
Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC) Annual review, June 2022

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 six themes that together address local priorities and issues facing Islington residents. As the priority that attracts the least number of applications, the Improving the Environment and Increasing Community Safety theme was broken down into two separate themes as a means to try and encourage more applications under each:

- Advice and support
- Educating and improving skills and employability
- Making Islington a more sustainable place to live
- Improving community safety
- Improving mental and physical health
- Reducing isolation and increasing involvement in the community

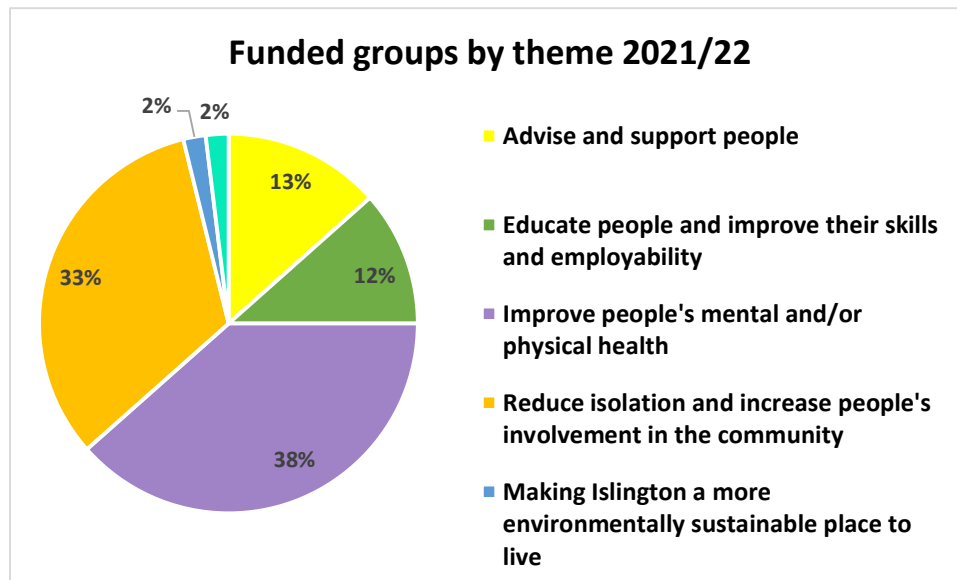
Islington Council's Community Chest actively seeks to fund projects that as a whole are inclusive of all people regardless of their age, culture, disabilities, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, race, religion or sexual orientation.

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.



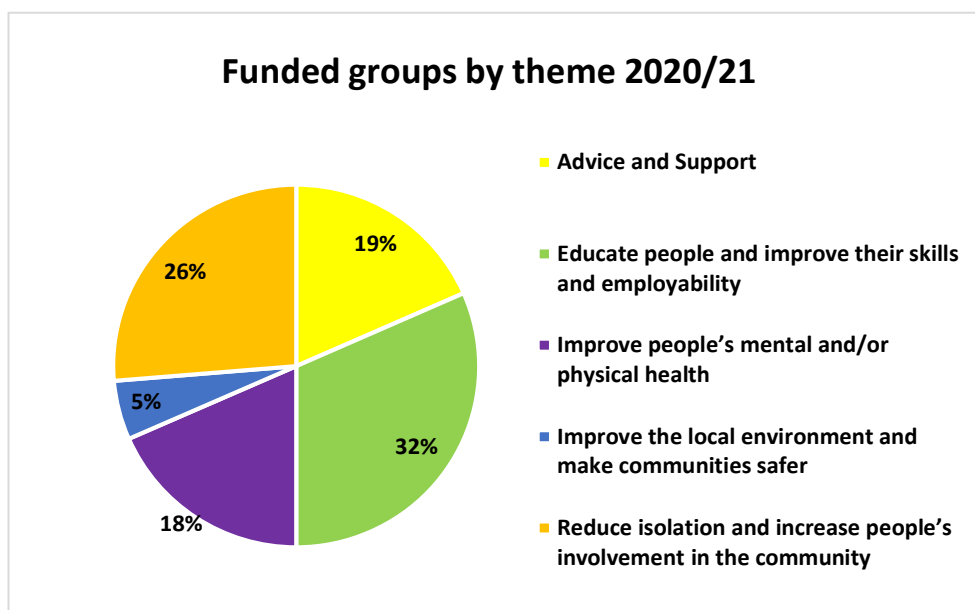
Who Islington Council's Community Chest reached in 2021/2022

