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- A modern grantmaking trust for London
  - Established in 1995
  - Given away £45+ million in over 9,000 grants mainly across London
  - Focus on smaller charities and community organisations
  - LCF manages a range of grants schemes right across London. Our aim is to be a supportive and approachable funder.
- Fundholders include
  - Companies - Land Securities, Deutsche Bank, Vanquis
  - Individual and Family donors
  - Local and national government
  - Charitable trusts - Comic Relief, Evening Standard Dispossessed Fund

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# The London Community Foundation

- We have a vision of a strong and generous London - where residents, business and government act collectively to create a fair and good society for all who live or work in the capital.
- Our job at The London Community Foundation is to help bridge the gap between prosperity and marginalisation by raising funds to support local communities deliver projects for social change.
- Our mission is to act as a catalyst for social change in London.

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# Why small grants?

- One quarter of a percent of all UK charities receive almost half of all charitable income. That's 474 of 163,763 charities (all with incomes above £10 million).
- 85% of all charities have an annual income of less than £100,000.
  - 54% (just under 88,000) have an annual income of less than £10,000
  - A further 31% (51,000) have an income of less than £100,000.
  - Together, these 85% of all charities account for 5.5% of the sector's total income, rely heavily on volunteers, and rely more on donations from individuals than larger organisations.

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# The Barnet Giving Fund

LCF works in partnership with Inclusion Barnet and CommUNITY Barnet to deliver the Barnet Giving Fund.

## Vital stats:

- Deadline: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2017
- Value: £1,000 - £5,000
- Fund themes:
  - Community Links
  - Resilience and Independence

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# The Barnet Giving Fund

## Community links

Grants will be available for projects that:

- Improve links between people so people feel more involved or connected to their community
- Increase or utilise existing urban and green spaces in the local area
- Increase contacts and friendships between different communities
- Help people develop new skills that will develop their confidence and abilities

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# The Barnet Giving Fund

## Resilience and Independence

Grants will be available for projects that:

- Provide support to individuals and families to overcome challenges, to develop resilience and take the next steps to develop new skills and experiences
- Support people to take the next steps to more independent living
- Enable people to access services, which they have not previously done through lack of awareness, or other barriers
- Encourage people to take the next steps in developing their skills or experience



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# The Barnet Giving Fund

- Funding is for the benefit of residents of Barnet.
- The following organisations are eligible to apply:
  - Constituted community and voluntary organisations
  - Registered charities
  - Social enterprises (Including Community Interest Companies, Industrial and Provident Societies, and Cooperatives)
  - Charitable Incorporated Organisations

Please note, organisations solely constituted as a Company Limited by Guarantee are not eligible to apply. Those with joint status with one of the above are eligible.

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# Comic Relief Local Communities

The London Community Foundation delivers the Comic Relief Local Communities Fund.

## Vital Stats:

- Deadline: Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016
- Value: £1,000 to £10,000
- Fund Theme:
  - Maximise people's ability to strengthen community cohesion and build social capacity

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# Comic Relief Local Communities

- A Local Communities grant must be **at least 30%** of the total cost of the project
- The programme aims to empower local people, enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups and organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community.
- Organisations must have had an income less than £300,000 in their last accounting year
- If you currently hold a grant directly from Comic Relief you will not be eligible

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# The Unlocking Potential Fund

The London Community Foundation has an exciting opportunity for groups to apply for core funding from The Unlocking Potential Fund

## Vital Stats:

- Deadline: Rolling programme - please speak to me for details
- Value: £500 - £2,000
- Funding is available for:
  - Monitoring and evaluation
  - Financial management and budgeting
  - Fundraising
  - Sustainability planning
  - Communication and publicity

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# Coming Soon...

## **MOPAC Victims Fund:**

The London Community Foundation will be working with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) to deliver their Victims Fund.

## **Vital Stats:**

- Likely to be launching in the new year - details will be announced in December.
- The fund is for projects which benefit victims of crime across London

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# Coming Soon...

## Youth Social Action Fund

Launching in December, the Youth Social Action Fund is designed to promote Youth Social Action across the UK. The London Community Foundation will be delivering the fund in London.

### Vital Stats:

- Value: between £1,000 and £5,000
- Definition of Youth Social Action: *“Young people taking practical action in the service of others in order to create positive social change that is of benefit to the wider community as well as to the young person themselves.”*  
(The Young Foundation)

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# Completing an Application

The level of detail required will depend on the amount of funding available.

## Basics

- Fits the funding criteria
- Is complete
- Up-to-date submissions to Charity Commission/  
Companies House
- Correct legal status
- Good previous monitoring

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# Continued...

When looking at an application we will look at:

- All supporting documents, do they demonstrate good governance and operation?
- Do we know what the organisation does?
- Do they have a track record and relevant referee?
- Is the project well planned?
- Does the project **respond** to an indentified need?
- Who is the target beneficiary?
- Has the group considered how they will engage beneficiaries?
- Has the applicant considered what the anticipated benefits will be and how they will measure this?
- Detailed, well planned budget that relates to the project described - apply for what you need and ensure value for money.



# What makes an application stand out?

- Excellent previous monitoring showing good results
- Ability to achieve demonstrated by previous results achieved/skills in place
- Different/innovative in approach
- Effective partnership working
- Project responds to previous learning
- Strong needs analysis/consultation
- Case study/story
- Good monitoring/evaluation plan - exceptionally important to show your results
- Sustainability and fit with wider organisational objectives
- Clear and concise
- Passion!

Always ask someone to read through your application before submitting

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Any questions?

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