The Fitzrovia Partnership's Community Grant

Purpose

The Fitzrovia Partnership's (TFP) Community Grant supports organisations that create a greener, more connected and more resilient Fitzrovia.

The fund invests in initiatives that address local priorities, strengthen community connections and deliver meaningful benefits for people who live, work, study or spend time in Fitzrovia.

Funding decisions will be informed by a panel of TFP member representatives, bringing together a range of perspectives to help ensure the fund supports initiatives that matter to the local community. The process will be accessible, transparent and proportionate to the size of the fund for 2027.

Funding is unrestricted, but all recipients must align with TFP's Sustainability and Social Value mission and provide transparency on how funds are used and what impact is achieved.

Value

- Annual fund: £10,000
- Organisations may apply for a maximum grant of £1,500
- The amount awarded may be lower than the amount requested
- Grant values will be determined annually based on the quality and number of applications received
- Organisations may submit one application per funding round
- The Fitzrovia Partnership reserves the right not to allocate the full funding amount if suitable applications are not received.

Eligibility Criteria

Organisation type

Applicants must be a registered charity, community organisation, not-for-profit organisation, social enterprise or community interest company (CIC).

If not, the applicant must provide at least six months of financial records and relevant government documentation confirming their status.

Location

Applicants must either be based within the BID area or deliver activities that provide a clear and demonstrable benefit to people and communities within Fitzrovia.

Assessment criteria

Applicants must demonstrate how they will:

1. **Respond to local need** – understand a challenge or opportunity affecting the Fitzrovia community
2. **Provide clear benefit to Fitzrovia** – deliver positive outcomes for people who live, work, study or spend time here
3. **Strengthen community connections** – bring people, organisations or sectors together around shared goals
4. **Deliver meaningful impact** – demonstrate a clear and achievable approach to creating the intended outcomes
5. **Create lasting value** – deliver benefits that continue beyond the initial funding period through stronger networks or community capacity.

Exclusions

The fund will not support:

- Applications from individuals
- Activities that primarily benefit areas outside Fitzrovia without clear local benefit
- Projects with weak governance, poor financial management, or unethical use of funds.

Decision-making process

1. **Application submission**
   - Applications must be submitted through the online form published by TFP
   - Supporting documents may be requested as needed.
2. **Eligibility checks**
   - TFP will screen all applications and undertake appropriate due diligence
   - TFP reserves the right to exclude any application that does not meet the fund requirements.
3. **Panel assessment**
   - Eligible applications will be shared with a panel comprising representatives from TFP member businesses and relevant TFP staff
   - Panel members will independently review applications against the published assessment criteria

- The panel will meet to discuss applications and make recommendations for funding.

4. **Final approval**
   - Final decisions on awarding grant rest with the CEO of TFP
   - Recommendations will normally be accepted unless there is a legal concern, safeguarding concern, significant financial risk or breach of policy
   - All decisions will be documented to ensure transparency and accountability.

Conflicts of interest

TFP is committed to ensuring grant decisions are fair and transparent.

All panel members must:

- Complete a declaration of interests before participating
- Update TFP if any conflicts arise during the process
- Declare any actual, potential or perceived conflict relating to an application.

Where a panel member has a conflict of interest:

- They will not receive or assess the relevant application
- They will not take part in any discussion relating to that application
- They will leave the room during consideration of that application
- They will not answer questions, vote or otherwise influence the decision
- The conflict and actions taken will be recorded by TFP.

Any funding recommendation involving an organisation connected to a panel member must be agreed solely by non-conflicted panel members.

Grant conditions

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Use funds for the purposes described in their application
- Notify TFP of any significant changes to their project
- Acknowledge support from TFP and use TFP logo where appropriate (e.g. project materials, signage, website, communications)
- Participate in reasonable monitoring and evaluation activities
- Share learning and impact information with TFP.

Where appropriate, grant recipients may also be invited to participate in community impact events, volunteering activities or learning sessions to help strengthen connections between local businesses and community organisations.

Reporting and learning

TFP aims to keep monitoring requirements proportionate to the size of the grant.

Recipients will be asked to provide a short impact report within three months of project completion, outlining:

- A short summary of activities delivered (e.g. use of funds, stakeholders reached)
- Key outcomes and achievements (e.g. participation levels, environmental improvements, increased wellbeing)
- Evidence of how funding benefited Fitzrovia (e.g. responded to local need, strengthened community connections)
- Learning and feedback (e.g. successes, challenges and recommendations for the future).

Transparency

To ensure openness and accountability, TFP will:

- Publicly advertise funding opportunities
- Publish information about grant recipients
- Publish summary information about the decision-making process
- Review and refine the programme annually
- Maintain a register of panel member interests for each funding round.

Indicative timeline

Activity	Timeline
Panellist recruitment	October 2026
Assessment criteria confirmed	October 2026
Applications open	9 November 2026 at 9am
Applications close	18 December 2026 at 5:30pm
Due diligence and eligibility review	January 2027
Panel individual assessment	January 2027
Panel meeting	February 2027
CEO sign-off	February 2027
Grant awards announced	March 2027
Funds released	Before 31 March 2027

Policy review

TFP will review this policy annually to ensure it remains effective, proportionate and aligned with the organisation's Sustainability and Social Value mission. Learning from each funding round will inform future development of the grant-making model.