

Lambeth and Wandsworth Capacity Building Programme Guidance for applicants

Summary

Walcot Foundation and Battersea Power Station Foundation are running a joint grant programme to help strengthen the voluntary and community sector in Lambeth and Wandsworth.

We are offering a grant of up to £80,000¹ per year over three years for the provision of capacity building support to grantee (or potential grantee) organisations in order to improve their skills, efficiency and sustainability.

Programme Details

This capacity building support will be available to organisations working with Lambeth and/or Wandsworth residents that potentially meet the eligibility criteria for funding from either funder. These will typically vary from small start-up community organisations to well-established local charities with a turnover of up to £1m.

Our view is that the service should consist of three distinct elements:

- a) Bespoke consultancy support (*i.e. support delivered face to face or by phone/email which is tailored to meet the specific needs of an organisation, for example assistance with business planning, reviewing monitoring systems etc*)
- b) Training Workshops (*i.e. group training delivered to representatives of different organisations on a common need, for example “Project Management” or “Writing effective funding applications”*)
- c) Peer support (*e.g. regular opportunities for networking, sharing learning and exploring opportunities for partnership with similar organisations*)

We recently carried out a survey of Lambeth and Wandsworth community organisations for their views on the type of capacity building that would be helpful and a summary of the key findings can be [read here](#).

We anticipate the programme will be able to demonstrate impact through:

- Stronger, more resilient organisations as demonstrated by relevant improvements (e.g. stronger governance structures, improved monitoring/evaluation systems, increased fundraising capacity, more effective staffing/volunteer management systems)
- Increased collaboration between local organisations as demonstrated by examples of effective partnership working or successfully attracting funds through partnership bids

¹ It should be noted that there is no VAT liability on this grant programme. Walcot Foundation and Battersea Power Station Foundation do not have legal or regulatory obligation to build the capacity of local charities/community groups. This is a *freely given grant* for the benefit of charities/social enterprises in Wandsworth and Lambeth. It is not a benefit/service for Walcot or Battersea Power Station Foundation.

Funding Criteria

The following will be used to help us shortlist applications:

- Recent (within last three years) track record of delivering capacity building support in Lambeth or Wandsworth
- Delivery staff demonstrate significant third sector experience (both in terms of project delivery/management and delivering capacity building support)
- Delivery staff have excellent interpersonal and facilitation skills.
- Experience of facilitating networking and appropriate partnerships between organisations
- Experience of accessing relevant external specialist trainers/advice where required
- Experience of curating and facilitating access to resources
- Commitment to “value for money” particularly when sourcing specialist delivery from external experts
- Organisation’s governance needs to fulfil Walcot Foundation’s [organisational criteria](#)

Timeline

Application form: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4615063>

Deadline for Applications: **Midday 9 June 2017**

Interviews for shortlisted organisations: 19 June 2017 (at Walcot Foundation)

Project start date: 1 November 2017

If you have any queries, please contact [Teresa Priest](#) or [Daniel Chapman](#) at the Walcot Foundation by email or on 020 7735 1925.

About Walcot Foundation

An independent grant-making foundation and charity with roots from the early 17th century. Its work is to break cycles of financial deprivation for people living in Lambeth and aims to offer a hand up, not a hand out, and seeks to tackle poverty by creating opportunity. The Foundation has a strong focus on education and employment.

About Battersea Power Station Foundation

The Foundation was established in 2014 by the shareholders who are redeveloping Battersea Power Station. Its aim is to encourage better connections between, and amongst local communities, so people feel a greater sense of ownership and responsibility for the places where they live. It supports partner organisations who are in touch with local people and like to fund work that has clear, practical outcomes and particularly value projects that have a broad reach or leave a long-term legacy.