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# Climate and Environmental Justice

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# Standing with Londoners



## Our four visions for a fairer London around which we will shape and develop our future funding programmes



Climate and  
Environmental Justice



Access to Justice



Racial Justice



Economic Justice

### Meeting Needs

by funding frontline work that provides  
holistic support, using community insights to  
drive change for marginalised communities



### Connecting communities

by strengthening support systems,  
cooperation, and resilience through  
leadership development, infrastructure,  
and network-building



### Catalysing Change

by supporting initiatives that aim to bring  
about social change



# Climate and Environmental Justice

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Round One – 2026/27



# Climate and Environmental Justice: Vision



*A London where everyone, regardless of income, race, disability, age or location, can thrive in a secure, healthy and sustainable environment. A city where those most affected by climate and environmental harm are at the forefront of shaping solutions, where environmental benefits and burdens are shared fairly, and where justice, equity and community leadership guide the move to a healthier future.*

# Climate and Environmental Justice: Round One



We fund community-led work with Londoners most affected by climate and environmental injustice that:

- addresses immediate climate impacts (e.g. housing, heat, pollution, food insecurity), and
- builds long-term power to influence the systems, decisions and narratives driving that harm.
- **£5.6 million** available in this round (20 - 25 grants)
- **Core and flexible funding** over 5 years for small and medium-sized organisations with an annual income of between £50,000 and £1.5 million – grants of £125,000, £200,000, £300,000, or £450,000
- By **community-led**, we mean organisations that are led by, accountable to or deeply embedded within the communities they serve, with lived experience shaping decisions and priorities.
- Work must primarily benefit Londoners.
- We expect many more eligible applications than we can support. Final decisions will also consider balance across geography, communities, and approaches.

This fund offers core and flexible funding to community-led organisations delivering climate and environmental justice work in London through **ONE or MORE** of the following approaches:

- 1. Place-based resilience**
- 2. Community organising and influence**
- 3. Storytelling and narrative change**

Work must:

- Be community-led and rooted in lived experience
- Address specific climate and environmental harms  
(e.g. heat, unsafe housing, pollution, flooding, food insecurity)
- Link immediate needs with long-term systems change  
(improving life now while influencing the systems, decisions and narratives that drive harm)

# Programme eligibility



## **Community-led**

*(led by or accountable to the communities you serve- not just consulted)*



## **Works with those most affected**

*(low-income and marginalised communities facing climate and environmental harm)*



