

Kensington and Chelsea
It Takes a Village Grant Programme
2024-2026

Application Guidance

1. Introduction

Our residents have told us that safety and protection from violence is important to them and is a crucial part of the Council Plan “Safer” priority. In particular, tackling youth violence is a concern for young people and parents, who have informed the Council that this is one of their main community safety concerns.

Our approach to responding to these issues is guided by the views and wishes of parents and young people and accounts for legislation, policy, resources, best practice and innovation. This is set out in the Council’s [Youth Violence and Exploitation Strategy 2022-2025](#) and [Serious Violence Strategy 2024-2027](#).

The objectives of these strategies are:

- To identify and better support victims.
- To support and engage the community at spotting the signs, risks of youth violence and exploitation and know how to report to services.
- For young people to have a voice into how to keep them safe.
- To hold to account those who commit violence and harmful behaviour is prevented.
- For victims to be supported to feel safe, and their voices inform direct action.
- Communities most adversely affected are prioritised and engaged.

The ‘It Takes a Village’ Grant Fund has been established to support the delivery of this work programme where organisations can apply for medium sized grants to support local responses to youth violence prevention in North Kensington specifically in the wards of Golborne, Dalgarno, Colville, Notting Dale and St Helens.

The grant opportunity is targeted at organisations that are already working with children and young people (CYP) affected by violence and exploitation but fall below the threshold of specialist high harm services.

Projects and activities which are universal will not be funded, therefore projects must be targeted at the cohort of young people set out in item 2 of this guidance note, otherwise the proposal will be rejected.

These grants will support an increase in capacity locally to prevent growing harm as well as a focus on strengthening coordination with multi-agency partners to embed a coordinated community response to violence reduction.

Charities and Community Interest Companies (CICs) can apply for grants to work with young people who live or go to school in North Kensington for a period of 18-months:

Available Funding:

Year 1	Up to £14,000	1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025
Year 2	Up to £28,000	1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026
Totals	£42,000	18 Month Project

The service itself does not need to be physically located in these wards but should be local to people in these areas.

Funded organisations will become part of the 'It Takes a Village' Steering Group and be ambassadors and stakeholders for the project.

2. Target Reach of Children and Young People

The overarching aim of the grant is to reduce the harm caused by youth violence and exploitation where the focus of activities is targeted at CYP that fall below the threshold of specialist high harm services.

Projects should be targeted at CYP aged between 10-21. The project does not necessarily need to target all of this age range and can be targeted at a specific age group within this range in alignment with the project.

Projects and Activities must target CYP in the context of serious youth violence and exploitation that meet some or all of the following criteria:

- CYP who are on the periphery of criminality or where there are early indicators of involvement in criminality for example weapon carrying, drugs possession, supply or drug use, and antisocial behaviour to name a few.
- CYP who have come into contact with the police and/or criminal justice services in the context of youth violence, exploitation or criminality.
- CYP using violence or abuse towards parents/carers or witnessing this in the home.
- CYP who are victims or at risk of criminal/sexual exploitation.
- CYP who are at risk of exclusion from education or permanently excluded from education.
- CYP who are Not in Education Employment or Training (NEET)
- CYP may also have complex and intersecting needs (for example a learning or mental health disability) that may increase their risk of harm, create barriers to accessing support or make them more vulnerable to victimisation/involvement in violence and exploitation.

Organisations should be able to demonstrate how the CYP they are working with meet the criteria set out above and have experience of safeguarding CYP, understanding, managing risk and the safety planning associated with those who require it.

3. Project Outcomes

Organisations can apply for grants that deliver projects and activities which support two or more High-Level Outcomes and should be aligned to two or more Project Outcomes as set out in Table 1. Organisations will need to set out how the proposed project will deliver the project outcomes and how this will be measured for impact.