- 70 community groups applied to Islington Council's Community Chest in 2021-22
- 52 community groups (74% of applicants) were awarded funding, totalling grants of over £234,140
- 11 (21%) of the 52 funded groups received Islington Council's Community Chest funding for the first time
- 16 (31%) of the 52 funded groups have received 5 or more grants



Who Islington Council's Community Chest reached in 2020/2021

- 52 community groups applied to Islington Council's Community Chest in 2020-21
- 38 community groups (73% of applicants) were awarded funding, totalling grants of over £177,750
- 10 (26%) of the 38 funded groups received Islington Council's Community Chest funding for the first time
- 13 (34%) of the 38 funded groups have received 5 or more grants



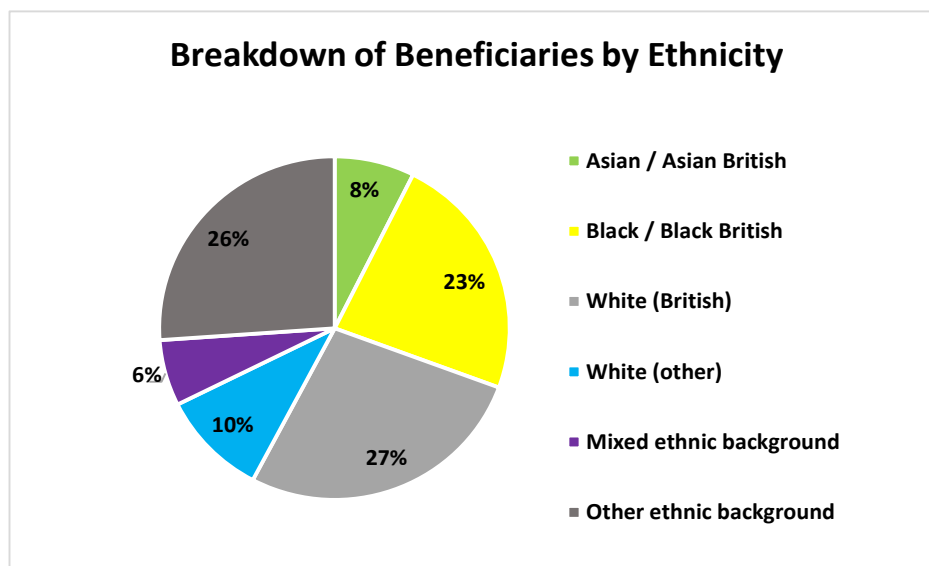
As the tables above show, the ICCC Programme has picked up again quite considerably following the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic in March 2020 and subsequent related

lockdowns. Although not quite at pre-pandemic levels (80 applications in 2019/20) with 70 organisations applying for funding in 2021/22 compared to 52 for 2020/21 there has without doubt been a positive bounce back in relation to both numbers of applications received and awarded funding. Also reassuring is the proportion of successful applicants remaining at comparable levels with previous years with approximately three quarters of applications successfully receiving funding in the preceeding three years, both pre-pandemic and during the worst year and as the country has returned to some level of normality. Also, both numbers and proportion of first time applications and those that have received five or more grants remained has remained fairly buoyant comparable across years, ensuring that a good balance remains between funding new and emerging projects and longer term support.