## **Strong and relevant track record**

*(credible, ongoing work with trusted community relationships)*



**Income between £50,000 and £1.5m**



## **Links immediate needs to systems change**

*(improving life now while addressing root causes)*



## **Addresses real climate and environmental impacts**

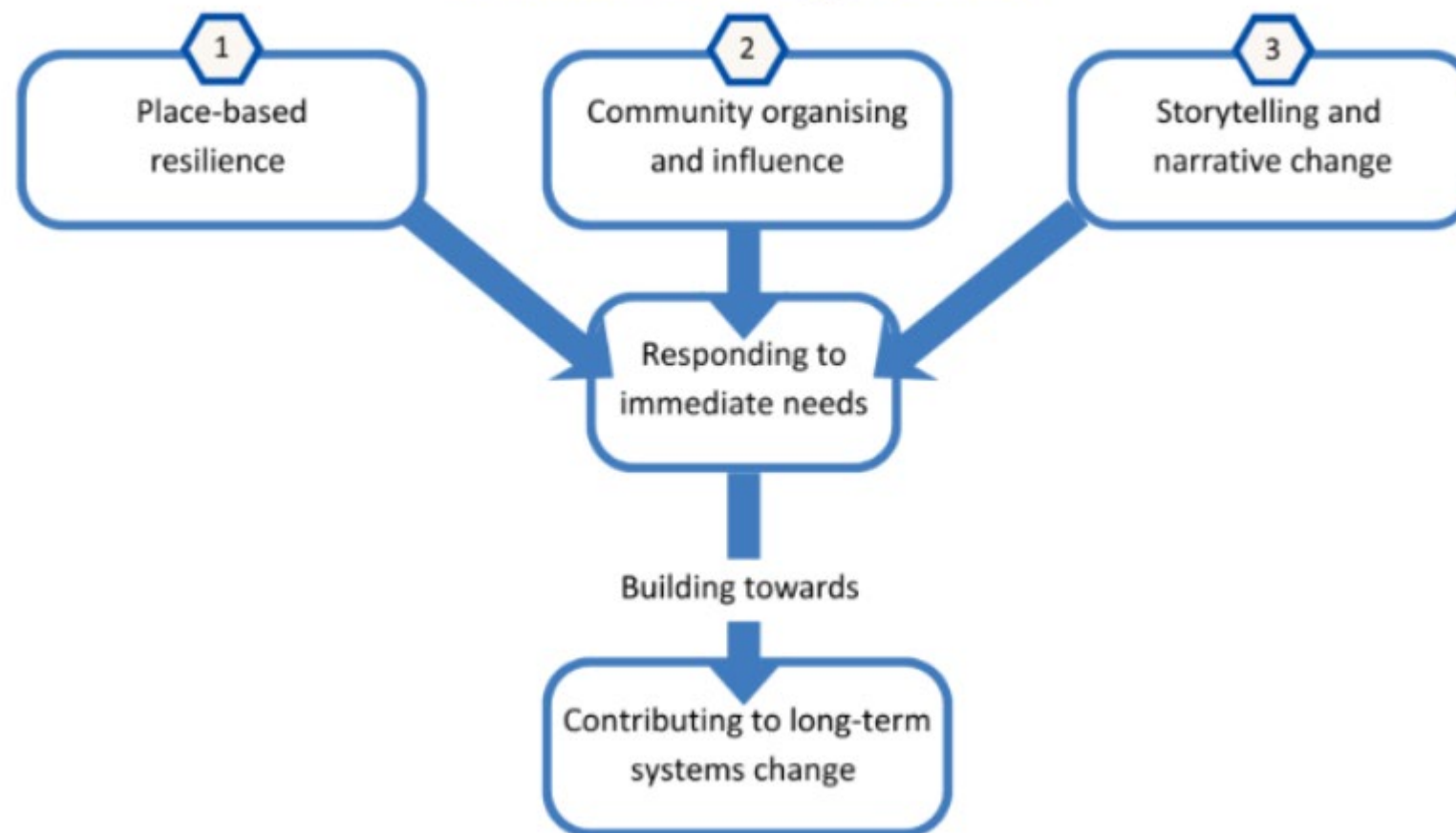
*(e.g. heat, poor housing, flooding, pollution, food insecurity, lack of green space)*



## **Fits at least ONE approach:**

- Place-based resilience
- Community organising and influence
- Storytelling and narrative change

## All applicants must deliver work through one or more of these three approaches



### All work must be:

- Community-led
- Marginalised communities
- Climate harms
- Systems change
- Embedded work
- Track record

# One or more of the three funding approaches

1. Place-based resilience	2. Community organising and influence	3. Storytelling and narrative change
<p><b>Community-led action addressing climate and environmental harm experienced in a specific place, location or community.</b></p>	<p><b>Building collective power through social action, campaigning and influencing decisions.</b></p>	<p><b>Shifting how climate-related harm and environmental challenges are understood and addressed, centring lived experience and local relevance.</b></p>
<p><b>For example:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hyper-local responses (cool spaces, flood preparedness, heatwave support)</li> <li>• Community-led responses to climate-related health inequalities</li> <li>• Community-owned or community-led energy and retrofit initiatives (where the focus is on strengthening community leadership rather than funding the capital costs of physical building works)</li> </ul>	<p><b>For example:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community organising, campaigning and litigation</li> <li>• Lived-experience or youth-led climate justice initiatives</li> <li>• Structures that enable communities to influence local planning, adaptation strategies and consultations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For example:</b></li> <li>• Community storytelling and narrative reframing</li> <li>• Arts, culture and creative practice as climate strategies</li> <li>• Work that counters misinformation and individual-blame narratives</li> </ul>

# What do we mean by systems change

1. Place-based resilience	2. Community organising and influence	3. Storytelling and narrative change
<p>Systems change might look like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Building long-term community leadership and collective power</li><li>□ Influencing local authorities, housing providers or decision-makers</li></ul>	<p>Systems change might look like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Influencing local authorities, housing providers or decision-makers</li><li>□ Creating ongoing structures for community voice and accountability</li></ul>	<p>Systems change might look like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Challenging dominant narratives or misinformation</li><li>□ Enabling communities to tell their own stories safely and on their own terms</li><li>□ Shifting public understanding, debate or media representation</li></ul>
<p><b>For example:</b></p> <p>A community-led organisation supports low-income communities affected by air pollution from busy roads. It provides immediate support through air quality monitoring, health workshops and help for families with asthma, while also bringing residents together to gather evidence and influence local decisions on traffic and street design</p>	<p><b>For example:</b></p> <p>A community organisation supports residents in low-income households living in poor housing to identify shared issues and take collective action, enabling them to engage landlords and authorities to improve housing conditions.</p>	<p><b>For example:</b></p> <p>An organisation works with young people from low-income communities across London who are affected by poor housing and limited access to green space, supporting them to document their experiences through film and creative projects, and share these with local decision-makers.</p>

# Grants available

In round one, we're offering **five years** of core and flexible funding, targeting **small to medium-sized organisations with income of between £50,000 and £1.5 million**.

