



LONDON  
COMMUNITY  
RESPONSE FUND

# London Community Response Fund Waves 1-3

Total awarded:  
£25,037,466

No of grants: 1354

Contributing funders: 20 (grant makers,  
Livery Companies, and corporates)

Wave 1 & 2

Award period June-July 2020, £13.1m awarded,  
992 grants, average grant £8,348.

Wave 3

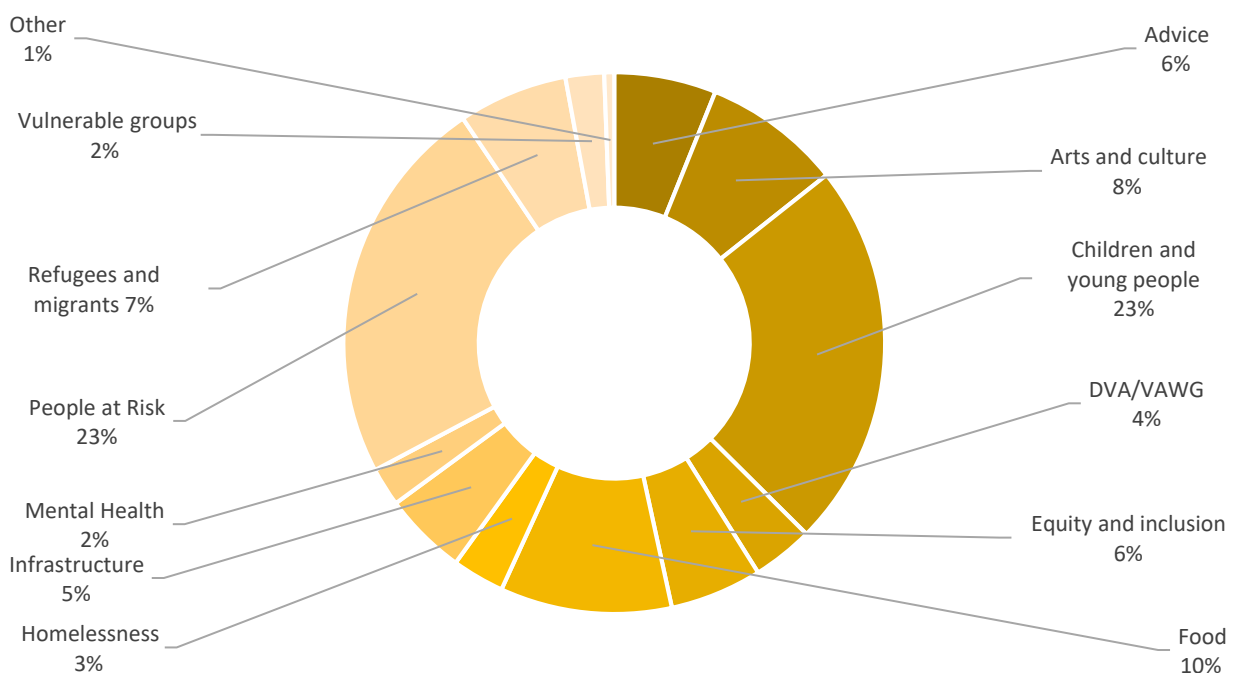
Award period July - Sept 2020, 12m awarded,  
362 grants, average grant £33,000.

### London Community Response Fund – Waves 1-3

Between March and September 2020, 20 grant-makers, Livery Companies, and City businesses came together in an unprecedented collaboration donating/allocating a total of almost £26m towards emergency response projects across the capital. The funds were distributed via the London Community Response, a funder collaboration led by London Funders in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, featuring a common online application portal. Charities and other civil society organisations were able to submit one application, which would then be viewable by up to 60 participating funders.

Funds were distributed across 3 Waves but here the funding data is provided in aggregate:

#### Grants awarded by theme (no of grants)



#### Grants awarded by borough (no of grants)

The total number of grants does not match the total in the summary above because some grants were for work across multiple boroughs.

Borough	No of grants	Borough	No of grants
All London	397	Kensington & Chelsea	87
Hackney	185	Barking & Dagenham	80
Lambeth	148	Ealing	79
Southwark	146	Wandsworth	79
Tower Hamlets	133	Greenwich	65
Islington	131	Redbridge	62
Camden	128	Hounslow	54
Haringey	127	Harrow	52
Brent	113	City	44
Lewisham	109	Havering	37

Newham	106	Hillingdon	37
Waltham Forest	105	Richmond	37
Hammersmith & Fulham	98	Merton	36
Croydon	93	Bromley	31
Barnet	92	Bexley	30
Westminster	91	Kingston	30
Enfield	89	Sutton	28

**Borough breakdown (no of grants awarded)**

darker=higher no of grants



**Equity lens**

LCRF Org leadership >50%	% approved Grants W3	% approved grants W1/2	% points +/-
LGBT+	9%	5%	4
BAME	58%	43%	15
Deaf and disabled	13%	8%	5
Women	40%	5%	-18

Equity data was collected during Wave 2, but we were unable to access the data which was specific to LCRF grants. Therefore, the comparison above is between **all** London Community Response Wave 2 grants (including aligned funders) and **all** LCRF Wave 3 grants. The decision was taken in Wave 3 to prioritise user-led organisations, particularly those led by

the LGBT+, BAME, Deaf and disabled communities, and/or led by women. In both Waves the LCRF funded grants to four key equity partner infrastructure bodies, to provide strategic and operational support to the whole London Community Response partnership. These organisations were: Consortium, Inclusion London, Ubele Initiative and Inclusion London.

### **Update on the wider London Community Response**

LCRF is a restricted fund administered by CBT which enables funders to come together and donate money into a single 'pot'. The 'pot' is then used to fund applications received via the London Community Response (LCR) common application portal, which is hosted and coordinated by [London Funders](#). In addition to the joint fund, there are c.40 aligned funders, which also fund applications submitted to the portal, through their own internal grant-making processes. This wider collaboration is known as the [London Community Response \(LCR\)](#).

Across all three Waves, over 6,000 applications had been received and 2,592 grants have been offered totalling £41.8m (of which £25m relates to grants awarded via the LCRF). An amazing achievement; one which all of the 60+ collaborating funders, and London Funders themselves as the leaders, should be rightly proud of.

### **Understanding Impact and What's Next?**

We are currently tendering for a grants management partner to undertake monitoring activities relating to all Waves 1, 2 & 3 LCRF grants, having agreed a joint approach amongst the LCR collaborating funders. The data collected will be shared with the LCR learning partners Reos Partners and The Social Investment Consultancy (TSIC) in order for us to understand the impact of the grants and how we can take learning from this work forward. We will share more with you as this develops.

#### **Wave 4**

Wave 4 is in the planning stage and London Funders have been in touch with funders directly in relation to this. If you would like to be involved in Wave 4 but cannot align funding, donating to the LCRF joint fund might be a solution; do get in touch with Samantha Grimmett-Batt, LCRF Funding Manager, [Samantha.grimmett-battt@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:Samantha.grimmett-battt@cityoflondon.gov.uk) 07874794313