

What are the priority areas that our project must support?

There are 6 priority areas of the Councils 'Building a Fairer Newham' Corporate Plan, Projects must support atleast one of the following priorities:

1. A Healthier Newham and Ageing Well
2. Newham's Inclusive Economy to Support You in These Hard Times
3. Your Neighbourhood
4. Safer Newham
5. Supporting our Young People
6. People Powered Newham and Widening Participation

You can read more about these priorities here:

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/downloads/file/8793/neighbourhood-small-grants-2025-brochure>

Can we submit multiple project applications to ensure atleast one of / our most suitable project gets the funding?

Any group, organisation or charity can only submit one application. Any additional applications will not be considered. We recommend you focus on one strong application to try and secure the grant funding.

If our group was granted a grant for VE programme / People Powered Places / Other grants, are we allowed to apply for this small grant?

Yes – in the application we ask you to let us know what previous funding, if any, you have received from the council or similar programmes. You will still be eligible to apply for this grant, but priority will be given to groups that have not received funding before or are new, small and/or emerging.

Do we have to target a particular age group for supporting young people priority?

No, there is no rules on restrictions on which group you must support, as long as your project aligns with one of the 6 priorities, detailed above, then you can submit your application.

Will the council consider providing DBS checks for all voluntary groups?

Newham's Volunteers Team can provide you with additional volunteers, all of which will be DBS checked. You can contact them at volunteers@newham.gov.uk to find out more.

If you need support to know what DBS level is required or to discuss the cost of DBS checks, you can speak to your local Community Neighbourhood Team to get advice.

Can the grant be used towards the cost of obtaining DBS for volunteers working on the funded project?

Yes- you can include the cost of DBS checks for your staff/volunteers in your funding application. You should detail all expected spend in your application form.
Please note: DBS checks for staff will be a different cost to DBS checks for volunteers so please consider this when applying.

Can you include costs of Public Liability insurance in the application?

Yes - you can use some of the money from the grant to pay for Public Liability insurance. However, this must be proportionate to the grant that you are applying for and typically would not exceed £200. If you need support obtaining this, please contact your local Community Neighbourhood Team.

What other funding opportunities are out there?

There are other ways to find out about available funding, you can visit our website:

Newham grant funding page

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/community-parks-leisure/funding-community-projects-1>

Newham 4 Community grant finding portal:

<https://funding.idoxopen4community.co.uk/newham>

What if I have another question

If you have any questions, please send them to: smallgrants@newham.gov.uk or contact your Local Community Neighbourhood Team.