

Genting Good Causes Fund 2025/26

Eligibility Criteria

1 Background

The Genting Good Causes Fund grants programme is available to all not-for-profit organisations, including voluntary, community, and faith-based groups operating in Newham, that support the development of safe, prosperous, and healthy communities. The Good Causes Funds are designed to facilitate a wide range of initiatives, encompassing education, conservation, environmental projects, as well as music, sport, and cultural activities.

All projects must align with at least one of the six key priorities outlined below. Illustrative examples for each priority are provided in bullet points under the respective themes.

1. Health and Wellbeing

- Projects that promote physical and mental well-being
- Initiatives addressing health disparities among different age groups
- Activities encouraging active lifestyles and healthy habits

2. Money and financial stability

- Proposals fostering economic resilience and recovery
- Support for local entrepreneurs and job seekers
- Programmes promoting financial literacy and stability

3. Neighbourhoods and environment

- Community-led projects enhancing local spaces
- Initiatives improving social cohesion and local connections
- Environmental sustainability efforts within neighbourhoods

4. Safety and security

- Projects focused on crime prevention and safety
- Initiatives that promote accountability and build trust
- Programmes addressing safety for women and girls

5. Children and young people

- Youth-focused activities, skill-building, and mentorship
- Educational programmes, after-school clubs, and career guidance
- Opportunities for youth leadership and civic engagement

6. Participation and democracy

- Projects encouraging civic participation and community involvement
- Efforts to engage marginalised groups and amplify their voices
- Inclusive events, workshops, and forums for dialogue

2 Key notes

The total value of this year's fund is set at £80,000 and organisations can apply for one project of up to £5,000. The grant programme will be administered centrally by the Council and decisions will be made with colleagues from Genting.

We encourage you to think 'outside the box' on how you can achieve your project outcomes by considering other sources of funding, in-kind contributions and partnership working. This will help us to fund more projects and bring better value and impact to Newham.

You may only submit one application form and must decide if the funding suits your organisation. We will assess your application using the information you provide and any supporting documents.

The preferred method to complete your application is to make a submission online using the Plinth Platform [Genting Good Causes Fund 2025/26 - Application Form](#)

To request an MS Word version of the form, email goodcausesfund@newham.gov.uk. If clarification is needed, we will contact you and may ask for more details or evidence if your submission succeeds. Please answer all questions completely and include all requested information. The programme does not fund street parties and is unlikely to support celebrations outside its main objectives.

The Council accepts no direct or indirect responsibility for any accidents, incidents, losses, or near-misses associated with the project. It is essential that all staff and volunteers involved in the project and having direct contact with service users including those considered to be vulnerable, hold valid Public and/or Employers Liability Insurance, as applicable, and possess an Enhanced DBS check.

3 Eligibility Criteria

Organisations that received a grant from Newham Council during the previous year (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025), including those supported by the Aspers Good Causes Fund, Lyle's Local Fund, and the People Powered Places grant programme, are eligible to apply for funding. However, priority consideration will be given to organisations that did not receive funding from these programmes within the specified period.

Eligible applicants must be individual charities, local associations (including voluntary, community, faith-based, or informal groups), or other entities established for charitable or community benefit purposes, with activities primarily benefitting residents of Newham. An organisational bank account is required to facilitate payment.

Other Council departments, such as Schools and Sheltered Accommodation, may also apply to this grant programme. Submissions from these departments must demonstrate user-led initiatives and clearly show a positive impact on local challenges.

Projects should strive to be inclusive and accessible to residents wherever possible, remain open to all, and support the promotion of community relations by providing opportunities for individuals from diverse backgrounds to participate in local activities.

4 Deadline

The grant programme opens on Monday 9 February 2026 at 11.00am and closes on Sunday 8 March 2026 at 11.00pm.

We endeavour to inform you of an outcome within 4 weeks of the deadline. Unfortunately, incomplete applications or those sent to the incorrect address will not be considered.

5 Support

To assist you in preparing your application, we are offering an in-person Grant Surgery. The session provides support for organisations seeking funding and attendees will receive advice on preparing applications and understanding grant criteria. Whether you're new to the process or looking to improve your approach, the session provides valuable insights to boost your confidence.

Genting Good Causes Fund: In-person Grant Surgery

Monday 23 February 2026, 11.00am - 1.00pm at Stratford Library (Hopkins Room)

Register [here](#)

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6 Application and assessment process

An assessment process will follow using a grant scoring criteria and a final panel decision. The decision will be made within 4 weeks of the deadline. The maximum score will be 20 points and a minimum threshold of 14 points must be met to be considered for funding. We will provide feedback for unsuccessful applications upon written request.

7 Scoring process

1. Receive all applications
2. Council Officer to determine applications which meet all relevant criteria
3. Initial screening and scoring of all eligible applications by Council Officers
4. Final moderation by Genting Director/s, Senior Newham Councillor and Council Officer
5. Due diligence and remedial actions
6. Inform applicants of decision

8 Monitoring and evaluation

It is essential for successful projects to maintain comprehensive records documenting the delivery of funded activities in accordance with agreed outcomes. The Council/Genting may conduct monitoring visits to verify that programmes are operating as specified in the grant agreement.

All successful applicants must submit evaluation and monitoring reports upon project completion, which should be received no later than one month following the end of the project.

Each project may present unique challenges, occasionally requiring modifications to the original plan; such changes are understandable. Nonetheless, any proposed deviations should be promptly communicated to the Council in order to determine the most appropriate course of action to ensure the continued viability of the project.

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