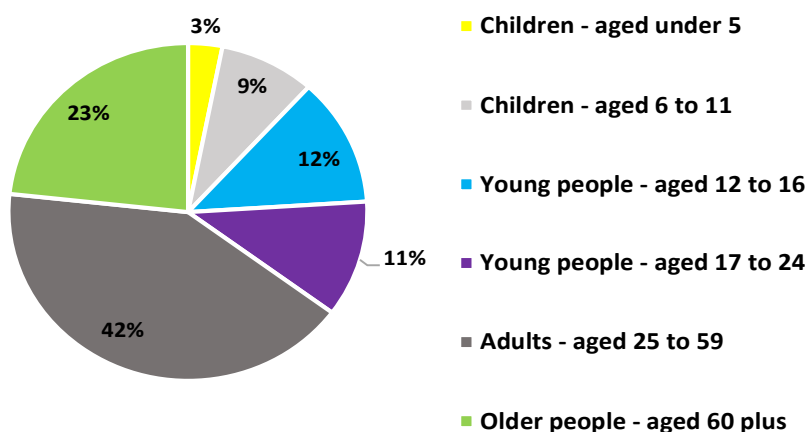
The pie charts above also demonstrate how the programme has generally returned to a more predictable pattern in terms of the proportion of applications under each priority with the two priority areas that traditionally receive the highest proportion of applications overall (Reducing Isolation and Improving Mental/Physical Health) increasing again in 2021/22 after a dip in 2020/21. While Advice and Support (traditionally lower numbers) has remained fairly buoyant in terms of the proportion of overall applications, Educate and Improve Skills has decreased again and is again more comparable to pre-pandemic levels. While demand for advice and wider support has continued to remain high as people suffer the ongoing consequences of the pandemic, lockdowns and rising cost of living, as children and young people have returned to face-to-face education it is apparent that demand to help mitigate the adverse effects of lockdowns on education has receded. Despite splitting the Improving the Environment and Increasing Community Safety theme into two separate themes focusing each on environment and community safety as a means to try and encourage more applications under each, applications under both themes have remained low during 2021/22.

Facts and figures – who we reached in 2020/21

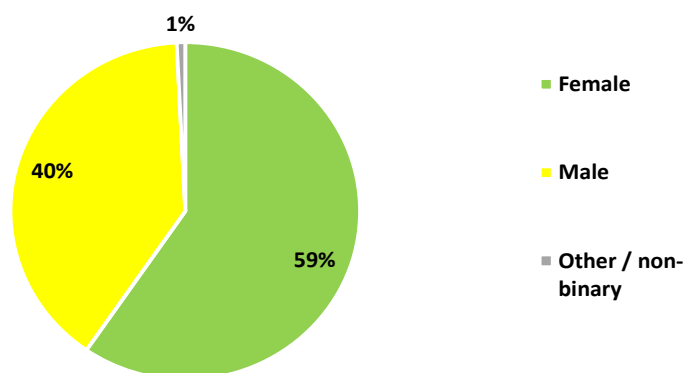
The charts below provide a breakdown of the age, ethnicity, and gender of all people that have benefited from the support provided as a result of Islington Council's Community Chest funding over the 2020/21 period. The data is derived from returned monitoring reports so provide an accurate reflection of the work actually undertaken. The breakdowns demonstrate that the ICCC programme has good reach into BAMER communities, representing 63% of all beneficiaries compared to 32% of the overall Islington population (not including Irish/White Other). There is a good split between proportions of adult beneficiaries (65% aged 25 upwards) with just under a quarter of overall beneficiaries being older people and 35% children and young people, although it is acknowledged that there are a smaller number of projects supporting under 5s.



Breakdown of Beneficiaries by Age



Breakdown of Beneficiaries by Gender



List of grants

List of grants awarded April 2021–March 2022

Advice and Support			
Round 1 June 2021	Community Language Support Services	Assist to improve the lives of vulnerable refugees	£5,000
Round 1 June 2021	One True Voice	Emotional Health Network	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2021	Bridging the Gap Mentoring	Helping people to rebuild lives after Covid	£4,900
Round 2 Nov 2021	Stepping Stone4 (SS4)	Hope and back to community involvement	£2,500
Round 3 March 2022	Islington Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot Women's Welfare Group	Advice Connect Service for BAME women	£5,000
Round 3 March 2022	MerryGoRound	MerryGoRound	£3,865
Round 3 March 2022	The Hive Food Bank	The Hive Food Bank	£5,000

