

Young Black People's Mental Wealth Fund- FAQs

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) about our funding.

Programme Context

What we mean by Mental Wealth?

Mental health includes emotional, psychological and social wellbeing, affecting an individual's thoughts, feelings and behaviours. Through consultation with young people, the term Mental Wealth was used to ensure a focus was placed on the positive strategies and things individuals can learn about themselves to have good mental wellbeing.

What we mean by an ecological and village approach?

The socio-ecological and village approach seeks to recognise the way interactions between individuals and the communities around them can be complex and have a significant impact on the individual's mental health and behaviour. This approach seeks to ensure that projects use a holistic approach to addressing the mental wealth of individuals, by families, friends, healthcare professionals, schools and others, and how they all work collectively and in an interconnected way to address the needs of young black people in City and Hackney.

Am I eligible?

What is the funding for?

The funding is for revenue projects, which do not typically include buildings and refurbishments.

Who can you fund?

We only award grants to charities, non-profits, or organisations with charitable status or equivalent. The programme webpage provides more details on the fund's eligibility criteria.

I am looking for funding for myself – can I apply?

We do not fund individuals or private businesses. The programme webpage provides more details on the fund's eligibility criteria.

Are there things you don't fund?

Our grants cannot cover certain costs, such as VAT or purchasing land or property. Below is a list of ineligible costs and activities associated with the Young Black People's Mental Wealth Fund.

- Projects or organisations that do not directly demonstrate clear benefit to residents in City and Hackney, where inequalities have been identified.
- Grants to individuals, or applications where an individual receives the main benefit.
- Funding cannot be used for retrospective activities or costs paid, or liabilities incurred before the start date of the grant.
- Activities undertaken outside of City and Hackney, although there may be some exceptions. For example, Hackney residents may be accessing specialist courses, venues, or trips.
- Any costs that are not outlined within the agreed grant contract without prior agreement.
- Political or exclusively religious activities.

Do you fund Community Interest Companies limited by shares?

No, unfortunately not. We only fund charities, non-profits, or organisations with charitable status (or equivalent).

Where do you fund?

Young Black People's Mental Wealth Fund focuses on impacting health inequalities in City and Hackney. Therefore, applications received for project activities taking place outside of City and Hackney are ineligible.

Should I ask for a specific amount?

In the Stage 1 application, we simply want to know the total amount requested. In the Stage 2 application, you will be asked to provide a detailed breakdown of your project's costs.

How much might I be awarded?

There are two grant amounts, **£3,000** and **£10,000**. The details of the amounts available under the Young Black People's Mental Wealth Fund can be found [here](#).

Stage 1 applications

Do you comment on draft applications?

Due to the number of applications we will likely receive, we can't formally provide comments on draft applications. Please contact the organisational development team at Hackney CVS for support on applications ([follow this link](#)).

We are happy to answer any questions you have via assembly@hcvs.org.uk.

Do I have to make my Stage 1 application online?

It is usually more convenient for you and us to submit your Stage 1 application online. However, if you cannot apply online, please contact us, and we will make reasonable adjustments to allow you to apply in another format.

Before completing a paper application, please read the advice in the guidance on the website.

Can I receive feedback on my Stage 1 application?

We are likely to receive many applications for the fund, and we will provide feedback on every Stage 1 application on request. We also provide detailed feedback if your Stage 2 application is unsuccessful.

Reviewing an application

How will my application be assessed?

We are committed to careful review and have a transparent assessment process. At Stage 1, your application will be reviewed based on the proposed project and the difference you intend to make. Each eligible application will be assessed by external panel members from a cross-section of the community of City and Hackney.

Although our review process is rigorous, we want our application process to be as 'light touch' as possible, so we only ask for relevant information that will help us assess your project.

At Stage 2, all applicants will be reviewed more rigorously to ensure your organisation can deliver the project proposed at Stage 1.

Stage 2 applications

Why do you have a two-stage application process?

We have chosen to use a two-stage application process after careful consultation with the community of City and Hackney. This process was developed using the Anti-Racist Commissioning Principles, which form the grounding for this Fund. The process will allow applicants' eligible projects to be assessed quickly and to make the best use of your time and the time of our staff. The Stage 1 application with brief information means we can ensure that all organisations invited to submit more detailed Stage 2 applications are eligible for funding. Although funding is not guaranteed, a large proportion of Stage 2 applicants will receive funding.

Can I submit my Stage 2 application online?

The details of the Stage 2 application will be provided to the successful applicants at Stage 1. The link to submit your Stage 2 application will be made available in the invitation to Stage 2. Further details of the questions and focus of the Stage 2 application can be found [here](#).

Can I receive feedback on my Stage 2 application?

Yes, we are happy to provide feedback on unsuccessful Stage 2 applications. We generally do this over the phone or via email.

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