# Impact grant questions (grants of £5k-£50k over 12-18 months plus up to £4k for accessibility costs)

Civil Society Roots funding is focused on supporting organisations to:

* + develop networks
  + build capacity
  + strengthen their voice.

It is designed to invest in activity that will lead to better support for Londoners through stronger community organisations and civil society. It will not fund the delivery of front-line activity directly.

The Impact Grants are an opportunity for community organisations to implement a project that they have a clear idea for and are ready to be tested.

## Tell us about the need or issue you want to try and address in your local area? (250-word limit). This should focus on needs related to supporting stronger community organisations. (250 words)

Please use the prompts below as a guide:

* what can you identify as causing this need/issue?
* how would tackling this need/issue respond to objectives of the fund? For example, is there a need to strengthen relationships or increase coordination of support?
* what skills or capacities does your organisation need to develop or build in order to strengthen support for the community?
* are you interested in exploring how to increase your organisational impact or influence, if so, please provide an example of how you would approach this?

## Tell us about your how your idea would address the needs or issues you have identified in question 1. How would you use the funding to achieve your aims? (300 words)

Please use the prompts below as a guide

* how would you bring groups or individuals together to address the local need?
* how would you test out or develop your idea?
* how would you carry out research or engagement that will help understand what your community needs?

## Set out a detailed project plan of how you will test, implement and deliver your activity over the duration of the programme? (500 words)

Please use the prompts below as a guide:

* include a project plan with timeline – this should cover between 12-18 months.
* detail who will be involved in delivering the proposed activity and their role.
* how will you engage key organisations, individuals and sectors within the community in the development of your project?
* how will you mitigate potential risks in your project plan and delivery?

## Tell us about the skills and experience held within your organisation or partnership that are relevant to this project? (250 words)

Please use the below prompts as a guide.

* relevant experience and skills within your team
* key achievements from other projects
* have you worked with communities that have been impacted by structural inequalities, if so, in what capacity?
* how have you reached and engaged with communities?

## How will you measure the impact of your work?

Please use the prompts below as a guide.

* how will you demonstrate the difference your work has made to your organisation or community groups in your area?
* what methods will you use to monitor and evaluate progress?

## How much funding are you applying for?

* detail in the table below how will you spend your grant. Please include a clear description of each item and show your workings where appropriate
* for further guidance on what we can and cannot fund, please refer to the prospectus.

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## Are you applying for any extra costs related to making your project accessible (you can apply for up to £4,000 additional funding for this)

* detail in the table below how you will spend the access grant.

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