The amount you can apply for is determined by your organisation's total income as reported in your most recent signed annual accounts:

<b>£25,000 per year</b> (£125,000 over five years) for organisations with an annual income of £50,000-£120,000	<b>£40,000 per year</b> (£200,000 over five years) for organisations with an annual income of £120,000-£250,000
<b>£60,000 per year</b> (£300,000 over five years) for organisations with an annual income of £250,000-£750,000	<b>£90,000 per year</b> (£450,000 over five years) for organisations with an annual income of £750,000-£1,500,000

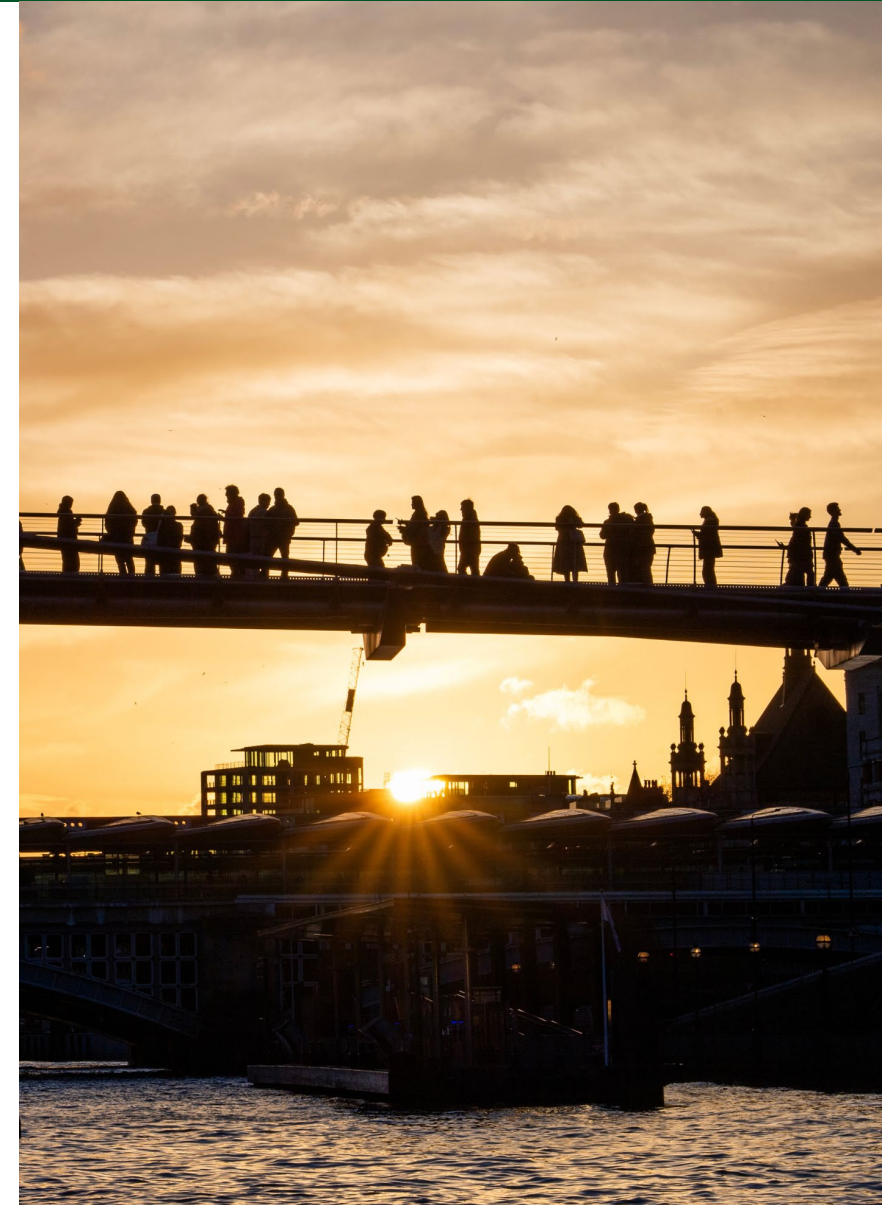
# Key terminology

Term	What we mean
<b>Place-based resilience</b>	Community-led action rooted in a specific place (e.g. neighbourhood or borough), responding to local climate impacts and building resilience based on lived experience and local realities.
<b>Community organising &amp; influence</b>	Work that builds collective power through organising, advocacy and campaigning to influence decisions, policies, and systems affecting communities.
<b>Storytelling &amp; narrative change</b>	Work that shifts how climate issues are understood, centring lived experience and changing dominant narratives; not just raising awareness or doing communications.
<b>Community-led</b>	Work that is shaped and driven by communities most affected, with real decision-making power, not just consultation, reflected in leadership and governance.
<b>Systems change</b>	Long-term change that shifts policies, power, relationships, and narratives, rather than only delivering short-term services or projects.
<b>Lived experience</b>	The direct experience of people affected by climate and environmental harm, recognised as expertise that should shape decisions and solutions.

