance, then please get in touch at least 3 working days before the deadline. For any questions, please contact:

CommunityContribution@westminster.gov.uk

Decisions will be announced in April 2025.

Payments will be made after due diligence checks and contracts have been signed, between April to June 2025.

Application Stages:

<u>Stage 1</u> – eligibility quiz. Please complete this well in advance of the deadline as you will not receive the link to the full application without completing this step. **Click**<u>HERE</u> for the link to the quiz.

Stage 2 – full application form to be submitted by 11:59pm on 13th February 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Projects:

- Projects must relate to one of the following priority areas:
 - Youth Support
 - Rough Sleeping
 - Social Isolation and Loneliness
 - Social Inclusion
- Your project team must consist of experienced staff that have previously delivered a project of a similar size.
 - If applying for more than £10,000, you will need to provide the contact details (email and phone number) of someone from another organisation (preferably a funder) who can verify your organisation/team's experience.
- Your project must start between 15 April to 15 July.
- Your project duration must be between 3 to 24 months.
- You may only submit one application per round.

Organisation:

- You can apply if your organisation is a:
 - o voluntary or community organisation
 - registered charity
 - o constituted group or club
 - not-for-profit company or community interest company
 - social enterprise
 - school
- You must be based in Westminster
- You must have been operating for at least 12 months, i.e. your organisation was established before 2nd January 2024

Finance Criteria:

- You will need to upload a copy of your latest financial accounts.
- Your expenditure in the last financial year must not exceed £500,000, <u>unless</u> you are applying under the Rough Sleeping priority.
- Organisations applying under Rough Sleeping have no expenditure cap.
- The maximum amount you can request is based on your organisation's expenditure. Any applications for an amount above the limit will be rejected. Please refer to the table below:

Expenditure in last financial year	Maximum Grant Request
Less than £10,000	£5,000
£10,000 to £250,000	£10,000
£250,001 to £500,000	£20,000
Over £500,000 (Rough Sleeping	£25,000
Projects Only)	

Example: If your expenditure was £280,000 in the last financial year, you may apply for a maximum grant of £20,000.