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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

We want to support churches, as well as other faith and secular community based organisations, to enable adults and families to lead fulfilling lives.

Stronger communities

We are looking for projects/organisations that are:

- In the most disadvantaged areas and communities are coming together to address what is important to them; or
- Community responses to supporting adults who are refugees or homeless.

Better outcomes for families

We are looking for projects/organisations that provide support for:

- Families facing poverty or other challenges; or
- Carers and their families.

Type and scale of funding

- We expect that most awards will be between £10,000 and £100,000 in total;
- We will provide funding for up to three years;
- We will fund running, core and development costs; and
- We may fund capital costs but only where there is a clear link with our funding opportunities and an obvious lack of alternative local facilities.

Where we fund

We will consider applications for funding in:

- London (within one or more of the 32 Boroughs)
- North East (County Durham, Tyne & Wear, Northumberland and Tees Valley)
- Norfolk
- Lincolnshire

We prefer to support organisations that are locally rooted and focused.

HOW TO APPLY

If you feel that your work meets the programme guidelines, please complete an Expression of Interest using the link below. You will be taken to a webpage where you can either login or create a new account.

We aim to let you know whether we would like you to complete a full application form within six weeks of receiving your Expression of Interest: To complete the form click [here](#)

If you are invited to complete a full application you will have six months to submit your form. We aim to communicate and make decisions within five months of receiving a full application.

How we make decisions

Your Expression of Interest (and full application, should you be invited to make one) will be considered by a member of our Philanthropy Team who may seek further information by email, phone or arrange to visit you.

What we don't fund

- Expression of Interests from individuals;
- Projects designed solely for the advancement of a particular faith; and
- General appeals or financial support for costs that have already been incurred.

If you require any further information please [contact us](#).