



Applying for Grant Funding to Royal Docks Trust 2017/2018

About the Programme

The Royal Docks Trust Grants Programme provides funding for voluntary and community organisations within the Royal Docks Trust area. All projects need to be providing services which are specific to those parts of Newham south of the A13 Newham Way and benefitting residents of this area of the borough. The area includes Beckton, Custom House, Canning Town South, North Woolwich & Silvertown and West Silvertown. Statutory bodies, including schools, are not eligible to apply.

We are inviting applications with the overarching aim of building resilience. The benefits for residents we are looking to achieve include helping people to access employment, improving health and the local environment, increasing access to education and training, and community activities such as sport, music and arts, which bring the local community together.

Applications should clearly show a capability to address Royal Docks Trust priorities that include at least one of the following:

1. Regeneration

Projects through which the community and voluntary sector will provide services which contribute directly to the regeneration of the Trust's area, and that assist in the development of active, resilient and self-sustaining community and voluntary sector initiatives. The programme will therefore prioritise projects that:

- Provide training, education and employment opportunities to improve the quality of life by increasing income levels and opportunities for families
- Education and training projects, including vocational skills training that provide or lead to formal accreditation and good employment opportunities.

2. Children and Young people

Projects that provide services to children and young people: The programme aims to support projects which provide resources and services at a local level, which encourage self help and offer sustainability of local initiatives.

Examples of projects that the programme would seek to fund include:

- Youth work, particularly projects, which contribute to reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Cultural activities (including leisure and sport) particularly projects that encourage local communities to use facilities located within the Trust's area.

3. Older People

Examples might include:

- Projects that present opportunities for contributing to improved quality of life.
- Projects that promote and encourage health and fitness, particularly within community settings such as local clubs and community centres.

4. Disabled People

Examples might include:

- Projects that benefit and include work with: people with learning difficulties or other special needs and with disabled people.
- Projects that address needs/issues in relation to mental health.

The assessment panel will particularly welcome applications which

- Access other resources and offer the possibility of bringing additional / match funding to the area

- Complement existing or new regeneration initiatives in the area
- Enable organisations to provide services and resources at a local level, developing and encouraging active and sustainable community and voluntary sector projects.

How much money is in the pot?

The overall funding for 2016/17 was approximately £200,000 and it is hoped to maintain a similar level of funding this year.

The amount of funding available for any one project will not exceed £35,000, so please ensure that you provide realistic project costs when applying for funding. Larger projects in particular need to demonstrate cost effectiveness and value for money, including detailed information on costs and demonstrating these are competitively priced.

The Programme

The trust is looking for projects which can deliver verifiable outcomes, which also represent value for money and can make a real difference to the lives of the people in the Royal Docks Trust area.

We have identified the following key areas as important elements to successful applications:

- Meeting the priorities and criteria of the programme
- Having outputs that will deliver an effective service to the target communities
- Demonstrating ability to deliver tangible and sustainable long term benefits to local residents
- Cost effectiveness in achieving outcomes that make a real impact on residents' lives
- Extent to which the project addresses the objective of promoting resilience
- Extent to which residents are involved in the project and how inclusive is the service
- Effective recording and quality systems
- Clear monitoring of service delivery

Funding Arrangements

The trust receives many more applications than it is able to fund. The trust will therefore seek to offer funding to projects that it considers best meet the criteria and priorities for providing services to the residents of the Royal Docks Trust area. Funding will be offered for up to twelve months. Funding in subsequent years, subject to further application, assessment and approval, may be considered at the absolute discretion of the trust. .

Eligible Organisations

To be eligible for funding from this programme, organisations must demonstrate that they have

- a constitution as a not-for-profit organisation
- a management committee
- an equal opportunities and/or diversity policy in place and are working to implement it
- a base in the area from which to serve the people of the Royal Docks Trust area in Newham Docklands.

Monitoring Arrangements

The trust has a monitoring strategy, which we expect all projects to follow. The focus of the strategy is monitoring the outputs and outcomes that the funding covers.

Successful projects will submit activity and finance reports six monthly and also have planned monitoring visits from the trust's officers. They will be looking at how services are delivered and how the project operates. The visits are also an opportunity to strengthen relationships and links, to promote good communication and to discuss issues of progress and development.

How decisions are made

The closing date for applications is 5pm on Tuesday 28 February 2017.

All applications are considered against the criteria, and will be determined by the Royal

Docks Trust Board.. You should receive a final decision on your application not later than 1 April 2017. You will receive notification of the final decision on your application, whether you have been successful or not.

Further information Minor Grants Programme

The Royal Docks Trust also operates a minor grants programme, offering funding of up to £2,000. This is a rolling programme

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with no specific closing date – applications will be accepted throughout the year.