

NORTH LONDON COMMUNITY FUND

FUNDING APPLICATION FORM - MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM AWARDS 2026/27

Approval Status

COMPLETED

Thank you for your interest in applying for the North London Community Fund.

Please be aware that the deadline for applications is **16 February 2026 at 5pm** and we will not accept applications submitted after this date.

Grants available:

This is an application form for the following grants:

Grant size:	Amount per project:	Timeframe for delivery of project:	Project delivery period:
Micro grant	Up to £1,500	Up to 1 year	1 April 2026 - 31 May 2027
Small grant	Up to £5,000	Up to 1 year	1 April 2026 - 31 May 2027
Medium grant	Up to £20,000	Up to 2 years	1 April 2026 - 31 May 2028

Before you start:

It is important you review and fully understand the following documents before attempting to complete this form:

[Guidance document](#)

[Webpage](#)

You will also need to have the following templates downloaded and completed, ready to upload to the relevant sections:

[Project team](#)

[Project timeline and milestones](#)

[Project resources](#)

Filling in your answers: The questions are designed to provide clear instructions on what information is required. We would not expect the same level of detail to be included in answers for the micro applications as we would expect to see in the small and medium applications.

Before you finish: Please ensure you have read through all answers prior to submitting. Please keep your answers brief and clearly expressed, this helps us to easily understand what you want to do, why you want to do it and what you aim to achieve.

Saving progress: This form allows you to save your progress. When you hit save, a box will pop up and you will be required to enter in your email address. A link to the form will be sent to you and will need to follow this link when you wish to continue editing the form.

Receive a copy: You will have the opportunity to receive a PDF copy of your answers once you submit the form. A box will show on the 'Thank You' page once you have submitted, which you can click to download your application.

Details of organisation

Organisation name: RoundAgain CIC

Briefly describe your organisation and the work your organisation does:

RoundAgain CIC is a community-interest company established in 2018 to tackle large items of household waste in North London. We began in a small garage space in Hackney and have since grown to operate two dedicated workshops, including a second site opened in Waltham Forest in 2023. At these spaces, local residents can donate large household items that may be slightly damaged. Instead of going to waste, these items are repaired or upcycled through our community workshops. Our shops also serve as vibrant community hubs, hosting events and skill-sharing sessions where people learn how to repair furniture, appliances, and other household goods. Once repaired, items are made available on a "pay as much as you can" basis, ensuring affordability and accessibility. Through this work, RoundAgain CIC reduces waste, promotes reuse, and helps build sustainable, circular economies across Hackney, Waltham Forest, and the wider North London community.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion monitoring information. Please provide details regarding the diversity of your board, staff, and volunteers:

- Board: Our board is made up of five members with a mix of professional and lived experience in sustainability, community development, and social enterprise. Three members identify as women, two as men, and the board includes individuals from Black, Asian, and minority ethnic backgrounds.
- Staff : We currently employ two full-time staff members. One identifies as female and one as male, and both bring different cultural perspectives and professional expertise.
- Volunteers: We have a group of six active volunteers, ranging in age from early 20s to late 60s. The volunteer team includes people from diverse ethnic backgrounds, as well as individuals with lived experience of disability. We actively encourage participation from under-represented groups and ensure our workshops and community spaces are accessible to all. This commitment to diversity strengthens our ability to engage with the wide range of communities we serve in Hackney, Waltham Forest, and across North London.

Please indicate the total amount of money your organisation has received since April 2023 from any public body including NLWA: 12000

Organisation type: Community Interest Company

Registration number (if applicable): 07234567

Organisation address and postcode:	RoundAgain CIC, 42 Green Lane Workshops London, Hackney, E8 3AB
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Proposed Project

Please provide details of the proposed project in the boxes below.

Title of proposed project: Pedal Again: Community Bicycle Repair & Cycling Club

Please provide a brief outline of what the concept of the project is:

The proposed project, Pedal Again: Community Bicycle Repair & Cycling Club, will expand RoundAgain CIC's existing repair and reuse operations to include bicycles. Bicycles are one of the most commonly wasted items in North London, often discarded when they could be repaired and reused.

Through this project, we will:

- Hire a part-time bicycle mechanic to run monthly repair workshops at our Hackney and Waltham Forest sites.
- Provide hands-on training for residents to learn basic bicycle maintenance and repair skills.
- Establish a monthly cycling club to encourage active travel, social connection, and community wellbeing.
- Refurbish donated bicycles and make them available to residents who do not currently have access to one, ensuring inclusivity and affordability.

This initiative will reduce waste, promote sustainable transport, and strengthen community ties by combining practical repair skills with opportunities for shared cycling activities.

