

## What is the Inspiring Communities Fund?

Tower Hamlets Homes' Inspiring Communities Fund helps residents improve where they live either through social activities or small environmental projects.

### Who can apply?

Anyone who is a THH resident can apply. Individuals will need to partner with another organisation to administer the funds. Tenant and Residents' Associations or community groups that provide services to our residents can also apply.

You may want to consider partnering with one of the community groups or TRAs listed [here](#).

### How much can I apply for?

You can apply for funding ranging from £100 to a maximum of £5,000. If you have applied for funding in the two previous funding rounds, then you will not be able to receive more than £5,000 across all three.

Please also bear in mind that if we receive a high volume of applications, we may not be able to fund your project for the full amount applied for.

We will want to ensure that your project makes sense and is good value for money. We intend to check your method of delivery and other potential partnering organisations that can help you fund your idea.

### Will my projects be eligible?

The projects put forward must directly benefit THH residents. Environmental projects must take place within our defined neighbourhood areas.

**Examples of projects include:** *parent and toddler groups; after school clubs; gardening projects; youth activities, sports sessions; older persons, women's or cultural groups; community business start-ups; training programmes; education and special interest classes.*

We will not fund core staffing costs but will fund trainers, facilitators, etc. We will not fund a project which promotes any one faith.

We will ask you to demonstrate how the activity benefits residents and meets **all** the following criteria ensuring projects will:

1. make a difference to your neighbourhood or community.
2. have community support - we expect at least 3 other individual residents to support the project proposal.
3. involve other THH residents.
4. account for any money spent. Failure to do so may result in THH requesting the money back.
5. get some money or support from elsewhere. This could be:
  - from other funding sources.
  - in kind funding e.g. volunteers' time, donation(s) of equipment and / or resources.

## How to apply

You can download the Inspiring Communities Fund application form from our website [here](#).

Or you can ask for the form by calling or emailing us:

Tel: 020 7364 5015 – ask for the Community Partnerships Team

Email: [community.partnerships@thh.org.uk](mailto:community.partnerships@thh.org.uk)

Once you have completed the form, please email it to:

[community.partnerships@thh.org.uk](mailto:community.partnerships@thh.org.uk)

You can also send a hard copy (with the necessary supporting documents) to:

Tower Hamlets Homes  
Community Partnerships Team  
Financial Health Centre  
Raynham House  
Massingham Street  
E1 4EB

## How to get support with your application

We have provided a separate [guidance note](#) to help you on your way. However, if you need any additional help or have any questions please contact us:

Tel: 020 7364 5015 – ask for the Community Partnerships Team

Email: [community.partnerships@thh.org.uk](mailto:community.partnerships@thh.org.uk)

## When to apply

The closing date for applications in Round 10 of the Inspiring Communities Fund is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

## When will decisions be made?

We will aim to have a decision made about your application within 4 weeks of the closing date.