Table 1

Strategic Objectives	High Level Outcomes	Project Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify and better support victims. To support and engage the community at spotting the signs, risks of youth violence and exploitation and know how to report to services. For young people to have a voice into how to keep them safe. To hold to account those who commit violence and harmful behaviour is prevented. For victims to be supported to feel safe, and their voices inform direct action. Communities most adversely affected are prioritised and engaged. 	CYP Victims are identified and supported.	Reduced risk of victimisation
		Reduced risk of child sexual and/or criminal exploitation
	CYP are supported to engage in healthy behaviours that will reduce their vulnerability to harm and exploitation.	Improved understanding of issues related to harm and exploitation
		Increased feelings of safety
		Improved understanding of safety (including online safety)
		Increase in positive peer relationships
		Improved healthy relationship attitudes and behaviours.
		Increased feeling of having a trusted adult in young person's life.
	Young people have increased opportunities to generate sustainable and satisfactory income, through training, business or employment.	Increased opportunities for young people entering sustained employment
		Improved employability skills and training (including improved attitude to work / career management skills and qualifications)
		Increased business/entrepreneurial skills
	Organisations working with children and young people at risk of harm/ engaging in harmful behaviour have improved knowledge and practice to identify risk factors and support children and young people.	Improved information sharing between agencies on CYP at risk
	Victims being better supported	
	Increased ability for professionals to identify and support children and young people who have witnessed or experienced violence and abuse (including domestic abuse)	
	Improved practitioners' response to safeguarding risks	

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By providing a safe space, funded organisations delivering projects and activities will also have a good understanding of the wider support (local and pan London) available for those at acute risk and specialist services that young people can be referred into.

Where possible projects should enable young people who access the services to share their views and feedback on the topic of safety and violence within their community and feed back into the Council to inform the strategy and services provided in the borough.

The funding can be used to pilot new programmes or projects, or to increase the capacity of existing projects that help with youth violence prevention and encourage engagement in activities in alignment with the criteria.

4. Quality Principles

We want to fund quality activities and services for children and young people. We are looking for organisations that:

- Make sure that all participants feel welcome and included, particularly those who are new or are from underrepresented groups.
- Base their activities on the needs and wishes of children, young people and families
- Involve children and young people and let them have a say in the decisions that affect them and how things are run.
- Communicate well, advertise opportunities and reach out, so that local children, young people and families are aware of opportunities and what's on
- Implement good standards in governance and safeguarding.

5. Project Activities

Examples of the project activities for potential funding to deliver the outcomes set out in Table 1 are set out in Table 2 below.

This list is not exhaustive and there might be other activities which are not listed, or a menu of different activities provided to inform the service offer:

Table 2

Activity Area	Definition /Example
After school – Academic/ Social enrichment	Activities that take place to keep CYP safe after school; a known high-risk period, and/or interventions delivered on weekends/school holidays. This could provide academic support or opportunities for personal and social development.

Wellbeing workshops ie Art, Music, drama and drop-in groups	Sessions with CYP involving creative activities such as music education, arts, dance, drama classes, amongst other creative opportunities. These activities will aim to support the wellbeing of CYP by helping them develop positive ways of expressing themselves, preventing risky or negative behaviour.
Sport based activities	Activities offered to CYP that involve sports or physical activities aimed at fostering developmental assets (e.g. values, commitment to learning, social competencies, positive identity) and surround at risk youth with protective factors (e.g., support, relationships, experiences, resources, opportunities).
One to one Mentoring Sessions	Non-clinical based therapy and assistance with education, training and employment, housing, reduce school exclusion, missing episodes, amongst other needs.
Group Mentoring	Support the growth, learning and career or personal development of young people.
Parenting Programmes/Workshops	Interventions which aim to teach parents/carers a particular skill, type of behaviour or increase their knowledge around an issue which links into youth violence reduction/exploitation.

6. Eligibility of Organisations and Activities that will not be Funded:

- Organisations will need to be a registered with the UK Charity Commission or registered as a Community Interest Company
- Should be a member of Young K&C or willing to become a member by the start of project
- Should currently be working with children and young people, aged up to 25 who live or study in RBKC.
- The Council will not fund individuals via individual bank accounts
- Religious or political activities, however religious groups can apply for non-religious activities.
- Work or spending that has already taken place.
- Residential trips that require overnight stays.
- Projects for which there is a statutory obligation to provide a service.
- Capital projects, works or items.
- Initiatives which do not meet the outcomes and criteria

- Initiatives which are universal will not be funded. Projects must be targeted at the cohort of young people set out in item 2, otherwise the proposal will be rejected.
- General business development or websites.

7. How to apply

You can apply by completing the proposal form in Appendix 1 and sending it by email to communitysafetyfinance@rbkc.gov.uk. Please use the subject It Takes a Village Grant Fund 2024-26. The deadline to submit proposals is **5pm on Friday 6th September 2024** for projects to commence in October 2024 and to be delivered by 31st March 2026.

