**Health Inequalities Fund – Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is the Redbridge Place-based Partnership?**

The Redbridge Place-based Partnership (RPbP) is a collaboration between local health and care organisations and others with a role in improving health and wellbeing in Redbridge. Place-based partnerships form part of the [integrated care systems](https://www.england.nhs.uk/integratedcare/what-is-integrated-care/) (ICSs) recently established across England, and play an important role in co-ordinating local services and improving health outcomes for local residents.

**What are health inequalities?**

Health inequalities are avoidable, unfair and systematic differences in health between different groups of people. Health inequalities can be caused by differences in the care that people receive, as well as the opportunities that they have to lead healthy lives.

**Who can submit a proposal?**

Applications will be accepted from constituted voluntary and community organisations working in the London Borough of Redbridge. These are typically the following organisations:

* Registered charity or Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
* Charitable company or Social Enterprise (companies must have asset locks, be wholly not-for-profit and without share capital)
* Community Interest Company (CIC)
* Company limited by guarantee (companies must have asset locks, be wholly not-for-profit and without share capital)
* Cooperative and Community Benefit Society
* Structured groups of local residents who have formed for a specific purpose. (These community groups may wish to be supported by a larger charity, organisation, or social enterprise to manage and deliver their activities, where capacity is limited).

Applicants must:

* Have a constitution, registration number, or in the case of structured groups of residents, an outline of the group’s aims/guiding principles.
* Have a bank account held in the name of the organisation, or a nominated bank account which the funding can be paid into.
* Have an appropriate level of insurance coverage for their project and activities.
* Have appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures for their project activities.

**How much can we apply for?**

There is no minimum or maximum that organisations can apply for, however the total funding available is approximately £700k per year. The RPbP is keen to support as many projects as possible so proposals for very large grants are unlikely to be successful.

Proposals should not amount to more than 50% of an organisation’s turnover/​income in any one year.

**Can we include project overheads?**

Yes, you can apply for full cost recovery i.e. funding for all of the costs involved in running your project, including direct project costs and a proportionate share of your organisation's overheads.

**Are there any exclusions?**

The Health Inequalities Fund can’t fund:

* General running (core) costs.
* Proposals that do not meet the eligibility criteria.
* Retrospective proposals for projects that have already taken place.
* Activities outside of the London Borough of Redbridge.

**How will proposals be assessed?**

Proposals will be reviewed by a steering group made up of members of the Redbridge Place-based Partnership.

**When will the funding be awarded to successful organisations?**

The Redbridge Place-based Partnership expects to have made a decision by the end of June 2023. NHS North East London is aiming to release the funding to Place-based Partnerships by the end of July 2023. Funding will be distributed to successful organisations following due diligence checks.

**Can we get help with our proposal?**

[RedbridgeCVS](https://www.redbridgecvs.net/) offers 1:1 fundraising support for voluntary and community groups in Redbridge. For more information about the support on offer please contact Shaweb Ahmed, Funding and Development Officer on 020 3874 4137 or by email to [shaweb@redbridgecvs.net](mailto:shaweb@redbridgecvs.net).