
Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC) Annual review, June 2020

Introduction

Islington Council's Community Chest exists to support small organisations that, with local knowledge and reach, make a big difference to local residents. Islington Council's Community Chest provides small organisations with grants of up to £5,000. Priority is given to organisations that have an annual turnover of less than £50,000 and work with people who are experiencing poverty and isolation. There are three application rounds a year supporting a wide range of projects, reaching out to a diverse mix of Islington residents who typically do not access services or who have limited social networks.


Applications for Islington Council's Community Chest are considered by a panel made up of Islington Councillors, Cripplegate Foundation Governors and members of the Islington Community Network.

Groups can apply under five themes that together address local priorities and issues facing Islington residents:

- Advice and support
- Educating and improving skills and employability
- Improving the local environment and making communities safer
- Improving mental and physical health
- Reducing isolation and increasing involvement in the community

Islington Council's Community Chest actively seeks to fund projects that as a whole are inclusive of all people regardless of their age, culture, disabilities, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, race, religion or sexual orientation.

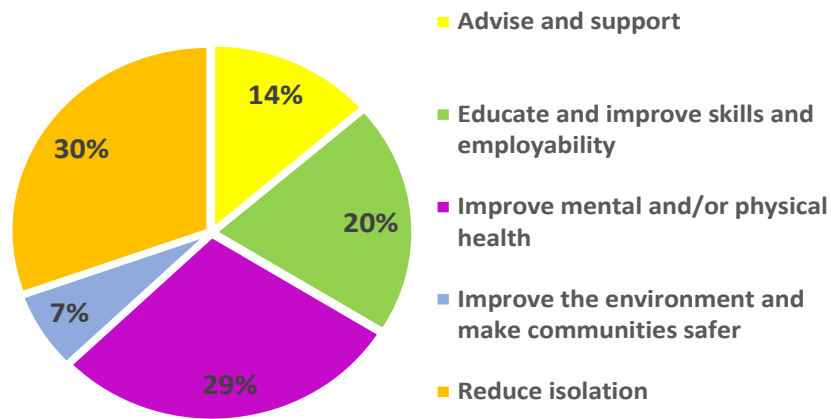
Funded groups are often reliant on local volunteers, people who are dedicated to improving their local communities and reaching out to support people in need.



Who Islington Council's Community Chest reached in 2019/2020

- 80 community groups applied to Islington Council's Community Chest in 2019-20
- 59 community groups (74% of applicants) were awarded funding, totalling grants of over £252,383
- 14 (24%) of the 59 funded groups were new to Islington Council's Community Chest
- 17 (29%) of the 59 funded groups have received 5 or more grants

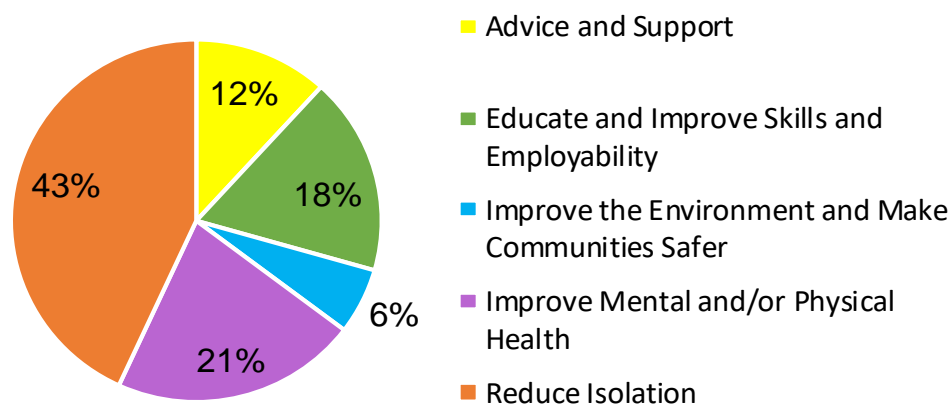
Funded groups by theme 2019/20



Who Islington Council's Community Chest reached in 2018/19

- 76 community groups applied to Islington Council's Community Chest in 2018-19
- 51 community groups (67% of applicants) were awarded funding, totalling grants of over £219,000
- 14 (28%) of the 51 funded groups were new to Islington Council's Community Chest
- 18 (35%) of the 51 funded groups have received 5 or more grants

