



The Grassroots Endowment Challenge Fund



The Government has allocated £1,587,972 to Hammersmith and Fulham, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth for charitable endowment funds – but we can only access it as matched funding for private money placed in charitable endowment funds with us.

You can help us to access all of the money in the 'pot' by setting up your own charitable endowment fund with Thames Community Foundation. Whatever amount you put into the fund, you can draw down 100% matched funding from the Grassroots Endowment Challenge Fund (to a maximum of £396,993) and it will be added to your personal endowment fund.

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What is a Grassroots endowment fund?

Just like Thames Community Foundation's existing 'named' endowment fund, the Grassroots version allows you freedom to achieve your charitable objectives through grants made from your fund, with Thames Community Foundation taking care of all the administration.

In order to encourage new endowed funds – to provide long-term support to strengthen communities at the local level and address deprivation and social need – the Government is providing almost £1.6 million of extra financial support for endowment building in our 8 borough area exclusively to Thames Community Foundation to be drawn down by 2011.

There is a maximum amount that one fund holder can claim and an overall limit to the area's allocation of matched funding, so to take advantage of this offer you will need to act quickly, as money will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

What are the conditions for receiving Government challenge money?

The Grassroots Endowment Challenge scheme has four conditions that must be met for your donation to be eligible for the additional Government top-up:

- ❖ The fund must be endowed – ideal for supporting change over the long-term your donation is invested to produce an income that can be used year after year to make grants.
- ❖ Grants must be made to small, local (grassroots) voluntary and community groups and organisations. Thames Community Foundation specialises in this area, helping you support local people whose commitment to changing lives is inhibited only by lack of finance.
- ❖ Your charitable objectives must be broadly based so that a wide range of groups or projects could benefit (e.g. 'opportunities for young people', 'supporting isolated elderly people').
- ❖ You may choose the name and identity of your fund, but it must include the word 'Grassroots' and in Thames Community Foundation's report and accounts the Government's contribution must be acknowledged.

❖ Thames Community Foundation was selected as the only charity eligible to receive Grassroots Endowment Challenge Fund support locally due to our skills in grant making and fund holding, our track record of managing and building endowment funds and our unrivalled knowledge and expertise in identifying local good causes that really need your support.



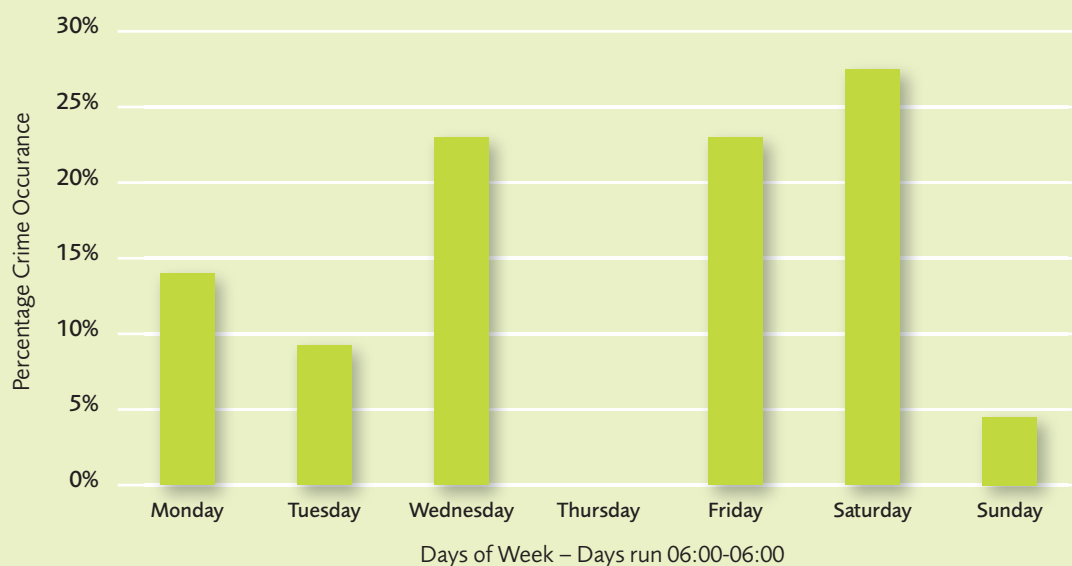
Blind art

With funding from Thames Community Foundation Blind Art were able to undertake a special project that involved sighted and visually impaired young people working together to experience art through touch smell and sound. More than 40 children took part in the project and all left with a better understanding of each other's special needs and a shared interest and enthusiasm for sharing artistic experiences.

Hounslow youth club

Residents on a deprived housing estate in Hounslow got together in early 2007 to see if they could do anything to reduce the high levels of petty crime, vandalism and anti social behaviour carried out by young people that was blighting the estate and their lives. They approached Thames Community Foundation to see if we would provide a grant of £3,700 to fund the costs associated with establishing a youth club that would meet on Thursday nights. Foundation staff visited the project and were impressed by what they saw and funding was agreed. As the area is a crime "hot spot" the crime statistics are closely monitored. The most recent Metropolitan Police survey shows the striking impact that the club has had with no recorded petty crime now occurring on Thursday when the Youth Club meets.

Temporal Analysis using Committed Data Range – Youth Crime (Based on Accused Data)



- No significance
- 1 degree significance (low)
- 2 degrees significance
- 3 degrees significance (high)

How does it work?

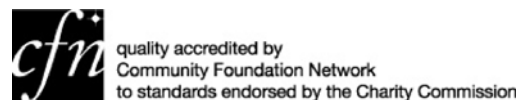
We will set up and invest your Grassroots Endowment Fund for you using experienced fund managers. There is no red-tape or complicated legal requirements for you to deal with, just a letter of agreement with us. It's then up to you how much involvement you want in the grant-making decisions – but hands-on or hands-off, you can rely on our in-depth local knowledge to ensure that your money will have maximum impact for the good causes you want to support. Gifts of cash, shares and legacies received during the period are all eligible for match funding.

Example:

Initial donation	£20,000
Higher rate tax relief (reclaimed)	£5,000
Net cost to donor	£15,000
Gift Aid and transitional relief	£5,640
Grassroots top-up (50% of initial donation + Gift Aid)	£25,640
Grassroots fund balance that's 342% of the net cost!	£51,280

How can I find out more?

If you'd like to discuss setting up a Grassroots Endowment Fund, please contact **Nigel Hay, email: tcf@btconnect.com or call 020 8943 6029** or visit www.thamescommunityfoundation.org.uk/Grassroots-Endowment-Challenge.htm



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