

Application Guidance: New funding opportunity from Cripplegate Foundation

If you need help accessing this application opportunity, please get in touch with us at Cripplegate Foundation: anne.shewring@cripplegate.org.uk, 020 7288 6944.

Cripplegate Foundation is launching a new fund for organisations in Islington led by, and supporting, people from marginalised groups.

- For this round of funding, by marginalised groups we mean black, Asian, minority ethnic groups, deaf and people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ people.
- By “led by” we mean groups where the majority of the board and/or senior staff are people from those communities. We appreciate you may not have many senior staff so please do get in touch if you are unsure what this means.

If you want to discuss whether the criteria for this fund applies to your organisation, please call us or send an email using the details below.

We are particularly interested in funding organisations who are directly helping residents to tackle poverty and inequality.

At Cripplegate Foundation, we recognise that communities usually have the best answers to their challenges but often not the money to achieve the outcomes they would like. We want to help with resources by investing in organisations that have an impact within their own communities. This funding is part of Cripplegate Foundation’s overall approach to considering how we give away money and to whom.

We have a total of £275,000 to distribute. We are anticipating awarding about nine core grants over three years (probably around £10,000 a year for three years). In particular, we welcome applications from organisations where this level of funding will provide some stability in helping you to meet your core costs over the next three years. We are realistic in what this money might be able to do for your group, but we are interested in hearing how supporting your core costs might enable your organisation to focus on service development, including increasing capacity and extending your reach. We anticipate that this fund will support smaller organisations, with an income below £250,000 a year. We are likely to fund groups with an income well below this.

You are welcome to apply for core costs, which might cover rent, bills, salaries, training and support for staff welfare. Please get in touch if you have a question about what core costs might include for your organisation. You can also apply for a specific project. You can apply for more than £10,000 but please be conscious of how much is in this pot and our aim to support a number of organisations.

We are particularly interested in hearing from your organisation if:

1. You have never received a grant from Cripplegate or Islington Giving

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2. You have only received small grants – £5,000 or less a year - from either fund. This includes Islington Council's Community Chest fund.

If you are already receiving a Cripplegate main grant, you are ineligible to apply in this round of funding.

Cripplegate can only fund organisations which support the residents of Islington and the Cripplegate Ward.

As this is a new initiative for us, we welcome all feedback on this call, so please do get in touch using the details below. We have tried to use language that reflects current thought and opinion in terms of placing marginalised communities at the front and centre of the difference we are trying to contribute towards. We are aware that this is in constant evolution and we won't always get it right. We welcome comments, thoughts and reflections in relation to this.

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Closing date for applications: 9am on Monday, May 16th