Funded groups by theme 2018/19

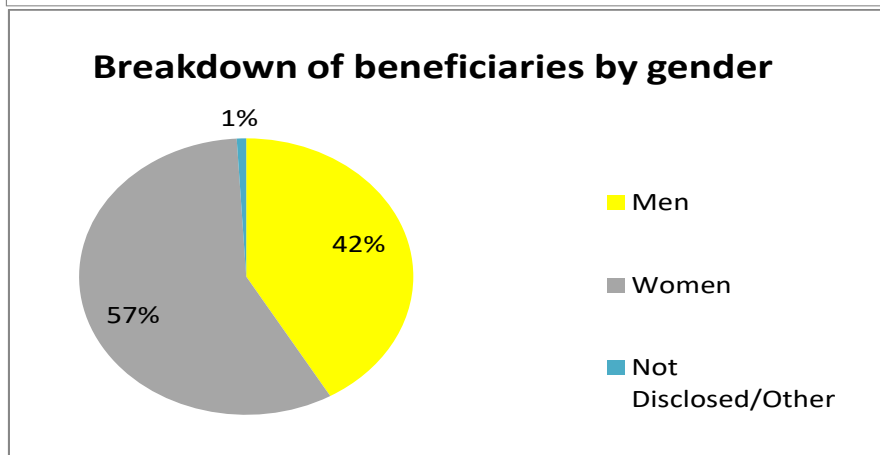
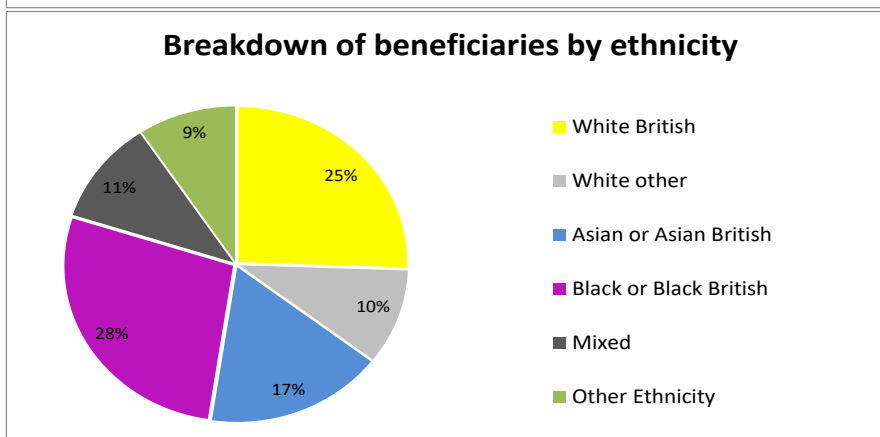
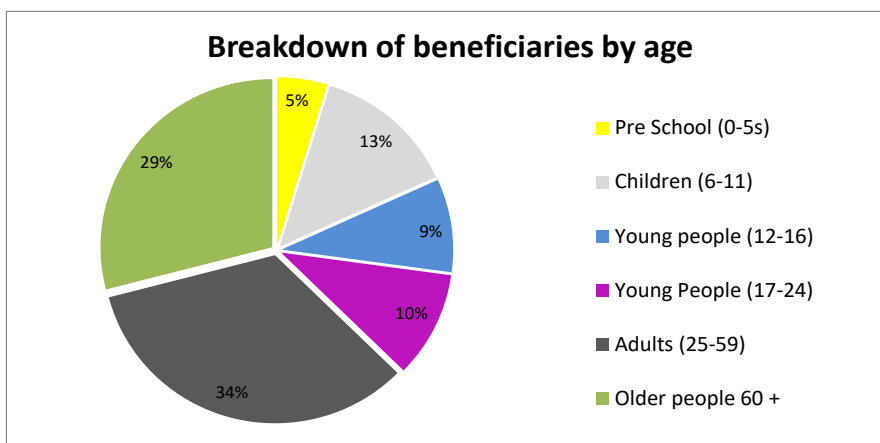


As the tables above show, the ICCC Programme was able to distribute more grants, with a higher proportion (almost three quarters) of applications successfully receiving funding in 2019/20 compared to the previous year. This was largely as a result of increased funds due to the release of a historical underspend to be utilised on grant expenditure during 2019/20. The overall number and proportion of both first time applications and those that have received five or more grants remained fairly consistent with the previous year ensuring that there was a good balance between funding for new and emerging projects and long term support.

