

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
<p>Grow Back Greener Fund 2021 London City Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant programme co-funded by the Mayor of London and Thames Water aimed at improving access to green spaces and climate adaptation and water. 	<p>All schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focused on making physical improvements to a space. - Grants of between £10k and £50k for projects that create green space such as through planting trees in a school playground. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline of 13th September 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 £5000 over 1 year or up to £10,000 across 3 years. - Some of the templated projects have focused on encouraging active travel in schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline of 10th September 2021.
<p>London Schools' Climate Kick-Start London City Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A fund to help thousands of students take action of the environment with a focus on the 1-5 November between the Earthshot Prize and COP26. 	<p>State secondary schools and alternative education providers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small activity grants of £500 - £2000 available to state schools to host environmental events during the week. - Green Schools Grants between £8000 - £10,000 for longer term environmental work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline of Friday 24th September 2021.

<p>The National Lottery Community Fund (tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding to help you to make a difference in your community. 	<p>All schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding from £300 to £10,000. - School can apply – the project needs to benefit and involve the communities around the school too. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open
<p>Reaching Communities England The National Lottery Community Fund (tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specific National Lottery fund to make positive changes in communities. 	<p>All schools</p>	<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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>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>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>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>Sustainability Fund Veolia UK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A fund for groups to transform their community or environment through cash sponsorship, in kind resources or staff volunteers. 	<p>Not-for-profit organisations, community groups or individuals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to £1000. - Focused on areas where they work with the Local Authority so: Brent, Bromley, Camden, City of London, Croydon, Haringey, Kingston, Lambeth, Merton, Southwark, Westminster. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline of 31 October 2021.
<p>The Neighbourhood Fund LBBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fund for community groups in Barking & Dagenham to spend on local initiatives that will benefit residents. 	<p>Schools and community groups in Barking & Dagenham</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to £10k for projects that meet the criteria around being local, innovative and inclusive. - Focus areas of community engagement, health and wellbeing and skills and education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application window opens every six months. - Latest round of funding closes on 12 September 2021.

<p>Mayor's Air Quality Fund London City Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £22 million fund over 10 years to support projects by London boroughs to improve air quality. 	<p>London Boroughs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools could work with their local authority to show the need and interest in taking action. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently closed. - Will reopen for applications in Autumn (for projects of three years' duration).
<p>Our Space Award Groundwork</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mayor of London fund to help Londoners green their city through active community engagement and participation. 	<p>Community groups</p>	<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking to relaunch the programme mid to late 2021.