

Investing in the
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Community & Partnerships team

- **Community Engagement**
 - Wandsworth Local Fund (NCIL)
 - Let's Talk
 - Community Links - engagement
 - Village Planning

- **Voluntary Sector**
 - Wandsworth Grants Fund (WGF)
 - Commission advice services & local Healthwatch
 - Civic Pride
 - Voluntary Sector Forum/bulletin
 - Re-commissioning, contracts and leases

- **Partnerships**
 - Health and Wellbeing Boards
 - Strategic partnerships
 - Place making Nine Elms

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Background to WGF

- 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



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

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

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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
- Email, phone, invite to meet/speak at Forums: wgf@wandsworth.gov.uk
- One-to-one support when available
- Other external funding opportunities

Timetable

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



ANY QUESTIONS?

Further information
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wgf

