**Young K&C, Our Choice**

**Small Grants, 2024**

Our Choice Small Grants provide funding for local voluntary organisations working with children and young people in Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea for projects that support and empower:

* girls and young women
* and/or LGBTQIA+ young people

Organisations that already work with these groups can apply for core funding.

Young K&C is running this grant programme in partnership with John Lyon’s Charity. The grants are exclusively for smaller charities and community interest companies that have income under £250,000 in the last financial year.

Your organisation can apply for funding of up to £5,000 (or up to £10,000 for projects that have additional costs to support a high proportion of disabled children).

**Equity and empowerment**

Girls, young women and LBGTQIA+ young people are all underrepresented in local youth activities. Our Choice Small Grants has been set up to support these groups of young people who all face discrimination and barriers to participation.

All you have to do is come up with a great idea empowering and supporting girls, young women and/or LGBTQIA+ young people. We welcome all ideas that empower and support these young people, but you could consider:

* Arts and crafts
* Sports and play
* Music, dance and film
* STEM
* Discussion groups
* Learning new skills
* Or any other enriching activities

We will also consider projects that work with boys, young men and mixed groups to help to change attitudes to create a more supportive environment for girls, young women and/or LGBTQI++ young people.

Your project should take place between 1 July and 31 December 2023.

Decisions will be made by our grants panel, including local young people.

**Eligibility**

* your organisation will need to be a registered charity or community interest company
* member of Young K&C
* with income under £250,000 in the last financial year
* currently working with children and young people, aged up to 25 who live or study in Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
* supplementary schools are not eligible for core funding from this grant programme and must apply for new projects, eg additional or new activities

**What we won’t fund**

* Unhealthy food or drinks (eg processed or junk foods)
* Screen-based games
* Schools – school-based projects should apply to John Lyon’s Charity Grants for Schools, <https://www.jlc.london/grants/our-grant-funds/>

**How to Apply**

You can apply by completing the application form below and sending it by email to [info@youngkandc.org.uk](mailto:info@youngkandc.org.uk).

The deadline is **Tuesday 23 April 2024**.

Young K&C may also visit your organisation, with the young people from our grant panel, during May Half-Term

**Further information**

You can find our Top Tips for writing funding applications at: [Young K&C's Guide to Writing Better Funding Applications](https://youngkandc.org.uk/images/downloads/ypfWebsite/Young-KCs-Guide-to-Writing-Better-Funding-Applications.pdf).

If you have questions or want further information about these grants, please contact [info@youngkandc.org.uk](mailto:info@youngkandc.org.uk)

**Application Form**

1. **About your Project**

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| Project Name |  |
| When will the project happen (dates and times)? |  |
| How many children and young people will take part (estimate)? |  |

1. **Full Project Description**

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| **Tell us about your organisation. What are the aims of your organisation? What does your organisation do? What skills and experience do your staff and volunteers bring to working with children and young people in Kensington & Chelsea? (200 words max)** |
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| **What will your project do? (200 words max)**  A good answer will say   * what you plan to do * when and where your activities will take place * how often * how will it support or empower girls, young women and LGBTQI++ young people in Kensington and Chelsea |
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| **Why did you decide to do this? How have you involved children and young people in deciding what to do? (200 words max)** |
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| **Describe the children and young people who will be involved. How many children and young people will be involved? How will they be involved? How do you think this project will help them? (200 words max)** |
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| **How will you make sure that your activities are welcoming, inclusive and accessible for all participants? (200 words max)** |
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| **How will you advertise your project and let local children and young people know what’s going on? (100 words)** |
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1. **Budget**

Please complete the table below with the proposed project breakdown cost. You can apply for costs including staff costs, equipment, overheads, materials, resources, up to a maximum of £5,000. If your organisation is unregistered, please allocate £1,500 towards the cost of registration support.

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| Detail of Item/Expenditure (please explain how you have worked out your costs). | Cost |
| For example:  3 x playworkers x 3 hours per week x 20 sessions x £15 per hour | £2700 |
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| **Total Requested:** |  |

1. **Organisation Details**

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| Organisation name |  |
| Organisation address |  |
| Contact person’s name and job title |  |
| Email address |  |
| Phone number |  |
| What is your organisation’s legal status, eg Charity or CIC? |  |
| Charity Number and/or Company Number |  |
| Website address |  |
| Social media |  |
| What are your usual opening hours? |  |
| How many volunteers does your organisation have? |  |
| Have you provided up to date information on your organisation and activities for on the Young K&C website?  (If not, you can register now at <https://youngkandc.org.uk/partner/register> | Yes / No |
| Have you carried out a risk assessment for your project | Yes / No |

**Bank Details**

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| Name on Bank Account |  |
| Name of Bank/Building Society |  |
| Account number |  |
| Sort code |  |

**Agreement and Consent**

I hereby certify that the information provided in the application form is correct as to the best of my knowledge.

**Yes  No**

We are required to ask for your permission to record details of your organisation. The records of your organisation will be stored on our database. Your organisation details may be used in our reporting to John Lyon’s Charity and RBKC about this project and may be processed anonymously to analyse the state of the voluntary sector and provision for children and young people in Kensington and Chelsea. Do you give consent to Young K&C recording information about your organisation and contact details.

**Yes  No**

I wish to receive Young K&C’s email newsletter.

**Yes  No**

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| Signature of Senior Staff member, Trustee or Director |  |
| Date |  |

**Documents to send with this application**

* **Safeguarding Policy and Procedures**
* **Equalities monitoring form**
* **Recent bank statement (last 3 months), showing the name and address of your organisation if this is the first time that you’ve applied to Young K&C or if your bank details have recently changed**
* **Insurance certificate for public liability and employer’s liability insurance cover**

**Please email to** [**info@youngkandc.org.uk**](mailto:info@youngkandc.org.uk)**.**