The pie charts above demonstrate that the balance across funding priorities improved in 2019/20 compared to 2018/19. Traditionally underrepresented themes of Advice and Support and Improving the Environment and Making Communities Safer both increased as a proportion of overall applications while Reducing Isolation's decreased. This was balanced against a significant increase in the proportion of groups funded under the supporting people's mental and physical health priority.

Facts and figures – who we reached in 2018/19

The charts below provide a breakdown of the age, ethnicity, and gender of all people that have benefited from the support provided as a result of Islington Council's Community Chest funding over the 2018/19 period. The data is derived from returned monitoring reports so provide an accurate reflection of the work actually undertaken. The breakdowns demonstrate that the ICCC programme has good reach into BAME communities, representing 65% of overall beneficiaries compared to 32% overall population (not including Irish/White Other). While adults, including specifically older people (that make up almost a third of total beneficiaries) are over represented in terms of overall beneficiaries this is largely as a result of two projects working with a large number of older people across their activities.



List of grants

List of grants awarded April 2019–March 2020

Advice and Support			
Round 1 June 2019	Eritrean Community in the UK (ECUK)	Empowering Families	£5,000
Round 1 June 2019	Jigsaw.GC	Educational workshops	£3,908
Round 2 Nov 2019	Archway Childminders, Parents and Carers Group	Improved baby area, literacy and art provision	£1,930
Round 2 Nov 2019	MEWSO	Rebuilding Lives	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2019	One True Voice	Pathfinder Program	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2019	The Unity Project (New Unity)	The Unity Project	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2019	We Are Family (CIO)	We Are Family - Facilitator Skills Building	£5,000
Round 3 March 2020	Bridging the Gap Islington	Mentoring for Islington Residents at risk	£5,000

Improve the local environment and make communities safer			
Round 2 Nov 2019	Performing Production CIC	The Music Creative Development	£2,500
Round 3 March 2020	Blackstock Triangle Gardeners	Blackstock Triangle Gardeners	£2,600
Round 3 March 2020	Friends of Pooles Park	Naturehood for our Neighbourhood Project	£3,780
Round 3 March 2020	SFT Foundation Trust CIC	iExcel Mentoring Project	£5,000

Improve mental and physical health			
Round 1 June 2019	Amberliegh	Get Fit, Be Focused, Get Confidence Continued	£10,000
Round 1 June 2019	Ball Out Community	Finsbury	£1,700
Round 1 June 2019	Global Diplomats FC	Islington Football Training Sessions	£4,750
Round 1 June 2019	Mini Mermaid and Young Tritons UK CIC	Increasing Physical Activity and Self-esteem in Young Girls	£1,800
Round 1 June 2019	Mixed Martial Arts for Reform and Progression (MMARAP)	MMARAP for All	£5,000
Round 1 June 2019	SLOW	SLOW - Surviving the Loss of Your World	£5,000
Round 1 June 2019	Street Storage	Street Storage	£5,000
Round 1 June 2019	Wu Shi Taiji Quan and Qi Gong Association	'Sit, Stand, Walk and Talk'	£3,720
Round 2 Nov 2019	Friends Of Copenhagen Primary School	Zumba and Pilates classes combined with Nutrition Workshop with Creche	£2,500
Round 2 Nov 2019	Galbur Foundation	Hijabi Footy Fun	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2019	Healthy Minds, Healthy Bods	AJANI Day Events	£3,000
Round 2 Nov 2019	Sports and Life Skills CIC	making a difference in Islington	£5,000
Round 3 March 2020	Asmara Football Club	Asmara Football Club	£5,000
Round 3 March 2020	Fit Women Group	Women-Only Aerobics and Pilates classes with Healthy Eating Workshops.	£5,000
Round 3 March 2020	Islington Panthers Basketball Club	Islington Panthers Training	£5,000
Round 3 March 2020	Spitz Charitable Trust	New song writing - expressing creativity	£3,685
Round 3 March 2020	Women's Oneness Wellbeing (WOW)	Women Empowerment; Dance, Breathe, Enjoy	£4,000

