

# GRENFELL TOWER FIRE RESPONSE

## Supporting voluntary and community groups in North Kensington



London Funders has been supporting independent Trusts and Foundations and government departments to work together to provide funding for voluntary and community groups working in North Kensington. This leaflet sets out:

1. Where the funding has come from;
2. What the funding programmes aim to achieve and what has been funded;
3. How we are developing our plans for longer term support.

### Responding to the Immediate Crisis

In the first days and weeks following the Fire, London Funders members recognised that many communities living in the area had been affected and lots of local community groups were stepping up to support them. Two funding programmes were set up to meet immediate needs as quickly as possible:

- The **Community Core Costs Fund** aimed to get money out quickly to some of the frontline and grassroots organisations who had responded to the fire or who were meeting wider community needs. The funding for this programme was provided by the Department of Community and Local Government, and The Tudor Trust. A total of £1,148,789 was distributed during July to 100 local community groups, faith groups, schools and residents associations for the extra equipment, spaces, food, supplies or staff needed to support local communities for 3-6 months. Funding decisions were made jointly by a group of experienced Grants Officers from independent Trusts and Foundations. This fund is now closed.
- The **Children and Young People's Coalition Funding (Phase 1)** was for local organisations working with children, young people and families affected by the Grenfell Tower Fire. The funding for this programme was provided by a range of funders including John Lyon's Charity, the Big Lottery Fund, The Tudor Trust, BBC Children in Need, City Bridge Trust, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Kensington & Chelsea Foundation and the Department for Education. A total of £1,078,656 was awarded to 61 local organisations and used to provide a huge variety of activities for children and young people in North Kensington over the summer holidays. Funding applications were received by John Lyon's Charity who provided an initial basic assessment, and then individual Trusts and Foundations made their own funding decisions. This fund is now closed.

Lists of all groups funded through the programmes in this leaflet can be found at <http://londonfunders.org.uk/trust-and-foundation-funding-and-support-community-groups-affected-grenfell-fire> and are also available from the Kensington and Chelsea Social Council.

## Building Medium Term Support

Three further funding programmes were set up to ensure key local community organisations are able to provide the support that the Grenfell Fire survivors and the wider community are likely to need in the coming year. These are:

- The **Advice Fund** was for organisations providing legal and financial advice to survivors and local residents. The funding for this programme was provided by Trust for London, the Big Lottery, Comic Relief, the Legal Education Foundation and City Bridge Trust. A total of £292,257 was given to the Kensington and Chelsea Citizen's Advice Bureau and the North Kensington Law Centre for work over the coming year. Funding decisions were made by individual Trusts and Foundations. This fund is now closed.
- The **Infrastructure and Anchor Core Costs Fund** was for local organisations that provide community spaces and key services for residents or support smaller community groups to work effectively and in a co-ordinated way. The funding for this programme was provided by Trust for London, the Longleigh Foundation, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and the Department for Communities and Local Government. Grants totalling £814,717 were agreed to 11 organisations. Funding decisions were made jointly by a group of experienced Grants Officers from independent Trusts and Foundations. This fund is now closed.
- The **Children and Young People's Coalition Funding (Phase 2)** provided longer-term funding for organisations to deliver emotional wellbeing and mental health initiatives for children and young people, out of school activities (e.g. afterschool, weekend, holiday) and family work. Grants totalling £1,208,553 were agreed to 53 local organisations. Funding applications were received by John Lyon's Charity which initially processed the applications. Individual Trusts and Foundations then undertook their own due diligence and made their own funding decisions. This fund is now closed.

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## Understanding the Long Term Needs

**London Funders is supporting its members to share what they know about the needs of the North Kensington community and to reflect on how they can best respond. Over the autumn we plan to work with many of the organisations who have received funding as well as with residents to try to shape future funding programmes meet the long term needs of the survivors of the Grenfell Tower Fire as well as rebuilding strength, resilience and confidence in the wider local community.**

### **About London Funders**

*London Funders is the membership network for funders in London. London Funders does not hold funds itself, nor does it make funding decisions. We help our members to take action together. In response to the Grenfell Tower Fire, London Funders has supported a series of joint funding programmes to help get grants out quickly to where they are needed. The funding for these programmes has come directly from government budgets and from funders' own money and not from the public donations that have been given for the survivors of the Grenfell Tower Fire.*

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