

**COMMUNITY ACTION FOR  
PARTNERSHIPS IN HEALTH:  
A FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR  
LONDON'S COMMUNITIES  
(JULY 2023-MARCH 2024)**

**FUNDED BY NHSE  
LEGACY AND HEALTH EQUITY  
PARTNERSHIP**

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# 1. BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic saw the NHSE London Region, statutory partners and Voluntary, Community, Social Enterprise and Faith (VCSEF) organisations mobilise in partnership to meet the needs of London's diverse communities in the context of an acute public health emergency. The COVID-19 vaccination programme combined speed, agility, local and hyper local flexibility and innovation towards reaching London's most marginalised communities with targeted and viable routes aligned to their circumstances, preferences and needs.

**However, COVID-19 did not affect all population groups equally. Some communities experienced disproportionately adverse impacts of the virus, including a significantly increased likelihood of mortality according to a range of factors, including ethnicity and geographical location. The pandemic also shone a spotlight on the range of existing and intersecting barriers working against our system and our communities, in inhibiting and deterring access to health services – including exposing the distance between the health service and the communities it is seeking to serve.**

It is critical now, in pandemic recovery, that we maintain our focus on the holistic provision of prevention services and ensuring the availability of viable and clearly communicated routes of access for these same communities. The London Health system is continuing its work to implement a two-way dialogue with Londoners – seeking to deepen its understanding of, and mitigation against, the systemic barriers that widen health inequalities.

It is also important we focus on building stronger community resilience to health emergencies across our city. Partnership building with community organisations is fundamental to establishing better preparedness to emergencies and crises, as well as tackling the long-standing barriers and health inequalities communities face.

To do that, we are committed to proactively instilling the lessons our system learned into our forward approach and continuing our trajectory towards a people and community centred health service. Our aim is to work as a whole and representative system to build trust, harness community assets and increase the visibility and availability of London-wide health services.



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## 2. INTRODUCING THE LEGACY AND HEALTH EQUITY PARTNERSHIP (LHEP)

LHEP is an NHSE-funded, multi-stakeholder programme for London that builds on lessons learnt from COVID-19, which seeks to mitigate health inequalities in: screening, immunisations and access to health. LHEP aims for creative, innovative and sustainable approaches developed and delivered in collaboration with London communities and with London health partners including NHSE, UK Health Security Agency, Office for Health Improvements and Disparities, the Greater London Authority, Association of Directors of Public Health and London Councils.

## 3. INTRODUCING THE GLA RESILIENCE TEAM

The GLA Resilience Team focuses on working across partners to strengthen responses to the challenges and risks London faces. The [London City Resilience Strategy](#) sets out projects that seek to promote a collaborative approach to mitigating future challenges. The team have a specific focus on building [community resilience to emergencies](#). This includes working with local authorities, community and voluntary sector partners, faith groups and more.

## 4. COMMUNITY ACTION FOR PARTNERSHIPS IN HEALTH: A FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR LONDON'S COMMUNITIES

In partnership with the Greater London Authority (GLA), the LHEP team are launching a Resilient Community Action for Partnerships in Health: A funding opportunity for London's communities. The programme will build stronger community resilience through direct engagement with communities on health inequalities and building relationships between health partners and community-led organisations, incorporating the following themes:

- Hearing and responding to community health priorities
- Improving community access to health services
- Developing sustainable methods of building partnership between communities and health services



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## 5. WHO CAN APPLY?

This grant programme is for London based organisations with an annual turnover of less than £500,000.

Applications are sought from organisations working directly with communities. Organisations may submit proposals applicable to the following criteria:

- Proposals focussed on improving the health and wellbeing of communities impacted by health inequality, or
- Proposed solutions to overcome identified barriers to health services

## 6. WHAT CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

The total funding available for this scheme is £100,000 to support 20–40 organisations. You can apply for £2,000 or £5,000 to support you to implement a work programme, gather community insights, or design and deliver an original initiative coherent with the themes of the grant programme.

Grants will be allocated to ensure diverse representation in the activity taking place, as well as considerations of geographical spread.

