

CROYDON PARTNERSHIP

Youth & Enterprise Opportunity Grant Fund 2019

The Croydon Partnership will deliver a £1.4 billion redevelopment of Croydon's retail centre, supporting up to 7,000 jobs and acting as a catalyst for the wider physical and social regeneration of the town centre. Our mission is to enhance the ongoing regeneration of Croydon through the creation of jobs, apprenticeships, training and new business opportunities. As a long term investor in Croydon we believe that it is important to play our part and pledge further use of our resources to help both the town itself and its residents to achieve their potential.

The Croydon Partnership is delighted to offer our Youth & Enterprise Opportunity Grant Fund, a regular programme of dedicated funding aimed at supporting employment prospects and enterprise opportunities for people across the borough.

Grants Overview

The focus of the Croydon Partnership Youth & Enterprise Opportunity Grant Fund is on organisations working with young people between the ages of 12 and 18 to support them in terms of employability, and supporting enterprise initiatives across all age groups. This might be through:

- developing specific skills through the provision of training and/or equipment
- activities that help develop positive attitudes towards work
- projects that help engage them in enterprising activities
- learning about product development, as well as marketing and sales, amongst others.

Applications can be for capital costs (equipment, goods and materials) or revenue costs (room rental, staff and volunteer costs).

In 2019, The Croydon Partnership Youth & Enterprise Opportunity Grant Fund will award grants of between £500 and £1,000 twice during the year, totaling £4,000 to support local third sector activity in Croydon. Applications are invited from: registered charities / CIOs / CICs / companies limited by guarantee or community / voluntary sector groups with a constitution (or set of rules). Please note, this Fund is not open to applications directly from schools, colleges or other statutory bodies. Preference will be given to smaller grassroots projects as opposed to larger charities. Unfortunately, individuals or groups with no constitution are not eligible.

Applicants need to be working with disadvantaged elements of local communities in Croydon either on a borough-wide or local basis.

Standard Grants Criteria

The Croydon Partnership Youth & Enterprise Opportunity Grants will operate under a standard grants criteria the details of which can also be found on our website but, in brief:

- We will fund registered charities or constituted community groups with a bank account requiring two or more signatories and a management board of at least three unrelated people
- We prefer to be a major contributor to a project (we will rarely make a small contribution to a large appeal)
- 100% of the grant must be spent on activities promoting opportunities for youth and enterprise
- We will not fund:
 - projects that have already taken place or applications for retrospective funding
 - activities that would normally be funded from statutory sources
 - projects that are primarily for the advancement of religion or politics

We prioritise projects that:

- Are run by local people, for local people - your group either needs to be based in Croydon or be directly benefiting individuals and communities in Croydon
- Are relevant to local needs and have a direct impact on the community

Application Process

The Croydon Partnership Youth & Enterprise Opportunity Grant Fund is an on-going scheme which forms part of the Croydon Partnership's Community Plan. The awards run annually with grant periods occurring three times a year. Please see the table below for 2019-2020:

Year	Grant Period	Details
2018	2018-11	Grant Fund Opens: 1st September 2018 Deadline for receipt of applications: 23rd November 2018 Announcement of successful applicants: 21st December 2018
2019	2019-12	Grant Fund Opens: 17th June 2019 Deadline for receipt of applications: 26th July 2019 Announcement of successful applicants: 23rd August 2019
	2019-13	Grant Fund Opens: 2nd September 2019 Deadline for receipt of applications: 22nd November 2019 Announcement of successful applicants: 20th December 2019

Applications will be reviewed by a panel comprising the Croydon Partnership's Community Team, as well as other senior staff from both Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield and Hammerson.

A new application will be required for each grant period. Unsuccessful applicants will not automatically be considered in a subsequent grant period. Successful applicants are not eligible to apply for the following grant round.

Application forms are available for download on the Croydon Partnership website or we can post one out to you through an email request from info@thecroydonpartnership.com

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