Educate and improve skills and employability			
Round 1 June 2019	Jannaty Women's Social Society	Design and Garment Making	£5,000
Round 1 June 2019	Speak Street	Speak Street Reading and Speaking Club at Central Library	£5,000
Round 1 June 2019	The Bomb Factory Art Foundation	Art workshops for special needs children at the Bridge School	£3,570

Round 1 June 2019	The Turkish and Kurdish Children's Group	Young People Educational Development Program	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2019	Creative Opportunities	Creative Opportunities Core Costs	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2019	Eat Club	Eat Club returns to Urban Hope	£4,340
Round 2 Nov 2019	MahaDevi Yoga Centre	Access to Work - Supporting young people in to work	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2019	Minority Matters LTD	Advantage Education and After School Club.	£5,000
Round 3 March 2020	F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players	Movement 'n' Culture	£5,000
Round 3 March 2020	Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust	GenXt - an IT training and employability programme	£5,000
Round 3 March 2020	St Peter's Children and Young People's Activities Group (SPAG)	SPAG Summer 2020	£4,000
Round 3 March 2020	YES Outdoors	Breaking the Cycle – Fixing Bikes, Changing Lives	£5,000

Reduce isolation and increase community involvement

Round 1 June 2019	Artbox London	Free art workshop places for Islington residents with learning disabilities	£5,000
Round 1 June 2019	Federation of Iraqi Refugees	Community building, support, integration Islington's Iraqi and Kurdish residents	£9,900
Round 1 June 2019	Healthy Generations	Reducing Isolation - Increasing Health Project	£5,000
Round 1 June 2019	ValueYou	Embedding the ValueYou scheme in the Borough of Islington	£2,200
Round 2 Nov 2019	A and C Shining star	The Sharing and Learning Project	£1,000
Round 2 Nov 2019	Cut Moose	Hilldrop Artistic Takeover	£2,690
Round 2 Nov 2019	Islington Pensioners Forum	Islington Pensioners Forum social activities programme	£3,500
Round 2 Nov 2019	Maa Shanti	Maa Shanti Empowerment Workshops	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2019	St John's Way Patient Participation Group	SJW PPG Activities for Physical, Mental Health and Social Wellbeing	£1,500
Round 2 Nov 2019	Sunday Club	Sunday Club	£4,000
Round 2 Nov 2019	Talking News Islington (TNI)	Talking News Islington	£3,000
Round 2 Nov 2019	The Olden Community Garden	On-going maintenance of the 2 acre community garden site	£3,000
Round 3 March 2020	Connaught Opera	Demob Delights	£5,000
Round 3 March 2020	Cubed Collective	Vibast Art Project	£5,000
Round 3 March 2020	Eritrean Youth Club	Acro Dance and Drama	£4,980
Round 3 March 2020	Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers	Provision of services to alleviate isolation	£4,000
Round 3 March 2020	Islington Faces	LET'S CHAT table	£830
Round 3 March 2020	The Wild Bunch Club	Wild Bunch Club is 21	£5,000

List of grants awarded April 2018–March 2019

Advice and Support

Round 1 June 2018	Community Language Support Services	Towards core costs/co-ordinator	£10,000
Round 1 June 2018	We Are Family	Towards support and supervision for session facilitators	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2018	MEWSO	Rebuilding Lives	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2018	The Unity Project	Casework support and community for people with NRPF	£3,420
Round 3 March 2019	Disability Action	PIP Assessment Support Pilot	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Islington Turkish Kurdish and Cypriot Women's Welfare Group	Advice and information service	£5,000

Improve the local environment and make communities safer			
Round 1 June 2018	St. Mellitus Church, Tollington Park	Towards an anti-knife crime project	£2,000
Round 1 June 2018	TheTOYProject	Towards rent for new premises	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Friends of Pooles Park	Naturehood	£3,780

