

## **Development Fund – Guidance Document** **[Grant Ref: DF0626]**

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This fund is supporting the development of Harrow Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) groups.

We're providing unrestricted funding (core costs) to groups creating positive change for people in the London Borough of Harrow.

This funding can help your organisation develop, adapt, try new approaches, and grow.

### **Activity**

It can be used for any purpose which helps to strengthen core operations, drive innovation, or enables strategic growth.

This could be, but is not limited to:

- Capital costs
- Investing in new technology or digital tools
- Developing new services or programmes
- Strengthening governance and leadership capacity
- Staff salaries
- Staff training and professional development
- Improving systems, processes, or infrastructure
- Piloting or delivering programmes
- Research, evaluation, and impact measurement
- Building partnerships or collaborations
- Expanding into new markets or communities
- Enhancing financial sustainability and resilience
- Specialised consultancy support

This funding empowers you to invest where it matters most to you.

Due to the flexible nature of this grant, your organisation can set its own activity period. You must provide a clear start and end date, with a realistic and well-planned timeline.

### **Amount Available**

Up to £10,000

## Eligibility

You need to be applying as:

- constituted not-for-profit organisation (company limited by guarantee, community interest company (non-profit and limited by guarantee), registered charity, co-operative, unincorporated organisation)
- with a minimum of 2 unrelated trustees/directors (these trustees / directors should be as listed where relevant on the Charity Commission / Companies House)
- an annual income of under £500,000
- with a bank account in the name of the organisation

The activities for which you are applying for funding need to be legally charitable and benefit Harrow residents.

## Monitoring - Reporting on the grant

You will need to report back to Harrow Giving, who are committed to light-touch reporting for grant and will work around what you apply for.

As part of our monitoring, we aim to better understand and showcase how the grant monies has led to the longer-term resilience and sustainability of your organisation.

## We Cannot Fund:

- activities that make profits for private gain
- religious activities (we can fund religious organisations if their project benefits the wider community and does not include religious content)
- projects where political activities are the main purpose, or that support or oppose a specific political party
- lobbying activities
- things you've spent money on in the past and are looking to claim for now (retrospective costs)
- loan repayments
- the topping up of organisation reserves.

## Support Available

Voluntary Action Harrow (VAH) [[contact@vah.org.uk](mailto:contact@vah.org.uk)] can support with:

- Discussing project ideas
- Reading and reviewing applications

## Deadline

12pm, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## How To Apply

Please send a completed application form to: [grants@harrowgiving.org.uk](mailto:grants@harrowgiving.org.uk)

## When will you find out

We will aim to inform you if you have been successful within eight weeks of the deadline.

## How much is available

A total of at least £65,000 is available for distribution.

## Other Funding Available

A list of other fundraising options is available on the [Voluntary Action Harrow's Fundraising Webpage](#).

## About Us

Harrow Giving is a local charity that funds small local projects to make a positive difference in the lives of Harrow residents. Harrow Giving is a trading name of Harrow Together (registered charity no. 1167770) and is managed by Voluntary Action Harrow (VAH).

[www.harrowgiving.org.uk](http://www.harrowgiving.org.uk)

## About Harrow Council [Fund Partner]

Harrow Council is the local government authority responsible for overseeing public services and administration within the London Borough of Harrow.

[www.harrow.gov.uk](http://www.harrow.gov.uk)