

Newham Warm Haven Grant Programme 2023/24

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the start and finish dates for the grant programme?

The Warm Havens Grant Programme runs from Friday, 1 November 2023 to Friday, 31 March 2024. This is the period in which you must deliver your Winter Warmer event or Warm Haven programme.

This grant programme does not have a deadline and we will continue to fund projects until the grant money runs out. The total allocation for this year is £24,000. We will inform you of an outcome within 4 weeks of your submission.

2. What are the minimum number for sessions to deliver?

We have not specified a minimum number of sessions as each Warm Haven/Winter Warmer event is likely to have its own local expectations and challenges. You are best positioned to determine the number and length of sessions. However, the application will be scored on 'value for money' and we encourage applicants to consider how best the grant can be spent to support vulnerable residents.

3. How much money can we apply for?

An organisation can apply for a maximum of £2000 for Warm Haven Programme and up to £300 for a Winter Warmer event.

4. Can we apply for several projects?

Yes. We are happy to consider organisations that deliver a Warm Haven provision over two sites. However, the sites must serve different parts of Newham and reach different resident groups. To maintain a fair approach, we will first prioritise organisations who have made a single application. We are also happy to support 3 Winter Warner events but this must be delivered within the £300 budget.

5. Where will the Warm Havens sites be advertised?

The Warm Havens sites will be advertised on the Council's website map at www.newham.gov.uk/warmhavens.

6. How will you monitor the grant and its impact?

We will ask you to keep records of expenditure and some basic information about the provision and how it was used. We may ask for a little bit more information for future case studies but will seek your permission first. We are not interested in any personal data about the people who use the service.

7. What if we don't have a bank account?

We would expect the successful organisation to have a bank account to receive the grant. However, on a discretionary basis, we may accept organisations without a bank account as long as a bona fide organisation can hold the grant money on your behalf. If this is the case, we will speak to you to explain the details of such agreement.

8. What sort of thing can we do/buy with the grant?

We do not stipulate individual items or costs associated with hosting or supporting a Warm Haven. However, we do ask that you look at the 'priority' heading on the guidance form to get an idea of the things which are most important. In your application you will need to justify the expenditure which helps deliver your project and provides value for money. If you are unsure you are welcome to get in touch for advice.

9. When will we find out if the application has been successful?

We aim to respond back to your application in 2 weeks but sometimes it can take up to 4 weeks due to the volume of application received. If we have any queries about your application or require more information we will get back to you.

10. What if our organisation doesn't have all the policies and insurances in place?

It is important that all organisations and groups applying for the Warm Havens Grant are compliant with adequate Safeguarding, Health & Safety and Insurance policies. If you feel that you need help with understanding any aspect of organisational policy, please get in touch and we can support you to obtain this.

11. Can we serve residents from outside Newham?

No. The Warm Havens Grant is intended to benefit vulnerable residents who live in Newham. Your organisation could be based outside of Newham but must deliver the Warm Haven/Winter Warmer provision within Newham. If you are unsure about this, please get in touch for guidance.

12. Who can we contact for more information?

For specific advice, guidance and further information about the Warm Haven Grant Programme you can contact CommunityGrants@newham.gov.uk. In the interest of fairness, please do not send 'draft' copies of your application for comment as this will not be considered.