# This programme may not be a good fit if....

- **Climate justice is not central to your work** (e.g. a small project, add-on, or created just for this fund)
- Your work has **only indirect or incidental climate benefits**
- Your work is **mainly service delivery** or technical solutions, **without links to community leadership or systems change**
- Your work is **not community-led** (communities are consulted but not shaping decisions)
- You are **not working with communities most affected** (e.g. low-income or marginalised groups)
- Your work does **not contribute to long-term systems change** (e.g. one-off or short-term only)
- **You do not meet core eligibility requirements** (e.g. not London-based, governance requirements unmet)

\*\*\* Applications that only deliver services without contributing to systems change are unlikely to be funded \*\*\*



# Who cannot apply and what we cannot fund

Who cannot apply	What we cannot fund
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charities established or registered outside the UK</li><li>• Community Interest Companies (CIC) <b>limited by shares</b></li><li>• Hospitals or primary healthcare providers</li><li>• Individuals</li><li>• Political parties</li><li>• Private organisations limited by guarantee</li><li>• Profit-making organisations (except social enterprises)</li><li>• Schools or PTAs</li><li>• Statutory bodies, such as local authorities</li><li>• Local Councils for Voluntary Services (CVS)</li><li>• <b>Organisations whose primary focus is emergency food provision or short-term relief, without a clear link to community leadership or longer-term systems change</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capital costs, e.g. standalone retrofit projects that focus primarily on physical improvements to buildings</li><li>• Non-charitable activities</li><li>• Retrospective costs</li><li>• Vehicles</li><li>• Work that does not benefit people living in Greater London</li></ul>

## Requirements

- At least one year of audited or independently examined accounts
  - Most recent safeguarding policy
  - Minimum three directors or trustees
  - Deliver work that benefits people in London
  - Pay at least the London Living Wage (£14.80 per hour from April 2026)
- Your organisation must be one of the following types:
    - A charity established and registered in the UK
    - A registered charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
    - A charitable company – an organisation that is both a limited company (usually a private company limited by guarantee) and a registered charity
    - A registered charitable Industrial and Provident Society (IPS)
    - A charitable community benefit society (BenCom) – a co-operative established by a geographical community or people with common interests
    - A Community Interest Company (CIC) – limited by guarantee with at least three directors
    - A Constituted Voluntary Organisation (CVO) – with a fiscal host as the named applicant

# Application process overview



1. Attend/watch this **webinar**
2. Check the **full eligibility criteria** on our website
3. If you have any further questions about the programme, request and book a **15-minute pre-application phone call via our website\*** (bookings open at 12pm on 6th July)
4. **Apply online\*** via the Application Portal (open 6 July – noon 8th September)
5. Stage 1: Application & shortlisting (September – November 2026)
6. Stage 2: Assessment visit (November – December 2026)
7. **Final decisions by end of January 2027**

**\* If you need to submit your application in a different format, require accessibility adjustments or are otherwise experiencing difficulties accessing our online form, please contact [funding@citybridgefoundation.org.uk](mailto:funding@citybridgefoundation.org.uk) for assistance**

# Application & decision timeline

Key Activity	Key Date	Decision times
<b>Climate and Environmental Justice programme launches</b>	29 June 2026	-
<b>Live Webinar</b>	30 June 2026	-
<b>Pre-application calls open for booking</b>	6 July 2026	-
<b>Pre-application calls available</b>	14 July to 21 August 2026	-
<b>Applications open</b>	6 July 2026	-
<b>Application deadline</b>	Midday 8 September 2026	-
<b>Assessment Stage 1</b>	Early September to early November 2026	8-9 weeks
<b>Notified if unsuccessful at Stage 1</b>	By early November 2026	-
<b>Assessment Stage 2 invites</b>	By early November 2026	-
<b>Assessment Stage 2</b>	Early November to mid December 2026	4-6 weeks
<b>Decision</b>	By end of January 2027	Grant set up and first payment released within 2-4 weeks

- We will update the FAQs webpage after this session and continue to do so over the coming weeks as we receive further questions through pre-application calls
- Please book a pre-application phone call to ask up to three specific questions

# Any questions?