



HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND FAQs

How much should I apply for?

You can apply for a grant of between £15,000 - £30,000 per year for three years. You should not apply for more than 1/3rd of your entire income.

What type of project can I apply for?

All projects should be achieving the fund aim of improving the health and wellbeing of people in Merton and Wandsworth by delivering work which meets one or more of the following fund themes.

- **Healthy Minds** - projects which support better mental health
- **Healthy Living** - projects which help people to take better care of their health
- **Making Connections** - projects which tackle social isolation

Below are some examples of the types of work which fall under each of the fund themes.

Healthy Minds	Projects which support better mental health through social, cultural or supportive activities. Examples include one to one counselling sessions for young people that identify as LGBTQIA+, or group mentoring sessions for looked after children with low mental health.
Healthy Living	Projects which help people to take better care of their health, including work with vulnerable groups to improve health awareness, prevent health risks, and encourage healthier choices. Examples could include a healthy eating project or an awareness raising project aimed at encouraging healthier lifestyles amongst people with disabilities.
Making Connections	Projects that help create and strengthen relationships and bring people, families and communities together, especially people who are more at risk of isolation. Examples could include a befriending project for isolated older people, or a social group for young carers.

Does it have to be a new project?

No the project you are requesting funding for does not have to be a brand new piece of work. You may choose to apply for funding to try something new, but we also welcome applications to support your ongoing work.

Does our project have to support one of the priority population groups?

Yes. We want to support people who are at greater risk of having poor mental health and wellbeing in our local community and so your work must be addressing the health and wellbeing needs of at least one of the priority population groups.

What will you not fund?

We do not fund:

- For profit organisations
- Individuals
- Local authorities
- Public bodies
- Schools, colleges or other educational institutions
- Capital works including building work or purchases of vehicles
- Political or religious activities
- Fundraising events
- Activities which have already taken place
- One off events
- Overseas travel

In addition, sports and physical activities and medical treatments are ineligible through this fund.

Does our organisation have to be based in Merton or Wandsworth?

Your organisation must be based in Merton or Wandsworth or be able to demonstrate a substantial track record of delivery in one or both of the boroughs.

Do you provide support with applications?

We are unable to review any draft applications, however we will be able to support you with any questions you have about the process. Please reach out to us on foundation@aeltc.com.

There are other organisations who can provide you with application support such as [Merton Connected](#) and [Wandsworth Care Alliance](#).

Do my supporting documents have to be submitted before the deadline?

Yes, in order for your application to be considered complete you must submit all of the required documents at the end of the application form.

What if I am unable to submit an application online?

We can provide you with an alternative version of the application form. Please email foundation@aeltc.com to request this.

When will I hear if I've been successful or unsuccessful?

Applicants who have not been shortlisted will be notified by w/c 15 April 2024. All other applicants will be notified of the outcome by w/c 3 June 2024.

Can we make more than one application?

Only one application per organisation can be submitted.

What happens if I am unsuccessful?

If you are unsuccessful you will be notified of the reason that the application did not receive funding and the Foundation team will be happy to arrange a call with you to discuss this further. As long as you meet our basic eligibility requirements, you will be able to apply for other funding from us.

Can we apply if we have received another grant from the Wimbledon Foundation?

You cannot apply for funding if you have an active grant with the Wimbledon Foundation, for example through the Wimbledon Foundation Community Fund, the Get Set, Get Active Fund, or the Wimbledon Foundation Homelessness Fund, or if you have outstanding monitoring from a previous grant.

If you are not sure whether you have an active grant with the Foundation, please reach out to your Grants Officer or email the Foundation on foundation@aeltc.com.

What does it mean to be a Living Wage Funder?

The Wimbledon Foundation is a Living Wage Funder which means that we encourage all applicants to pay their staff the real London Living Wage or higher. For 2023-24 this is £13.15 in London.

For more information about the Living Wage Foundation, please [visit their website](#).