

North London Community Fund 2025-26 – Clarification requests and responses

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| 1 | 07/11/2024 | Will the £150,000 allocated for the small/medium awards be split equally between the seven boroughs? | | 07/11/2024 | The money will be awarded according to the applications received rather than designated between boroughs specifically. | None |
| 2 | 07/11/2024 | Would an application proposing to take food waste from businesses and redistributes it or use it to benefit the community and residents be considered? | | 07/11/2024 | Redistribution of food waste from businesses does not address or link to an understanding household waste. Applications would need to explicitly link the benefit to reduction of household waste. | None |
| 3 | 07/11/2024 | Building on the above question, what if the project focussed on workshops using this surplus food for residents? | | 07/11/2024 | Applications where a clear link to household waste is demonstrated would be considered. | Please see section 2.7 in Guidance Document |
| 4 | 07/11/2024 | Would you consider projects that look at household appliances/furniture, and in particular that look to create a resharing scheme in the community. | | 07/11/2024 | Yes. We would consider an application that involved providing residents with the knowledge and platform to take unwanted household goods and redistribute in the community. | Please see section 2.7 in Guidance Document |
| 5 | 07/11/2024 | Would you consider projects that focus on composting? | | 07/11/2024 | Yes. We welcome new and innovative approaches to waste prevention which could involve composting and similar. | Please see section 2.7 in Guidance Document |

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| 6 | 07/11/2024 | When considering applications will you take into account the number of households/residents the project will/aims to reach? | | 07/11/2024 | Yes. We fund projects that have good reach within or across boroughs. | None |
| 7 | 08/11/2024 | Is there a set number of small and medium grants which the £150,000 be allocated? | | 08/11/2024 | No. The allocation of awards will be based on the applications received. | None. |
| 7 | 08/11/2024 | Does the criteria of projects tackling household waste mean we cannot apply if we are using business waste to benefit residents? | | 08/11/2024 | We would look at applications where the project takes business waste but uses it to directly prevent household waste. | Please see section 4 of the Guidance Document |
| 9 | 08/11/2024 | What evaluation criteria will you use evaluate proposals? | | 08/11/2024 | Our evaluation criteria is set out in the Guidance Document. | Please see section 7 in Guidance Document |
| 10 | 08/11/2024 | Can multiple organisations put in a joint bid? | | 08/11/2024 | Yes. We welcome joint applications from organisations to deliver waste prevention activities. | Please see section 2.4.3 and 2.5 in Guidance Document |
| 11 | 08/11/2024 | Can I apply if I am not a constituted organisation? | | 08/11/2024 | Yes- but you would have to join with an organisation that is constituted who would act as your umbrella organisation. | None |

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| 12 | 14/11/2024 | Are private companies eligible to apply for funding? | | 14/11/2024 | No. We do not currently allow private companies (for profit) to apply for the Fund. | Please see section 2.4.2 in Guidance Document |
| 13 | 14/11/2024 | Can a charity partner with a private company for funding? | | 14/11/2024 | It would depend on the proposal. If a charity proposes to contract out facilitation of workshops to a private company, we would consider this application. | None |
| | 13/11/2024 | Would a school PTA be eligible to apply given it is a registered charity operating for the benefit of the school and local community? | | | No. We do not accept applications from school PTA. | Please see section 4.1.2 in Guidance Document |
| | 16/11/2024 | Would a co-operative be eligible to apply for funding? | | 18/11/2024 | Yes. A Co-Operative is eligible to apply for funding. | Please see section 2.4.2 in Guidance Document |
| | 25/11/2024 | We are a registered charity and would like to install a digital screen outside the theatre to reduce the need for paper used for advertising posters etc. Is this something that the Fund might consider? | | 26/11/2024 | Applications need to explicitly address or link to the prevention of household waste. This application does not link to household waste so we would not be able to accept it. As a charity you are eligible to apply if you submit an application with a project focusing on household waste prevention. | Guidance Document , section 2.7. |