Improve mental and physical health			
Round 1 June 2018	Culpeper Community Garden	Towards facilitated craft and cookery sessions for members with mental health problems	£2,495
Round 1 June 2018	Pro Touch SA	Towards physical and wellbeing activities for young people	£4,320
Round 1 June 2018	SLOW Bereaved Parents Support group	Towards core costs	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2018	EAGLE Recovery Project	Core activities	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2018	Fit Women Group	Women-Only aerobics, pilates and healthy eating workshops	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2018	GALBUR FOUNDATION	Hijabi Footy Fun	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2018	Phoenix Pottery	To continue to provide low-cost pottery classes to disadvantaged local people.	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Christ Church Memory Café	Christ Church Memory Cafe	£2,550
Round 3 March 2019	Sarah Agnes Foundation	SAFWellbeing	£4,500
Round 3 March 2019	Islington Panthers Basketball Club	Islington Panthers	£4,000
Round 3 March 2019	Highbury Walkers	Ongoing development for Highbury Walkers	£884

Educate and improve skills and employability			
Round 1 June 2018	Speak Street	Towards English language group sessions	£5,000
Round 1 June 2018	Sports And Life Skills CIC	Towards a fitness and education programme for young people	£5,000
Round 1 June 2018	Eat Club	Towards a series of food tuition courses for young people	£4,310
Round 1 June 2018	Rising Stars Support	Towards a martial arts fitness and personal development programme for young people	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2018	Creative Opportunities C.I.C	A space of our own	£4,700
Round 2 Nov 2018	YES Outdoors	Bicycle Maintenance Workshops	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Go Forward Youth	Share and Care	£4,914
Round 3 March 2019	Kobani Kurdish School	Kobani Kurdish School	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Barrier Breakers	Soft Skills for Employability: workshop series at City & Islington College	£4,922

Reduce isolation and increase community involvement			
Round 1 June 2018	Friends of King Square Gardens	Towards tools for a recently established gardening group	£500
Round 1 June 2018	Federation of Iraqi Refugees	Towards core costs	£4,912
Round 1 June 2018	Healthy Generations	Towards tea dances and sing alongs for elderly residents	£5,000
Round 1 June 2018	King Square TRA	Towards tools for the TRA gardening group	£1,500
Round 1 June 2018	Amberleigh	Towards singing and drumming sessions and co-ordination	£5,000
Round 1 June 2018	Talking News Islington (TNI)	Towards production of a monthly talking newspaper for blind residents	£2,000
Round 1 June 2018	Angel Community Canal Boat Trust	Towards canal boat day trips for local community groups	£2,500
Round 2 Nov 2018	Asian Women Lone Parents Association (AWLPA)	Workshops to increase knowledge on staying safe and improving access to support	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2018	Connaught Opera	Moonlight & Roses - Romantic Musical Memories	£4,200
Round 2 Nov 2018	Eritrean Youth Club	To continue and further develop of the Football Development Team and the Cultural Group sessions.	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2018	Finsbury & Clerkenwell Volunteers	Ongoing delivery of services	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2018	Goodinge Community Centre	Families in the Communities	£5,000

Round 2 Nov 2018	Olden Garden Community Project	To maintain the garden	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2018	St John's Way Patient Participation Group	SJW PPG Activities for Physical, Mental Health and Social Wellbeing	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Memory Gardens	"Hands and Sky Project: Magical Journeys"	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Daylight Theatre Foundation	Play by people with learning disabilities	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	St Lukes Community History Group	St Luke's Community History Group core activities	£2,500
Round 3 March 2019	Blackstock Triangle	Blackstock Triangle Gardeners	£2,500
Round 3 March 2019	South Islington Stroke Club	South Islington Stroke Club lunch and activities for stroke survivors and their carers	£3,500
Round 3 March 2019	Asmara Football Club	Asmara Football Club	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Spitz Charitable Trust	Life Enhancing sessions at Bridgeside Lodge	£3,825
Round 3 March 2019	SEN Family Saturdays	Advance and support SEN	£5,000

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