

Newham Warm Haven grants programme 2022/23

The current cost of living crisis is having a deep impact on Newham's residents and it is likely to have implications for years to come. The acute challenge of the moment is driven by generationally high inflation of essentials such as domestic energy and food; this exacerbates a chronic challenge driven by the squeeze on living standards for those towards the bottom and middle of the income distribution for many years.

Given the cumulative impact on Newham's residents, there is a need to come together as a community and a place to ensure that we're using our collective levers as effectively as possible. This is in order to support the flow of income into Newham's households and to mitigate the impacts of poverty and low income on people of all ages.

As part of our four-pronged response, Newham has launched the Newham Warm Havens Programme. The 'Warm Havens' programme is working with partners of the Council to keep spaces and places open for longer including in libraries, community buildings and other places.

To action this, **small grants of up to £500** are available to voluntary/community or faith organisations as well as informal local community groups who want to support residents who are facing difficulties. Any organisation can receive one grant.

What this grant is for:

This grant can be used to support delivery of:

- Hosting a Warm Haven in your own venue including providing staffing and hot meal and /or hot drink
- Deliver a service or an activity at a Warm Haven – either one that you are hosting or with a partner
- Deliver a service or an activity at one of the Council Hosted Newham Warm Havens

This grant cannot be used for:

- Day to day running costs of existing services
- General organisational running costs
- Any additional costs that are NOT in response to Warm Haven

Members of the Newham Food Alliance cannot apply for both this grant and the Newham Food Alliance Warm Meals Grant.

Priorities for the grant

There are particular priorities we are looking to meet with this grant including:

Types of activity

- Supporting people to feel welcome and comfortable coming into a Warm Haven
- Supporting people to connect with others and to reduce isolation
- Information, advice and guidance particularly on maximising benefits, reducing fuel costs and where to get help for cost of living

When and where

- Evenings and weekends – there are no minimum opening hours: please provide hours that are relevant to your proposal
- Locations that people can get to without transport costs

How to apply

To apply, please complete the Warm Havens Grant application form. The form and guidance can be found at <https://www.newham.gov.uk/council/cost-living-response/4> or requested from **CommunityGrants@newham.gov.uk**

Please send the completed form to **CommunityGrants@newham.gov.uk** (quoting 'Warm Havens Grant' in the subject).

If you have questions or need some help to fill out the Warm Havens Grant please contact **shah.muhamud@newham.gov.uk**

Please allow up to 7 days for a decision to be made on your grant application.