

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
Our Space Award Groundwork - Mayor of London fund to help Londoners green their city through active community engagement and participation.	Community groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	- Deadline of 15 th December 2021
The Breathe London Community Programme — Breathe London - Programme to provide sixty funded Breathe London Nodes to community groups across London starting with ten nodes this year.	All schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fully funded nodes provided. - Focus on projects that can lead to an improvement in local air pollution or a reduction in exposure to pollution (or both). - Include a strong aspect of community involvement. - Are representative of the diversity of London. 	- Deadline of 3 rd December 2021
Reaching Communities England The National Lottery Community Fund - Specific National Lottery fund to make positive changes in communities.	All schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding of £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

<p>Community Groups: Apply for a Tesco community grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local community grant scheme for projects that bring benefits to the community. 	<p>All schools.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projects are voted on by customers in Tesco and change every three months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open
<p>Grant Funding Request Morrisons Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant funding for charity projects which make a positive difference in local communities. 	<p>Registered charities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants up to £25,000. - Must be a registered charity to apply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open
<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"> - Consider applications three times a year.
<p>Planting Healthy Air in Schools Trees for Cities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding attached to programme for green infrastructure 	<p>All schools.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Programme to redesign areas of the playground where air quality is poor through planting trees and other vegetation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open to expressions of interest. - High demand but looking to secure more funding.
<p>Metropolitan Public Gardens Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gives modest grants and practical assistance to community gardens and green sites across London. 	<p>Schools (but greenspaces need to be open to the public).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fund the planting of trees, raised beds, troughs, or other greenery. - Grants up to £1500. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessed four times a year by the Executive Committee. - Next deadline is the end of November.

<p>EVOLVE advice Get Out! grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant to support with outdoor learning. 	<p>All schools and charities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £500 awarded every month and can be used for equipment, specialist training, travel and/or resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application window opens on the 1st and closes on the 20th of each month.
<p>The Fore's Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unrestricted grants which the potential to have a transformational impact on an organisation. 	<p>Registered charities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants of up to £15k over up to 18 months. - Focus on small charities and strengthening organisations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registration opens on 13th December. - Deadline for applications 10th January.
<p>The Nineveh Charitable Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports a broad range of projects with an emphasis on promoting a better understanding of the countryside. 	<p>Charities or CICs (but some flexibility).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A focus on health, welfare and education of the general public alongside the study and appreciation of ecology and agriculture. - No funding limit. - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trustees meet once per quarter to review applications and allocate funding.
<p>The Wakeham Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trust that funds small scale projects that help small groups of people make a difference in their communities. 	<p>Registered charities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants of £125 - £2500 that support a new project in a community run by ordinary people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open
<p>Grant Programmes - Garfield Weston Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports a broad range of charities across the UK that make a positive difference. 	<p>Charities and schools.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular Grants of below £100k for Capital, Revenue/Core Costs or Project Costs. - Support educational and environmental projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular Grants programme open all year round.

<p>Aviva Community Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting projects that are fighting climate change and building stronger, more resilient communities across the UK. 	<p>Registered charities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three key areas: building back better, climate champions and financial empowerment. - Funding of up to £50k. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open
<p>Our Grant Funds John Lyon's Charity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants for the benefit of children and young people - Several different grants available. 	<p>Schools in North and West London.</p>	<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open – grants have different application timelines.
<p>East End Community Foundation Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants to voluntary and community sector organisations across the East End. 	<p>Specific grants for Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Newham and the City of London.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Range of independent grant programmes. - Grants range from £200 to £20k. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hackney, Newham and the City of London funds are currently closed. - Tower Hamlets funding streams open for applications.
<p>Broadgate Community Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fund set up by The London Community Foundation and British Land to support projects or services benefitting the community. 	<p>Charities and community groups in Hackney, Tower Hamlets and the City of London.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants of £10k - £20k. - One of the key themes of the fund is around 'Children and young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline of 17th December 2021.

<p>Bromley Community Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up to support organisations across Bromley in responding to the needs of local people. 	<p>Community organisations and charities, including PTAs. Must work primarily with Bromley residents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants of up to £5k available to cover project related costs. - Focus on three areas: Increasing educational achievement for disadvantaged young people, supporting older people and their carers and support for other vulnerable people and communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline of 25th November 2021.
<p>Greener Futures Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fund created by Grosvenor and the London Community Foundation to empower communities to take local action on climate change. 	<p>Community groups and charities that work in Westminster and North Southwark.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants of up to £30k. - Must meet one of the priorities around climate action. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline of 7th January 2022.
<p>Schools' Clean Air Fund Westminster City Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £1 million of financial assistance to help primary schools in Westminster implement recommendations from their audit report. 	<p>Primary Schools in Westminster</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to £10k (or £5k for private schools). - Can only apply after completing their Westminster led audit and receiving the report. - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open
<p>Sir William Boremans' Foundation – The Drapers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants for educational projects that demonstrate clear educational benefits to young people. 	<p>Organisations from Greenwich or Lewisham.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants of up to £10,000 for organisations. - Projects should focus on improving student inclusiveness where possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applications are considered at meetings in November, February and May.