Improve the local environment and make communities safer			
Round 1 June 2021	Hashtag Unapologetic	More 2 Me	£5,000
Round 3 March 2022	Friends of Pooles Park	Naturehood for our Neighbourhood Community Project	£10,000

Improve mental and physical health

Round 1 June 2021	FromRehabToLifeFoundation	Community Recovery	£5000
Round 1 June 2021	Sarah Agnes Foundation	SAF Covid Recovery Support	£4,150
Round 1 June 2021	Healthy Minds, Healthy Bods	Monthly Health Packs - plus weekly exercise sessions	£3,485
Round 1 June 2021	Amberliegh	Be The Best Version on You	£10,000
Round 1 June 2021	Friends of Copenhagen	Zumba and Pilates classes with Healthy-Eating/Well-being/Cooking workshops with creche facility.	£5,000
Round 1 June 2021	Jigsaw GC Community Interest Company	Get connected programme	£5,000
Round 1 June 2021	CARIS (Islington)	Adult and Children Bereavement Services	£5,000
Round 1 June 2021	ASMARAFOOTBALL CLUB	ASAMRAFOOTBALL CLUB	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2021	Memory Gardens	Hand and Sky Project	£4,950
Round 2 Nov 2021	Barrier Breakers Foundation	Soft Skills for Wellbeing at CANDI	£4,920
Round 2 Nov 2021	Memory Cafe at Christ Church Highbury	Seated exercises at the Memory Cafe	£3,750
Round 2 Nov 2021	Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust	Copenhagen Street Food Bank	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2021	Women's Oneness Wellbeing (WOW)	Emergency Self-Care	£2,170
Round 2 Nov 2021	Sports and Life Skills CIC	Islington rebuild	£5,000
Round 3 March 2022	Fit Women Group	Women-Only Pilates with Cooking sessions and Girls Zumba with Healthy-Eating	£5,000
Round 3 March 2022	Ball Out Community	Ball Out 3x3 Coaching	£1,700
Round 3 March 2022	CULPEPER COMMUNITY GARDEN	Digging and Walking for Health	£4,900
Round 3 March 2022	The Dynamic Autism Group	SUMMER CAMP	£5,000
Round 3 March 2022	Isledon Wolves Football Club	Kit contribution	£1,000
Round 3 March 2022	Islington Panthers Basketball	Covid return	£5,000

Educate and improve skills and employability

Round 1 June 2021	The Turkish and Kurdish Children's Group	English, Maths and Turkish Classes	£5,000
Round 1 June 2021	Somali Education Centre	Face to Face Supplementary School Project	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2021	Mer-IT digital	Work Experience for young people	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2021	Pop Up Poet	Powerful Pupils	£2,500
Round 2 Nov 2021	KANGA	KANGA Supplementary Schools	£4,960
Round 2 Nov 2021	First Step Action	People's empowerment	£4,970
Round 3 March 2022	The Reanella Trust	Resilience Recovery Relief Project	£3,700

Reduce isolation and increase community involvement

Round 1 June 2021	EWT Theatre for the Community CIC	Estimated Waiting Time	£1,050
Round 1 June 2021	Head Held High	High Society	£5,000
Round 1 June 2021	CONNAUGHT OPERA	CONNAUGHT ARE LIVE AGAIN!	£5,000
Round 1 June 2021	Aphasia ReConnect	Aphasia Reconnect Islington	£2,830
Round 2 Nov 2021	Jannaty Women's Social Society	Nurture in Nature Summer Programme	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2021	AiRing CIC	Reverberations	£2,600
Round 2 Nov 2021	South Islington Stroke Club	Stroke Club lunch and activities for stroke survivors and carers	£4,300
Round 2 Nov 2021	Islington People's Theatre CIC	Recoverist Theatre Project	£4,040
Round 2 Nov 2021	Olden Community Garden	Olden Community Garden core activities	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2021	SEN Family Saturdays	SEN Family Saturdays	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2021	Talking News Islington (TNI)	Talking News	£1,500
Round 3 March 2022	Go Africa Community Hub CIC	The Go Africa Community Hub	£4,475
Round 3 March 2022	Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers	The ongoing delivery of our services	£5,000
Round 3 March 2022	Creative Opportunities CIC	Creative Opportunities Core Costs	£5,000
Round 3 March 2022	Cally Connects Us	Cally Stories.	£5,000
Round 3 March 2022	Chorley Community Church	Chorley Sports Club	£4,925

