

# London Euroscene Bytesize



London's Voluntary and Community Sector in partnership with Europe to promote Social Inclusion

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## Community Grants ESF funding round launches



The ESF Community Grants programme builds on the Global Grants programme (known as Fast Forward Grants in London), which was one of the key features of the last regional ESF Objective 3 programme.

The Community Grants programme will provide grants of up to £12,000 to small voluntary and community organisations to engage with local communities and deliver a range of skills and employment support activities. The grants aim to support a quality outreach provision, providing an essential stepping stone for unemployed and economically inactive participants to find employment or progress to further learning.

This programme is funded jointly by the London Development Agency (LDA) and the European Social Fund. The grants will be awarded and administered by the Greater London Enterprise (GLE) who has been selected by the LDA to act as the Grant Co-ordinating Body for Community Grants.

Overall there will be a total of 3 tendering rounds for Community Grants over the period 2008-2010. This is the first tendering round which launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008.

To be eligible for funding you must meet the following criteria:

- You must have a written constitution/set of rules which was formally adopted by 31 October 2007.
- Your organisation must have no more than 2 full time paid staff or the equivalent.
- The income of your organisation must be no more than £60,000 in your most recent complete financial year.
- Your organisation must have a bank account in the organisation's name with a minimum of two signatories.
- Your organisation must not have received ESF funding before (except as a Fast Forward Grant).
- If your organisation is a registered charity, your organisation must be registered with the Charities Commission.

Community Grants will fund 150 organisations for the 2008-2009 programme whose projects will work with a minimum of 15 participants and supports one or more of the following target groups:

- Lone parents
- Disabled people
- People belonging to Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups

- Women
- Older people (aged over 50 years)
- Young people aged 19-24

Potential applicants need to be aware that grants will no longer be paid up front before the commencement of projects, but will now be paid in three stages:

- 50% of the grant will be paid once contract are signed.
- 45% of the grant will be paid when grant recipients can demonstrate actual spend of 30% of their total grant. Evidence of spend will include invoices, copies of bank statements and cheques.
- The final 5% will be paid at the end of the project on the final submission of expenditure reports and all required monitoring information.

Further details about upcoming workshops and application packs can be obtained from [http://www.lvstc.org.uk/community\\_grants.php](http://www.lvstc.org.uk/community_grants.php) or <http://www.gle.co.uk/services/communitygrants.html>.

The deadline for applications will be **19<sup>th</sup> November 2008** at 5.00pm.

## Application Workshops

**LVSTC workshops** will be held on

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00 – 13:00	Selby Centre, N17
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	09:30 – 12:30	Islington Training Network

If you would like to book one of these workshops, please contact Geoff Robinson [geoffr@lvstc.org.uk](mailto:geoffr@lvstc.org.uk) or Ingrid Babcock [ingridb@lvstc.org.uk](mailto:ingridb@lvstc.org.uk) on 0845 262 2006 or 020 7538 4309. More details available at [http://www.lvstc.org.uk/community\\_grants.php](http://www.lvstc.org.uk/community_grants.php).

**GLE workshops** will be conducted at their offices in London Bridge

New City Court, 20 St Thomas Street, London, SE1 9RS

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00 – 13:00
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	15:00 – 17:00
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	10:00 – 13:00

If you would like to register for any of the GLE workshops, please contact the Community Grants team on 020 7940 1515 or emailing [communitygrants@gle.co.uk](mailto:communitygrants@gle.co.uk)

## Technical Support for Applications

In addition, LVSTC are offering technical assistance with applications to organisations, in the form of advice surgeries.

If you would like to book an advice surgery, please contact Geoff Robinson [geoffr@lvstc.org.uk](mailto:geoffr@lvstc.org.uk) or Ingrid Babcock [ingridb@lvstc.org.uk](mailto:ingridb@lvstc.org.uk) on 0845 262 2006 or 020 7538 4309.

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