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| | | | | | For an idea of activities and projects we have previously funded please see our Summary of Projects webpage . | |
| | 27/11/2024 | We have only been a CIC for a year so we don't have finances for a full year, will this prevent us from being considered | | 27/11/2024 | No, we would discuss the alternative options for financial reporting if the application was successful. | None |
| | 27/11/2024 | We budget for contingency materials, so new resources- would this go against us in an application because they're not recycled or reused materials? | | 27/11/2024 | We look at the project as a whole so as long as the project itself was focused on household waste prevention this would not necessarily count against you. | See Guidance Document section 2.7 |
| | 27/11/2024 | Will you be able to go through each application question in more detail so we have an idea of what you're looking for? | | 27/11/2024 | We have tried to be user friendly in our Jotform application and explain what we are looking for. Please see the guidance document and the evaluation criteria for more information on applying. | See Guidance Document section 7.1 |
| | 27/11/2024 | We would be applying for funding for standalone elements of a bigger project- does it benefit to be specific about match funding and ambitions of the wider project? | | 27/11/2024 | Yes, you must be specific about match funding in the application. | See Guidance Document section 2.7.3 |
| | 27/11/2024 | How big, or small, does the project need to be to apply for the Fund? Is there a minimum amount I can apply for? | | 27/11/2024 | There is no minimum amount. The maximum is £15,000 for the medium awards and £5,000 for the small. | See Guidance Document section 3.2 |

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| | 27/11/2024 | We have existing materials for the project but we no longer have receipts- can we use the funding to pay for these things in arrears? | | 27/11/2024 | No, we cannot fund items retrospectively. | None |
| | 27/11/2024 | Do you fund tools? E.g. sewing machines | | 27/11/2024 | Yes, as long as you can detail how the funding of these tools will lead to household waste prevention. | See Guidance Document section 2.7 |
| | 27/11/2024 | Are you open to innovative projects being delivered by a charity, in schools? | | 27/11/2024 | Yes, although we do not accept applications from groups working during school times. However, if your project was working with schools out of school times or during holidays, we would consider the application | See Guidance Document section 4.1.2 |
| | 27/11/2024 | What is meant by registration/certificate within the supporting documents section of the application? | | 27/11/2024 | If your organisation is a registered enterprise or charity, you will have a certificate with a registration number which needs be included on your application. | See Guidance Document section 2.4.3 |
| | 27/11/2024 | Can you expand on what you consider 'innovative'? | | 27/11/2024 | We welcome different approaches to waste prevention that benefit your community, so we are open to hearing a diverse range of projects. The world of waste is ever evolving, and we love to hear creative ideas that tackle waste | None |

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| | 27/11/2024 | Who will be on the panel making decisions about applications? | | 27/11/2024 | The evaluation will be undertaken by NLWA staff in consultation with Borough officers using the evaluation criteria. | See Guidance Document section 6 |
| | 27/11/2024 | If I, for example, applied for £10,000 and you thought this was too high for the deliverables, would you offer less or would you just say no? | | 27/11/2024 | Yes, we would offer a different award amount to that proposed. | See Guidance Document 7.4 |
| | 27/11/2024 | What does project design mean or look like in a document? | | 27/11/2024 | For that question, this is our guidance: The project design is referring to how the project will be carried out and consideration given to challenges in delivery e.g. weather. Then link this back to the key performance indicators and desired outcomes and how you will achieve them. | |
| | 27/11/2024 | Does the medium fund cover project management which includes volunteers' expenses (travel and lunch) and stationery? | | 27/11/2024 | Yes, we cover staff time, venue costs, material costs and extras like snacks/lunch for workshops | |
| | 04/12/2024 | Do audited accounts need to be submitted by the application deadline this month or could they be submitted in Jan/Feb - as our accounts are not | | 04/12/2024 | We will only be asking to look at accounts when we let applicants know the successful outcome of their application in February/March time | |

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| | | due till end Jan and so have not yet been done for the last financial year. | | | | |
| | 03/12/2024 | We are a constituted community group, are we eligible to apply? | | 09/12/2024 | We would need to see your constitution/rules and check with our legal team but likely, yes. | |
| | 07/12/2024 | We won't be able to open our organisations bank account in time for the application deadline, but we will have it open before the start of the project- can we still apply? | | 07/12/2024 | We will only be asking to look at accounts when we let applicants know the successful outcome of their application in February/March time | |