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Advice and Support			
Round 1 June 2020	Community Language Support Services	Help: to improve lives and integration of vulnerable refugee	£5,000
Round 1 June 2020	Jigsaw.GC	Get connected programme	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2020	Eritrean Community in the UK (ECUK)	Connecting Communities through Digital Inclusion	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2020	Islington Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot Women's Welfare Group	Advice Connect Service for BAME women	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2020	Maa Shanti	Maa Shanti Empowerment Activities	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2020	MEWSO - Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation	Rebuilding Lives	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2020	Crux	Establishing a local mediation service for Islington Residents	£5,000

Improve the local environment and make communities safer			
Round 2 Nov 2020	Pop Up Poet	Powerful Pupils	£5,000
Round 3 March 2021	Friends of Pooles Park	Naturehood for our Neighbourhood Project	£4,080

Improve mental and physical health			
Round 1 June 2020	Isledon Wolves Youth Football Club	Resumption of football and additional training	£1,500
Round 1 June 2020	SLOW	SLOW - Surviving the Loss of Your World	£10,000
Round 1 June 2020	Asperger London Area Group (ALAG) /Autism Hub Islington	Partners for Health Autism Post Diagnostic Project	£5,000
Round 1 June 2020	Memory Gardens	Hand and Sky Project	£5,000
Round 1 June 2020	Sarah Agnes Foundation	Empowering Single Parents	£4,900
Round 2 Nov 2020	Phoenix Pottery	Phoenix Pottery Community Class	£5,000
Round 3 March 2021	LMK - Let Me Know	LMK Relationship Workshops with Young People in Islington	£2,900

Educate and improve skills and employability			
Round 1 June 2020	Somali Education Centre	Somali Education Supplementary school Project	£5,000
Round 1 June 2020	Head Held High Limited	"The Best you"	£5,000
Round 1 June 2020	Light Project Pro International	Global Skills Project	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2020	Minority Matters LTD	Advantage Education and After School Club	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2020	Jannaty Women's Social Society	Fashion and sustainability	£5,000
Round 2 Nov 2020	Mer-IT digital	Hardware and Software Fundamentals course	£4,740
Round 2 Nov 2020	Kurdish association for New Generations/Abroad (KANGA)	Kobani Supplementary School	£4,970
Round 2 Nov 2020	Arco - Music for All Ltd.	Music for All	£4,970
Round 3 March 2021	Eritrean Youth Club	Coding programme	£3,215
Round 3 March 2021	Creative Opportunities	Creative Opportunities Youth Board	£5,000
Round 3 March 2021	Eat Club	Eat Club Live	£5,000
Round 3 March 2021	St Peter's Children and Young People's Activities Group	SPAG Summer Project 2021	£5,000

Reduce isolation and increase community involvement			
Round 1 June 2020	South Islington Stroke Club	Stroke Club lunch and activities for stroke survivors and carers	£3,900
Round 1 June 2020	Artbox London	Subsidised art workshops and social support for PwLDA	£5,000
Round 1 June 2020	Speak Street	Learning English through Londoners	£5,000
Round 1 June 2020	Life Chances	Reducing Social Isolation for the elderly and the disabled	£4,850
Round 1 June 2020	Aphasia Re-Connect	Aphasia New Groups	£2,000
Round 1 June 2020	Angel Community Canal Boat Trust	Angel Boat 'Isolated and Elderly' Project 2020/21	£2,500
Round 2 Nov 2020	insaan Culture Club	Black Lives Matter	£4,900

Round 2 Nov 2020	The Olden Community Garden	Olden Community Garden	£5,000
Round 3 March 2021	SUNDAY CLUB	SUNDAY CLUB	£3,500
Round 3 March 2021	CULPEPER COMMUNITY GARDEN	Elfrida Gardeners	£4,825

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