

Funding opportunities to tackle air pollution in London

Below is a summary of some of the grants available to schools and community groups in London, who are looking for financial support to take action on air quality. The grants listed range from having very specific criteria (e.g. active travel) to more general criteria around supporting communities or young people; therefore, some may be more suited to your needs than others. Some of these are open to applications from schools directly whereas others have criteria that require working with a local authority or charitable organisation to complete the application.

An alternative avenue for securing funding for projects could be to approach local businesses with a view to securing sponsorship for your work. This is usually most successful when businesses have a better understanding of the impact air pollution has on children and the wider community, their responsibility to act to protect the rights of the child to a healthy environment and a clear summary of the benefits that your suggested intervention will have to address this. We have produced a [template letter](#) which articulates these arguments and that you can download and amend to your specific circumstances. If you need support with your communications to businesses, please contact the London Schools Pollution Helpdesk. If you would like more information about air pollution, how it affects your health and actions you can take, please visit the [Clean Air Hub](#).

If you would like support writing and completing funding applications, then please do get in touch.

Things to think about when approaching a funding application:

- Timing – e.g. When do you need the money? How long is the application process? What documentation is required?
- Money – e.g. How much money do you need? Is a grant the best way to get it?
- Aims of the project e.g. What you want to achieve? How do these aims meet the grant's criteria?
- How you will use the grant – the specific needs of the project, the benefits it will have and how you will be able to document this

We will look to update this document regularly to ensure that this list of grants is as up to date as possible but please do check the organisation's website to confirm details.

Fund overview	Who can apply	Further details	Application deadline
Mayor's Air Quality Fund London City Hall - £22 million fund over 10 years to support projects by London boroughs to improve air quality.	London Boroughs	- Schools could work with their local authority to show the need and interest in taking action.	- Currently closed - Will reopen for applications in Autumn (for projects of three years' duration).
Schools' Clean Air Fund Westminster City Council - £1 million of financial assistance to help primary schools in Westminster implement recommendations from their audit report.	Primary Schools in Westminster	- Up to £10k (or £5k for private schools). - Can only apply after completing their Westminster led audit and receiving the report.	- Open
#LetSchoolsBreathe Airly - Offering an Airly sensor which measures outdoor air quality - particulate matter (PM) and gases - for a 6-month period, completely free of charge.	All schools	- Aim is to engage parents, community and local councils with knowledge of air quality.	- Open
Our Space Award Groundwork - Mayor of London fund to help Londoners green their city through active community engagement and participation.	Community groups	- Small grants of £500 up to £1,000. - Standard grants of £1,000 up to £3,000. - Flagship grants of £3,000 to £5,000.	- Looking to relaunch the programme mid to late 2021.
The National Lottery Community Fund (tnlcommunityfund.org.uk) - Funding to help you to make a difference in your community.	All schools	- Funding from £300 to £10,000. - School can apply – the project needs to benefit and involve the communities around the school too.	- Open

Reaching Communities England The National Lottery Community Fund (tnlcommunityfund.org.uk) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specific National Lottery fund to make positive changes in communities. 	All schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding for £10,001 or more for up to 5 years. - Support around responding to the impact of COVID-19 and for communities to adapt and become more resilient. 	- Open
Co-op Local Community Fund - Co-op (coop.co.uk) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports projects across the UK that members care about. 	All schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Criteria around bringing community together and providing access to community spaces. - Supporting physical health and wellbeing of the community. - Share skills to foster community spirit and build resilient communities. - Co-Op members assess applications and decide on amount of funding to allocate. 	- Open
Community Groups: Apply for a Tesco community grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local community grant scheme for projects that bring benefits to the community. 	All schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projects are voted on by customers in Tesco and change every three months. 	- Open
Grant Funding Request Morrisons Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant funding for charity projects which make a positive difference in local communities. 	Registered charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants up to £25,000. - Must be a registered charity to apply. 	- Open
Our Grant Funds John Lyon's Charity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants for the benefit of children and young people - Several different grants available. 	Schools in North and West London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specific to: Brent, Barnet, Camden, Ealing, Harrow, Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster, City of London. - Small Grants Fund maximum is £5000 for one year only. - Main Grants Fund is on average £20,000-£30,000 for three years. 	- Open – grants have different application timelines.

<p>The Burns Price Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants up to £5,000 for young people in the UK aged 11-18 to undertake a community project. 	<p>Young people aged 11-18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project should result in positive change for the community and the young person involved. - Project idea should come from the young person, but adult supervision will be required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline of 17th July 2021
<p>London Community Foundation Elephant & Castle Community Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A fund set up to support the local community. 	<p>Schools in Elephant & Castle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants up to £10,000. - Specific to Elephant & Castle community. - Can address themes of Environment and/or Young People and/or Wellbeing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline of 24th May 2021
<p>Walking and Cycling Grants London Groundwork</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TfL and London Marathon Charitable Trust are offering community grants to fund projects that engage communities across London in safe, enjoyable and inclusive walking and cycling activities. 	<p>Community, charity or not for profit organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to £10,000 across 3 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently closed but likely to reopen for applications in future, dates TBC.
<p>Phase 2 Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Salix Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A decarbonisation scheme to transition public buildings to low carbon heating. 	<p>All schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools are eligible to apply with a maximum grant of £5m. - Must have a fossil-fuelled heating system which is coming to the end of its useful life. - Applications must include a measure to contribute to decarbonise the heating with a low carbon heating system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phase 2 closed due to demand being reached. - Schools can express interest through sharing a proposal with Salix Finance which may lead to further funding opportunities in future.