

## Appendix 1

### Stronger Communities Fund Criteria and Sub-themes 2024/2025

#### Fund Criteria

Grants issued through the Stronger Communities theme can be awarded to projects or services that are being delivered for the benefit of communities or beneficiaries:

- Within the City of London and/or
- The City of London Corporation's Housing Estates across London.

#### Fund Sub-themes

Applications need to fit one or more of the following sub-themes:

- **Developing stronger neighbourhoods and communities**  
This sub-theme has been developed to actively support local community-based projects within the City of London and its Housing Estates across London. Proposed projects should enable more people to become involved in their communities and encourage a broader understanding of the diverse needs of these communities. Projects may either promote a higher take up of existing projects or services or encourage new and innovative ones.
- **Promoting community health and wellbeing**  
The activities supported through this sub-theme should contribute to the health and wellbeing of communities and should be able to demonstrate positive outcomes that address the Health and Wellbeing priorities set out in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

#### Types of organisations that can be funded

- Registered charity
- Registered community interest company
- Registered charitable incorporated organisation
- Charitable company (incorporated as a not-for-profit)
- Exempt or excepted charity
- Registered charitable industrial and provident society or charitable cooperative (bencom)
- Constituted voluntary organisation

#### Types of grants

- **Main Scheme Grants**  
The Main Grants Scheme is available for requests up to £10,000. Grants of up to £20,000 will be considered in exceptional circumstances if the project takes place over a two-year period. Exceptional grants will be those that demonstrate how greater funding over a longer period will make a demonstrable difference to the community they work with. Decisions will be made within 12 weeks of the application submission.
- **Small Grants Scheme**  
For requests of £3,000 or less to a minimum of £500. Decisions will be made within eight weeks of the application submission.