

Wandsworth Grant Fund
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Ref CBF	Time period for which the grant is given	Dept which awarded grant	Name of organisation	Charity/Company number	Summary of service(s)	Ward	Recommended Grant award
1	October 2022 - October 2023	Community & Partnerships	Be Enriched Elements	1170219	<p>Tooting Canteen is a communal meal accessible to anybody in the public in need of a hot meal and company, as well as a safe warm location for anyone to come to throughout the winter, hosted in the Tooting URC hall. The Food Bus is a double-decker bus that offers low-cost and free food to Wandsworth residents, currently stopping in Tooting and Roehampton, which have significant foodbank use. It is powered by fuel and solar energy.</p> <p>The applicant is seeking support towards the cost of higher fuel and electricity expenses, a new carpet at the church that been used intensively for ten years and is in a poor state, and the increased running costs of helping visitors with their growing support and guidance requirements.</p>	Tooting Broadway	£ 9,810
4	October 2022 - October 2023	Community & Partnerships	CDARS (Community Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service)	2634372 / 1028663	<p>Community Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services (CDARS) supports high needs people with multiple and complex problems. They support over 100 vulnerable residents from Wandsworth to cope with the cost-of-living crisis through the following: Community kitchen, supporting clients to reduce their energy bills, wrap-around support in life skills, specialist suicide prevention, a women's service and support for veterans.</p> <p>The Community Kitchen provides them one healthy meal a day for 6 days each week. It is run by a full time Chef who is supported by volunteer cooks, a volunteer nutritionist who ensures that it is healthy, and drivers who deliver the food. The volunteer cooks are often ex-clients who receive training prior to starting jobs in the hospitality industry. Most of the food is donated from Wandsworth residents and businesses, but they do top it with purchases to ensure that it is nutritional. This project is principally being funded through CDARS reserves and is at risk of closure, although they have recently received a grant from Awards for All which is part-funding it.</p>	Borough-wide	£ 12,970
5	October 2022 - October 2023	Community & Partnerships	CREW Energy	R7286	<p>CREW runs a weekly energy café every Friday at the Wandsworth Climate Hub. They also arrange pop ups at foodbanks and other venues and also carry out home visits across the borough.</p> <p>Their energy cafes are due to run out of funding in early January and they would like funding to extend this for six months. They would also like to host two pop up events each month to promote the service at the climate Hub. They have been using these pop up events as a triage service for both the Friday energy cafes and the home visits.</p>	Southfields	£ 14,575
7	October 2022 - October 2023	Community & Partnerships	Earlsfield Foodbank	1167812	<p>They are open one morning per week, their key services being food provision (providing every guest with 3-4 days worth of food); Guest support (Advice service from CAW , Family Action providing emotional support, and St. Mungo's to help guests with drug and alcohol recovery). With the Home Community Cafe, they also provide guests with a cooked breakfast, social interaction and warmth.) They currently support 100 local households a week (up from 30 per week in 2020) and estimate that this will rise to over 150 per week by December</p>	Wandsworth Common	£ 6,450
9	October 2022 - October 2023	Community & Partnerships	Generate Opportunities Ltd	03461665 / 1069548	<p>Their Social opportunities programme provides adults with a learning disability (whom they call their members) the opportunity to make and meet friends and participate in a range of leisure and social events that they help to design and deliver. The activities increase their access to a wide variety of arts and sports, help develop friendships and increase confidence and independence.</p> <p>In response to the cost of living crisis, members have already had discussions about building in 'advice' activities by providing top tips on how to conserve energy, stay warm etc. The programme is part-funded by LB Wandsworth and Richmond.</p>	Wandsworth Common	£ 15,000

