



# Wandsworth Local Fund

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# Background

## Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

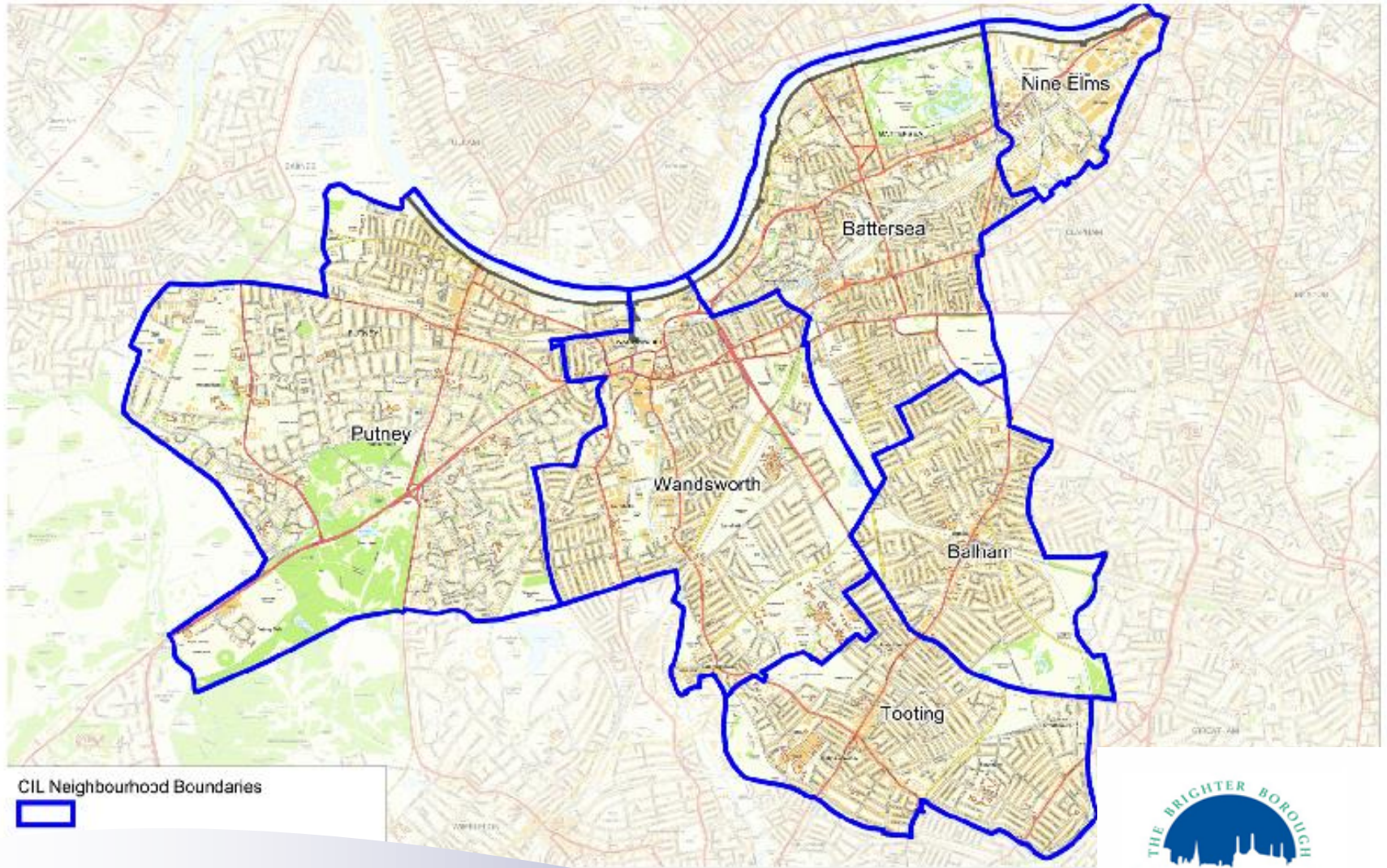
- Came into effect 2012
- A new way of collecting contributions from developments towards provision of infrastructure, supporting growth within the Borough.
- Wandsworth started collecting in 2013
- Strategic CIL is 80% and will be spent on large infrastructure across the borough. Regulation 123 list.

## Neighbourhood CIL = Wandsworth Local Fund

- 15% proportion of levy receipts to be spent on priorities agreed with local community in areas where development is taking place.
- Wandsworth consulted residents in 2014; 5 priorities
- A geographically bound levy which must be collected and spent within the same boundary. 6 Neighbourhoods in Wandsworth



Wandsworth Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Boundaries



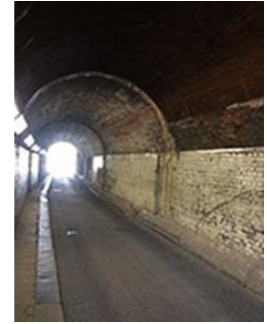


## 5 Priorities

- (a) Making the area feel safer;
- (b) Improving parks, commons and riverside walks;
- (c) Repairing roads and pavements;
- (d) Better facilities for cyclists; and
- (e) New green spaces (“pocket parks” and community gardens).

