



VE DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY GRANT FUND

To celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, a fund of £20,000 is available. This fund is aimed at supporting inclusive, creative events and activities to commemorate the occasion.

Constituted Voluntary and community organisations can apply for grants of between **£500 - £1,000**. It is likely that the most common award will be around £500, with larger awards considered where the applicant can demonstrate significant participation, inclusivity and scale.

All applications must be received by midnight **21 April 2025**.

Events are expected to take place across the United Kingdom this May as people join the celebrations and mark this historic occasion. This funding will support activity celebrating VE Day 80th Anniversary taking place between 3 May 2025 and 11 May 2025.

A priority of the fund will be to provide grants to community and voluntary groups that can facilitate local residents' participation in events to celebrate the VE Day 80th Anniversary and who may not be able to access street parties near where they live, for example, they are elderly, or have a disability, or who live in an area where 'traditional' street-based parties might be difficult to deliver, like on some council estates.

Please note that the fund will not support activities organised by schools, individuals/ informal groups of residents, with only constituted voluntary and community groups being able to apply.

Further information to help you apply

Please complete the application form accompanying these guidance notes and submit the application to applywgf@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk by midnight on **21 April 2025**.

You need to apply as a constituted organisation (not as an individual) and be one of the following organisation types –

- Registered charity,
- Registered Community Interest Company (CIC),
- Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO),
- Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee,



- or other type of Charitable Constituted Group e.g., Residents Associations or Co-operatives

All applications must be received by the deadline date of midnight on **21 April 2025** with the outcome of your application announced by 25 April 2025.

We would encourage all applicants to consider inviting the Mayor of Wandsworth to attend your local event. You can read how to apply here:

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/mayor-of-wandsworth

What can you spend money on?

This list does not include everything. So, if you are not sure, contact us:

We can fund:

- venue hire/rent
- equipment
- staff costs
- training costs
- transport
- utilities
- volunteer expenses
- food
- promoting your project

We encourage you to also think about any organisational costs needed to help you and your organisation plan the activity.

We cannot fund:

- alcohol
- contingency costs, loans, endowments or interest
- paying someone else to write your application for you
- profit-making or fundraising activities
- VAT you can reclaim
- religious activities (we can fund religious organisations if their project benefits the wider community and does not include religious content)
- statutory activities
- activities that improve educational attainment (PHSE, STEM, English, Maths)



- overseas travel or projects that take place outside of the UK
- activities that make profits for private gain
- cash that will be given directly to individuals.

How much you can apply for

Applicants can apply for grants of between £500 and £1,000. It is likely that the most common award will be around £500, with larger awards considered where the applicant can demonstrate significant participation, inclusivity and scale.

Supporting information

All applicants will be required to provide evidence that they have in place the following, including these as part of your application:

- A Constitution or Governing document - All organisations applying MUST have a minimum of three unrelated named Trustees or Directors and show in their governing document that any surplus will be re-invested in their charitable work
- Public Liability Insurance covering the period of activity
- A Children and Adults at Risk Safeguarding Policy*
- An associated bank account which requires at least two un-associated signatures for withdrawals. Applicants will need to provide a bank statement (dated within the last 3 months) showing the sort code and account number.

*Applicants are expected to deliver their Project in accordance with the protocols and procedures of the Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Board and the Council's Inter-Agency Guidelines for Protecting Adults.

Please see links to safeguarding resources:

- Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership - <https://www.wscp.org.uk/>
- Richmond and Wandsworth Safeguarding Adults Board - <https://www.sabrichmondandwandsworth.org.uk/>
- Wandsworth Council information on safeguarding adults - <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/safeguarding-and-adult-abuse/>
- Ann Craft Trust resources on safeguarding adults - <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/resources/>

(Whilst we aim to keep the application process as short as possible, the Council reserves the right to request further information appropriate to any activity if this is deemed helpful in the assessment of an application.)



Reporting back on your activity

Grant recipients will be asked to provide evidence of the activity taking place, in the form of photographs, social media updates, local newspaper articles, and a short-written report. You will need to state if consent has been given by individuals shown in any photographs for the Council to use in its publicity (forms will be provided to successful applicants for this purpose.)

To request information about VE Day 80th Anniversary Grant Fund and the Application Form in an accessible format please email - wgf@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk detailing the preferred format.