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10	October 2022 - October 2023	Community & Partnerships	The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Upper Tooting	1152212	Holy Trinity (Upper Tooting), St Augustine's (Tooting), All Saints (Tooting) St Mary and St John the Divine (Balham) and St Mary Magdalene (Wandsworth) would collectively like to offer welcome and warm spaces for Wandsworth residents throughout the winter. They are responding to the crisis of the cost of living, especially in terms of heating. They hope to offer a safe, warm place for residents who find heating their own homes a problem, and each aim to open for one day each week. Their initial aim is for each church to be open one day a week throughout this coming winter months, from November 2022 - February 2023 inclusive, to provide food, drink, crafts and other activities. During the cafe, they can signpost attendees to the services they need and offer a space just to talk.	Trinity	£	9,000
12	October 2022 - October 2023	Community & Partnerships	Junction Community Trust - Wandsworth Foodbank	08032776 / 1149780	They will provide emergency food, advice and support to local people in extreme financial hardship. Where residents are unable to afford food, they can be referred to them and they will provide a warm welcome and a nutritionally-balanced food parcel for their household. In 2021-22 they provided almost 10,000 emergency food parcels to Wandsworth residents, which was still considerably higher amount than pre-pandemic (52% higher than 2019-20). This number is anticipated to rise across 2022-2023, especially during Autumn and Winter months.	Lavendar	£	12,385
15	October 2022 - October 2023	Community & Partnerships	Rackets Cubed	1170744	The Community Box is a self-referral food box scheme and they are currently supporting approximately 100 young families per week in the Roehampton area. Since they changed to the "self-choice" community box model in May 2022, they have helped over 220 families. They also have a community box operating out of Griffin Primary school in Battersea that supports over 80 families per week during term time. Both of the community box models support local residents by providing free or heavily discounted groceries which means that the families have more funds available to buy food or to cover utility bills or rent during this cost-of-living crisis. At the "self-choice" box in Roehampton families pay a small weekly fee of £4 to be able to select donated and surplus ambient and fresh produce which equates to approximately £25 to £30 of goods. By charging a small fee they are able to purchase additional items such as toiletries, cleaning products and fresh bread. The grant will be used to pay for staff costs for opening a second day a week.	Roehampton	£	9,000
16	October 2022 - October 2023	Community & Partnerships	Regenerate.Com	4146490 / 1087134	They are seeking support to offset the impact of increases in energy prices and to support the cooking workshops run 4 times a week for young people accessing the centre. The cooking workshops will provide 20 young people per session with a hot nutritious meals 4x per week over the course of the new academic year (September 22 – August 23). The workshops aim to support young people's households who may be experiencing food poverty as a result of the cost of living crisis. With limited youth provision in the community, this Youth and Community service acts as a catalyst to unlocking young people's potential for an alternative future, with 240+ accessing the programme annually. The Ashburton youth centre provides a safe space where they can take positive action in their lives by participating in a variety of free workshops such as cooking, boxing, music production as well as receiving individual support from the youth workers.	Roehampton	£	11,225
18	October 2022 - October 2023	Community & Partnerships	Sound Minds	03751889 / 1079521	Sound Minds is a charity, led by mental health service users, channelling the power of creativity and peer support to improve the lives of people living with long term mental ill health. They work with some of the most vulnerable people in Wandsworth as all their members have serious and enduring mental health problems. From their members' survey in March 2022 they know that only 18% had a paid job in the last 5 years, 80% of members live alone, 100% of respondents wanted hot snacks to be available when they visit Sound Minds. They require support to restart the provision of a cheap lunch service (£2 donation) for our members on a Tuesday at Sound Minds. They have a lunch club on Fridays at KLS, but this application would allow them to provide lunch on the same day that they have an open jam session and visual art activity, and in their own premises. They would expect to provide lunch for 15 to 20 people each week.	St Mary's	£	7,415

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19	October 2022 - October 2023	Community & Partnerships	The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael's Wandsworth Common	1185687	<p>St Michael's is a space 'for all who live, work, learn or play in the neighbourhood', and use of the space is currently offered at a reduced rate or free to charities and small businesses in the local area. The main user of the space is Regenerate RISE, a charity which offers a valuable lifeline to 70-100 elderly residents each week. Elderly people on limited incomes have the potential to be seriously impacted by rising fuel costs - opting to avoid heating their home, or cooking hot food for themselves. They are highly vulnerable to isolation and loneliness as well as ill-health through reduced access to care. They expect this number to rise as they enter winter. They are also looking to open as a night shelter once a week with Glassdoor where they would also offer a 3 course meal. The hall is also used regularly for a full-time nursery and two Brownie Packs, various fitness and music classes, along with children's parties.</p> <p>The applicant seeks funding for the restoration of two windows in the church hall, the venue for the community activities, to avoid the worst-case scenario of temporarily or unexpectedly having to close the centre for emergency repairs, in the event of a leak or adverse weather incident. To ensure that the elderly day-care centre on Cobham Close can continue uninterrupted and warm through this winter, some moderate but urgent capital repairs are needed to the Hall windows. This building is not used for religious purposes and the repairs will also benefit the several other community groups and local small businesses who rely on the rooms for their weekly activities. Restoration of the West & East windows will help prevent drafts and reduce heat loss. The work will make the windows weatherproof, safer and more environmentally friendly for the winter.</p>	Northcote	£	12,335
21	October 2022 - October 2023	Community & Partnerships	SWLLC (South West London Law Centre)	05018587 / 1102433	<p>They offer free or low cost legal advice and representation to those on low or no incomes: Legal Aid and grant funded legal casework in social welfare law. Helping people obtain justice in the areas of Housing, Community Care, Welfare Rights, Debt, Employment and Immigration; On the day legal advice to those facing eviction at three London courts; Free community legal advice clinics.</p> <p>They require support for 12 months to help cover the running costs of their branch office in Falcon Road Battersea. This will allow them to continue supporting the people of Wandsworth with their invaluable service throughout the current crisis and beyond. In 2020-21 SWLLC supported 162 families and individuals facing eviction at Wandsworth County Court through the Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme, 802 debt cases, 260 individuals and families with crisis navigation, 35 people to regularise their EU status, 40-50 individuals were supported per month with free one off legal advice in a range of legal issues including housing, immigration, employment, family and consumer matters through our pro bono clinics. During 2022-23 these numbers are expected to rise.</p>	Falconbrook	£	12,588
23	October 2022 - October 2023	Community & Partnerships	Waste Not Want Not Battersea	1187801	<p>Founded in 2017, Waste Not Want Not Battersea (WNVNB) collects surplus fruit and vegetable and other produce from nearby markets and distributes it through the local community and youth centres. they have built relationships with market traders and other retailers and save around 750 - 1000 kg of food every week. While our food sharing is open to everyone, they successfully focus on reaching those at risk of food poverty and in need of nutritious produce</p> <p>They are applying for costs to fund their ongoing food sharing work, which they want to sustain throughout the winter at five days a week (currently two). They had anticipated reducing the food sharing schedule but the level of need in the communities they support remains high, and will only worsen during the winter and cost of living crisis. They state that without a paid driver it is impossible to run a regular food sharing due to the 4am collection time. An administrator/coordinator is crucial to organise volunteers, which is equally key for keeping a regular service running all winter.</p>	Falconbrook	£	15,000
Total							£	147,753