Only 1 proposal per organisation is permitted.

Organisations should reflect the engagement of CYP in the application process to identify need and the support young people would like to be delivered to them.

8. Assessment of Proposals

Each proposal will be reviewed through a Community Safety Assessment Panel where each proposal will be scored using the Marking Scheme on page 8 in accordance with the weighted questions below:

No	Scored Questions	Weighting
4	<p>Provide an overview of the project that you would like to be funded and why?</p> <p>400 Words</p>	20%
5	<p>How will you ensure the appropriate safeguarding of CYP in delivering the project including managing risk/tensions and the safety planning associated with those who require it.</p> <p>300 words</p>	10%
6	<p>What is the target reach for your project/activity including the risk areas/vulnerabilities (described in item 2 of the guidance), age and gender of CYP to be addressed/targeted.</p> <p>300 words</p>	10%
7	<p>How will the target group be identified, engaged, referred or signposted into the project/activity?</p> <p>300 words</p>	10%
8	<p>Outline the key activities to be delivered as part of the project. This should include the estimated days/times that the proposed activity will run.</p>	10%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 (200 words) • Year 2 (200 words) 	
9	<p>Choose a minimum of <u>two</u> or more <u>High-Level Outcomes</u> and a minimum of <u>two</u> or more of the aligned <u>Project Outcomes</u> and explain how the project outcomes will be met through the project activities.</p> <p>400 words</p>	20%
10	<p>How will you monitor the delivery of the selected outcomes and activities to demonstrate that they are or have made a difference? Are there any other outcomes expected from the project.</p> <p>300 words</p>	10%
11	<p>Mobilisation and Engagement Plan</p> <p>Include a brief mobilisation plan which provides a timeline, estimated dates/activities for the lead up to delivery and a plan for <u>how the target cohort and/or multi-agency partners will be engaged</u>.</p> <p>You may include a table for this.</p> <p>200 words</p>	5%
12	<p>Social/Added Value</p> <p>Describe how your organisation will deliver social/added value for the benefit of residents and communities in Kensington and Chelsea for example via existing local relationships, via the particular specialisms of your organisation, through resources your organisation is able to access to increase/enhance the service offer.</p> <p>200 words</p>	5%
	Total	100%

Marking Scheme

Score	Rating	Criteria for Awarding Score
0	Unacceptable (fail)	The information is omitted/no details provided, or irrelevant answer provided.
1	Poor (fail)	The Panel has serious reservations that the Applicant understands the requirement in the question. The proposal provides very limited evidence and assurance that the relevant aspect of the project would be delivered to the expected standard and there are serious doubts about aspects of the response.
2	Fair	The response is superficial and generic in its scope. The Panel has some reservations that the Applicant understands the requirement in the question. The proposal provides some limited evidence and assurance that the relevant aspect of the project or requirement would be delivered to a satisfactory standard.
3	Satisfactory	The Panel is reasonably confident that the Applicant understands the requirement in the question and the proposal provides some satisfactory evidence and assurance that the relevant aspect of the project or requirement would be delivered to a satisfactory standard.
4	Good	The submission is robust and well documented. The Panel is confident that the Applicant understands the requirement in the question and the proposal provides good evidence and assurance that the relevant aspect of the project or requirement would be delivered to a good standard.
5	Excellent	The proposal is innovative and adds value. The Panel is completely confident that the Applicant understands the requirement in the question and the proposal provides very good evidence and assurance that the relevant aspects of the project or requirement would be delivered to an excellent standard.

The outcome of proposals will be shared in September/October 2024. Outline feedback can be provided for unsuccessful applicants but there is no appeal process.

The Community Safety Team may reduce the final grant funding amount requested in the proposal.

9. Additional Information

There is a strategic focus on organisations working as part of a coordinated community response to violence reduction, improving knowledge, information sharing, intelligence gathering, understanding and responding to community tension. As such, collaboration is welcomed where this facilitates the integration of specialisms to maximise the offer of support to CYP.

Organisations can submit sovereign applications but make it clear in the proposal if it is a collaborative approach and who they will be collaborating with to deliver the project.

Organisations will provide quarterly monitoring reports to the Council where the dates will be shared with successful organisation(s). Officers from the Council aim to visit all projects at least twice in the 18-month delivery period.

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