

Newham Warm Haven Grant Programme

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the start and finish dates for the grant programme?

The Warm Havens Grant Programme runs from Friday, 4 November 2022 to Friday, 31 March 2023. If you are successful for the grant you can start delivering right away. You are best positioned to determine your specific start and finish date based on the experience of service users and knowledge of the community.

2. What are the minimum number for sessions?

We have not specified a minimum number of sessions as each Warm Haven provision is likely to have its own local expectations and challenges. However, the application will be scored on 'value for money' and we encourage applicants to consider how best the grant can be spent to support vulnerable residents. Please have a look at the 'priority' heading in the guidance form.

3. How much money can we apply for?

An organisation can apply for a maximum of £500 as a one-off grant under the Warm Havens Grant Programme.

4. Can we apply for several projects?

Yes. We are happy to consider organisations that deliver a Warm Haven provision over two sites. However, the sites must serve different parts of Newham and reach different resident groups. To maintain a fair approach, we will first prioritise organisations who have made a single application.

5. Can we apply for both Warm Havens Grant and Newham Food Alliance Grant?

No. You can only apply for one of the grant programmes. Newham Food Alliance member should apply for the Newham Community Hot Meals in Warm Spaces

6. Where will the Warm Havens sites be advertised?

The Warm Havens sites will be advertised on the Council's interactive map at www.newham.gov.uk/warmhavens. You can search for your local Warm Haven site by typing in your postcode.

7. How will you monitor the grant and its impact?

We will ask you to keep records of expenditure and some basic information about the provision and how it was used. We may ask for a little bit more information for future case studies but will seek your permission first. We are not interested in any personal data about the people who use the Warm Havens service.

8. What if we don't have a bank account?

We would expect the successful organisation to have a bank account to receive the grant. However, on a discretionary basis, we may accept organisations without a bank account as long as a bona fide organisation can hold the grant money on your behalf. If this is the case, we will speak to you to explain the details of such agreement.

9. What sort of thing can we do/buy with the grant?

We do not stipulate individual items or costs associated with hosting or supporting a Warm Haven. However, we do ask that you look at the 'priority' heading on the guidance form to get an idea of the things which are most important. In your application you will need to justify the expenditure which helps deliver your project and provides value for money. If you are unsure you are welcome to get in touch for advice.

10. When will we find out if the application has been successful?

We aim to respond back to your application in 7 days. An application panel consisting of council officers and voluntary/community sector organisation will convene on a weekly basis. If the panel have any queries about your application or require more information we will get back to you.

11. What if our organisation doesn't have all the policies and insurances in place?

It is important that all organisations and groups applying for the Warm Havens Grant are compliant with adequate safeguarding, health & safety and insurance policies. If you feel that you need help with understanding any aspect of organisational policy, please get in touch and we can support you to obtain this.

12. Can we serve residents from outside Newham?

No. The Warm Havens Grant is intended to benefit vulnerable residents who live in Newham. Your organisation could be based outside of Newham but must deliver the Warm Haven provision within Newham. If you are unsure about this, please get in touch for guidance.

13.If we want to propose something to run in a Council Warm Haven how do we identify the time / place

You are welcome to propose an idea that you think will be beneficial in a Warm Haven provision. We are happy to discuss your idea and if it is viable, will try to include it one the provisions.

14.What formats can I complete the Warm Haven Grant application?

The Warm Haven Grant application is available in Microsoft Word and PDF format and both are editable documents.

15.Who can we contact for more information?

For specific advice, guidance and further information about the Warm Haven Grant Programme you can contact shah.muhamud@newham.gov.uk. In the interest of fairness, please do not send 'draft' copies of your application for comment as this will not be considered. Please send completed applications to CommunityGrants@newham.gov.uk quoting 'Warm Havens Grant' in the subject.