

## **CROYDON PARTNERSHIP**

### **Youth & Enterprise Opportunity Grant Fund 2020**

As a long term investor in Croydon, the Croydon Partnership 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 programme of dedicated funding aimed at supporting young people, 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, employee and volunteer costs).

In 2020, The Croydon Partnership Youth & Enterprise Opportunity Grant Fund will award grants of between £1,000 and £2,000 twice during the year, totaling £8,000.

Applications are invited from: registered charities / CIOs / CICs / companies limited by guarantee or community / voluntary sector groups with a constitution (or set of rules). Preference will be given to smaller grassroots projects. 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 young people 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

### Timescale & Process

Please see the table below for 2019 – 2020:

| Year        | Grant Period   | Details   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| <b>2019</b> | <b>2019-13</b> | <b>Grant Fund Opens: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019</b><br><b>Deadline for receipt of applications: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019</b><br><b>Announcement of successful applicants: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b> |
| <b>2020</b> | <b>2020-13</b> | <b>Grant Fund Opens: 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020</b><br><b>Deadline for receipt of applications: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b><br><b>Announcement of successful applicants: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b>  |
|             | <b>2020-14</b> | <b>Grant Fund Opens: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b><br><b>Deadline for receipt of applications: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b><br><b>Announcement of successful applicants: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>   |

Applications will be reviewed by a panel comprising the Croydon Partnership’s Community Team, as well as other senior employees 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 from the Croydon Partnership website or we can post one out to you through an email request to James Rogers, Community Manager: [james.rogers@hammerson.com](mailto:james.rogers@hammerson.com)

Completed application forms should be returned by post to:  
James Rogers, Croydon Partnership Community Team, Croydon  
Partnership Project Office, Whitgift Centre Management Suite,  
Unit 2150 Whitgift Centre, Croydon, CR0 1LP  
or e-mailed to:  
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