## 7. KEY DATES

Applications open: 4th July 2023

**Applications close: 11th August 2023, 5pm**

Grants awarded: 14th September 2023

Delivery dates: 15th September 2023–31st March 2024

To apply, visit [bit.ly/CAPH](https://bit.ly/CAPH)

If you have any questions, please email us at [CAPH@rocketsciencelab.co.uk](mailto:CAPH@rocketsciencelab.co.uk) or on 0131 297 6828.



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## 8. ELIGIBILITY

The following organisations, with a turnover from the previous year of less than £500,000, are eligible to apply:

- Registered, exempt or excepted charity
- Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
- CIC limited by guarantee
- Charitable company (limited by guarantee)
- Registered charitable industrial and provident society, or charitable community benefit society
- Faith group, where the activity is not promoting religion
- Registered Community Amateur Sports Club
- Constituted but unincorporated club or association
- Constituted Tenants and Residents Associations, and Tenant Management Organisations
- Constituted community group

## 9. WHAT CAN THE FUNDING BE USED FOR?

This funding should be used to address the themes of the grant programme and align with one or more of the following work areas:

- A programme of work or project to build stronger relationships between communities and health services to increase trust in the NHSE and support services to respond to community health priorities
- A programme of work or project to reduce health inequalities in access to or experience of health services to improve the health and wellbeing of London communities
- A programme of work or project to support communities to navigate health services or improve the cultural competence of services, mitigating health inequalities within underserved London communities



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## EXAMPLE PROJECTS MAY INCLUDE:

- Proposing, developing or implementing a community health network that brings health professionals together with the community as modelled by London's faith and community health partnerships
- An initiative that responds to barriers to healthcare or access facilitators such as translation services or culturally informed provision.
- An initiative that explores and responds to identified challenges in access to health services.
- Proposed ways of working or strategies for co-production to enable community led and community driven health services.
- A project to support community members and leaders to become ambassadors for health and wellbeing

The proposed framework is intended as a guide only and applications that are coherent with the grant themes, but which fall outside of suggested work areas are also encouraged.

## THE FOLLOWING COSTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING:

- Contributions to staff or freelancer costs for their time
- Equipment costs – phone bills, printing, IT or other associated equipment needed to support communities to access your project
- Translation and interpretation costs
- Volunteer costs – including expenses, essential training, volunteer supervision, volunteer wellbeing costs, and other costs not normally incurred
- Costs for food and drink
- Costs associate with making community-facing events fully accessible e.g., BSL sign language or a hearing loop.
- Organisational overheads up to 10%

*Costs which fall outside of these criteria will be considered on a case-by-case basis.*



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## 10. APPLICATION PROCESS:

On the application form you will be asked to indicate whether you would like to apply for £2,000 or £5,000.

Projects seeking to be awarded £2,000 may include:

- The delivery of one or two events or sessions,
- A framework and delivery plan for a proposed intervention

Projects seeking to be awarded £5,000 may include:

- The delivery of a short series of events spanning the duration of the funding window
- A framework and delivery plan for a proposed intervention which has been operationalised locally

The panel will consider the following factors when evaluating proposals:

- **Partnership working** – establishing creative, innovative, and sustainable approaches to improving access to healthcare, developed and delivered in collaboration with London communities and with London health partners.
- **Community engagement** – meaningful engagement that supports community led innovation and influence to address the main health issues that are important to them.
- **Sustainability** – piloting or implementing sustainable ways of working that have a focus on embedding practice and delivery as part of business-as-usual moving forward.
- **Supported by data and evidence** – underpinned by data and evidence, building on best practice to plan and inform programme delivery.
- **Evaluation** – evidence of planned evaluation, identifying barriers and enablers to support ongoing innovation through building the evidence base of what works at local levels.



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## 11. MONITORING, LEARNING AND REFLECTIONS

We understand this is a small grant and will ensure that our requirements are proportional. At the end of the grant, we would like to understand:

- What worked
- Any challenges
- How many people were supported
- Ability to upload visuals and understanding what you spent

## 12. CONTACT US

Support is available in the form of assistance to apply or discuss prospective applications. If you have any questions or are experiencing any technical challenges in applying, please contact us by email at [CAPH@rocketsciencelab.co.uk](mailto:CAPH@rocketsciencelab.co.uk) or on 0131 297 6828.

The deadline to submit your application is **11th August 2023, 5pm.**



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