



# **Newham Autism Small Grant**

**Guidance & Information**

## **What is the Newham Autism Small Grants (NASG)?**

The NASG will enable local autistic residents to build community resilience by applying for one-off funding of up to £1,000 to:

- a) support the costs of running activities on a regular basis, and enabling new activities to set up;
- b) support the costs of running groups meeting on a regular basis, and enabling new groups to set up;

Funding for the programme was secured in 2025 and will be available for 2025/26.

## **Who is eligible to apply for the grant?**

Any resident or local organisation can apply for the grant whose existing or proposed activity or group has the sole purpose of benefiting the Newham autistic community. The autistic community is made up of all the Newham residents who have been diagnosed as autistic, who have self-identified as autistic, parent and carers of autistic residents.

To apply for the funding you/your group must meet the following criteria:

- Application lead must be a Newham resident who will be able to provide bank account details in the name of the individual or organisation, and who will be responsible for managing the funds;
- The group must be supporting (or planning to support) Newham Autistic Residents on an ongoing basis;
- Must be led by Newham residents for residents (i.e. organisations that already have contracts with Newham may not apply)
- Must be committed to reporting progress / impact of the funding back to Newham via the grant evaluation form, and participating in other evaluation activities.

Please note that residents or organisations who have not previously received a Small Grant from Newham will be prioritised.

## **Grant outcomes:**

Grant bids should demonstrate how they will achieve the following outcomes:

1. Enable, empower and support Newham autistic groups to continue meeting, supporting and growing within the local community.
2. Increase the wellbeing of Newham autistic residents

## What will we fund?

We will fund specific projects, events or activities that will support autistic residents in Newham to deliver the outcomes of the programme. We are looking for creative and innovative ideas that will reach Newham's diverse communities. Below are some examples of what the funding can and can't be used for.

| The grant can be used for           | The grant cannot be used for                  |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Equipment                           | Activities that benefit a single individual   |
| Refreshment costs                   | Activities which generate a profit            |
| Volunteer expenses                  | Things already paid for / retrospective costs |
| Utilities / running costs           | Loan repayments                               |
| Organisational development/training |   |
| Venue hire                          |   |

Projects / events / activities must take place before end of **March 2026**.

A named individual will be responsible for the managing the grant once it has been allocated and for completing a monitoring return to demonstrate the impact that the service has had. LBN have the right to request financial data such as bank statements and receipts/proof of spend if required and for audit purposes.

## The Newham Autism Small Grants (NASG) Process

Completed application forms submitted to  
Autism.Commissioning@newham.gov.uk by **Sunday 7 September 2025**.

Bids evaluated and applicants notified of outcome by Tuesday 30  
September 2025, and receive funding before 31st March 2026

Project evaluation forms completed and submitted to  
Autism.Commissioning@newham.gov.uk by **31 March 2026**.