# Criteria

1. Must not have any extra revenue implications to the Council;
2. Estimated total cost of scheme should typically be over £20,000;
3. Must not cost more than the levy income available;
4. Must be able to be started within the year ahead
5. Must receive endorsement by at least two ward Members from the relevant neighbourhood
6. Will be considered more favorably if it benefits a greater number of residents/businesses;
7. Must demonstrate that all other forms of funding have been considered; and,
8. Demonstrate that it is value for money.



## Examples

Wandsworth Council have historically funded;

Environmental improvements; landscaping or open space works; park improvements; improved shop frontage; new play equipment; new library equipment; street furniture; additional parking spaces or pedestrian crossing facilities; improved footways; improvements to community centres.

## Process

\*currently all applications must be brought forwards by a ward member

When the fund opens all ward Members are informed and have 2 months to work with community groups and Council services to complete the application form.

Completed application forms are sent to [WLF@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:WLF@wandsworth.gov.uk)

An senior officer board reviews applications in line with current delivery, viability, value for money, need and impact on the community.

Recommendations are put forwards to be agreed by the Leader, Director and Scrutiny Committees.

**Timescales:** the time it takes to make a decision depends upon the committee cycles and dates for meetings. We would usually aim to have a decision within 8 weeks of the application closing date.





# What makes a good WLF application?

Consider the criteria carefully.

Work closely with your ward Councillors

Work closely with the lead Council officer who can ensure the project is value for money, viable and sustainable

Project clearly fits with one or more of the resident priorities

Shows evidence of local need – research and facts

# Next steps?

The next round will open in November – please speak to your local Cllr, tell them your ideas and projects.

Email [wlf@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:wlf@wandsworth.gov.uk) for further information and to view the application form

# Any questions?

For further information

<http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk>  
search 'Wandsworth Local Fund'



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# Background

- Established April 2015 to bring five former small grants schemes together
- For projects & activities benefitting residents & communities of Wandsworth
- Community-led projects and services that help the Council to achieve its key objectives
- Overall scrutiny by councillors to bring transparency
- Budget of circa £300,000/annum
- Three bidding rounds a year; some provision for urgent/emergency cases



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# Grant Size

- **Small: £500 - £1,000**
  - No match funding required
  - Annual income < £100,000
- **Intermediate: £1,000 - £5,000**
  - 10% match funding required
  - Annual income < £100,000
- **Large: £5,000 - £10,000**
  - 25% match funding required
  - No income limit
- **Emergency Grant max £1,000**

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# Focus & Approach

- Project funding/ time limited/outcome focus/ future sustainability
- Locally led, identified projects which support Council priorities
- With local Councillor endorsement (or two for borough wide projects)
- Voluntary Sector team manages Fund but with specialist input from other Council departments
- Other funding options within Council
- Grants Sub Committee (8 Councillors) considers applications, ratified by Council Executive

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# Thematic priorities

- Arts and Culture (*Max grant £5,000*)
- Environment and Attractive Neighbourhoods
- Children and Young People
- Citizenship and Civic Engagement
- Raising Aspirations and Potential
- Health and Well being

***Check the Guidance Notes for details***

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# Eligibility – who can apply?

- Voluntary and community groups who can deliver projects/activities for Wandsworth residents.
- Constituted groups
- Social enterprise and Community Interest Companies
- Unconstituted groups – but must adopt an association agreement allied to an organisational bank account
- For-profit organisations and freelancers; not excluded, but mainly artists/not-for-profit activity

# Eligibility – what can we fund?

- Revenue or capital
- Proportionate core/revenue costs linked to the delivery of a project. WGF is not designed to support ongoing core costs year on year
- Organisational development: needs to be well justified and offer clear benefits for borough residents, not just the applicant
- One off single Arts & Culture Capacity grant (max £10,000)



# What makes a good WGF Application?

- ‘Who’, ‘What’, ‘Why’, ‘When’, ‘Where’ story
- Project clearly fits with one or more Themes /priorities – explains the benefit for residents
- Project is new, unique or fills a gap
- Applicant is well placed to run the project (e.g. track record)
- Shows evidence of local need – research and facts
- Value for money/ sustainable future
- Get the basics right – spelling, arithmetic...

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# Further Council funding opportunities

- Wandsworth Arts Fringe
- Wandsworth Local Fund (NCIL)
- Youth Opportunity Fund
- Wandsworth Community Fund
- Resident Small Improvement Grants for housing estates
- Active Wandsworth Grant Fund

[Grants for the community and voluntary sector](#)

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# Support and advice

- Meet the Funder events; Roehampton/ Balham/ Battersea – Book online
- Application Surgeries; one-to-one's with specialist officers at Town Hall – Book online
- Book online at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wgf](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wgf)
- Email, phone, invite to meet/speak at Forums: [wgf@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:wgf@wandsworth.gov.uk)
- One-to-one support when available
- Other external funding opportunities

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# Timetable

- Round 6 Application deadline: Midnight October 16<sup>th</sup> 2017
- Grant Sub-committee: 19th December
- Decision announced first week January 2018
- Round 7 Application deadline: Midnight December 18<sup>th</sup> 2017
- Grant Sub-committee: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018
- Decision announced: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018



**ANY QUESTIONS?**

Further information  
[www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wgf](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wgf)