Which borough(s) will you deliver your project in:

Hackney

Waltham Forest

What type of household waste will your project focus on:

Other

If other, please provide details:

Bicycles

We are providing funding for micro (£1,500), small (£5,000) or medium (£20,000) projects. Please indicate in the box below the amount of funding you are requesting:

10000

Quantity of funding requested:

Part funding

If part funding requested, please provide details of co-funding arrangements in the box below. Evidence will be required if your application is successful:

We are also receiving funding from National Lottery Community Fund for £10,000 for this funding period, although this will go towards supporting the activities of the whole organisation. We have ringfenced £2500 of this money to help support the Pedal Again project.

Project delivery (design, people, timelines and risks)

Planning of the project and whether it is achievable within the proposed timeframe.

What are the main activities and when will they happen:

April – June 2026 (Project Launch):

- Recruit and onboard a part-time bicycle mechanic.
- Set up bicycle repair facilities and purchase required tools for both Hackney and Waltham Forest sites.
- Promote the project locally through flyers, social media, and community partners.

July – December 2026 (Delivery Phase):

- Run monthly bicycle repair workshops at both sites, teaching residents basic maintenance and repair skills.
- Collect and refurbish donated bicycles, making them available on a “pay as much as you can” basis.
- Launch and run a monthly community cycling club, encouraging active travel and social connection.

January – March 2027 (Evaluation & Sustainability):

- Continue monthly workshops and cycling club sessions.

What risks might affect delivery and how will you manage them:

- Low Community Engagement:

Risk: Residents may not initially attend workshops or cycling club sessions.

Management: Strong promotion through local councils, schools, and community partners; offer incentives such as free refurbished bikes; ensure workshops are accessible and family-friendly.

- Limited Supply of Donated Bicycles:

Risk: Insufficient bicycles available for repair and redistribution.

Management: Launch a donation campaign, partner with local recycling centres, and encourage residents to bring unused bikes.

- Financial Sustainability Beyond Funding Period:

Risk: Project activities may be difficult to sustain once grant funding ends.

Management: Train volunteers as “community cycle champions,” build small income streams through the “pay as much as you can” model, and seek ongoing support from local authorities and sponsors.

Who will deliver the project and what relevant experience or partnerships do they bring:

NLCF - Project Delivery Team EXAMPLE.pdf

What is the project timeline and key milestones:

NLCF - Project Timeline Template 202... .pdf

Outputs and measurement (how are you going to measure the impact of the project)

What results the project aims to achieve and how they will be measured.

What outcomes do you expect your project to achieve:

Environmental Impact:

- At least 100 bicycles salvaged and redistributed through repair and reuse.
- Overall reduction in waste across Hackney and Waltham Forest.

Community Skills & Empowerment:

- 150 residents trained in basic bicycle repair and maintenance skills.
- Creation of a pool of "community cycle champions" to sustain activities beyond the funding period.

Community health & wellbeing:

- Establishment of a monthly cycling club with at least 60 regular participants.
- Increased levels of physical activity and improved mental wellbeing through social cycling.

Accessibility & Inclusion:

- Provision of refurbished bicycles to at least 50 residents who do not currently own one, ensuring affordability through our "pay as much as you can" model.
- Engagement of diverse community members, including young people, older residents, and those from under-represented groups.

Sustainability & Legacy:

- Development of a self-sustaining model combining volunteer support, community contributions, and co-funding partnerships.
- Strengthened local networks around repair, reuse, and sustainable transport.

How will you collect data, get feedback or record activities to show outcomes of the project:

To measure the outcomes of the Pedal Again project, RoundAgain CIC will use a combination of quantitative and qualitative approaches:

Workshop Attendance Records:

- Sign-in sheets at each repair session to track participant numbers.
- Records of bicycles repaired or refurbished.

Cycling Club Participation Logs:

- Monthly registers to monitor regular attendance and growth of the cycling club.
- Tracking of refurbished bicycles distributed to residents.

Surveys and Feedback Forms:

- Pre- and post-workshop surveys to assess changes in repair skills and confidence.
- Feedback forms after cycling club sessions to capture wellbeing and social impact.

Evaluation Report:

- Collation of all data into a final report, including quantitative statistics and qualitative testimonials, to demonstrate environmental, social, and health outcomes.

Engagement (what will you do to engage north London residents?)

How the project will involve, support and inspire north London residents, communities or groups to take part in waste prevention activities.

Who will your project engage or support, and how will you ensure your activities are inclusive and accessible:

The Pedal Again project will engage local residents across Hackney and Waltham Forest who may not currently have access to cycling, including families, young people, older residents, and those from low-income or minority backgrounds. Volunteers will also play a key role, helping to build skills and strengthen community connections.

To make activities inclusive, refurbished bicycles will be offered on a "pay as much as you can" basis, and workshops will be held in accessible venues with adaptive tools available. Outreach will target food banks, community centres, and faith groups, while materials will be clear and, where needed, translated. Sessions

will run at flexible times, and staff and volunteers will receive diversity and inclusion training to ensure everyone feels welcome.

Resources (what are you going to spend the funding on?)

How the projects resources (funding, partnerships, time and people) are planned.

How will the project resources be used:

NLCF - Project Resources Template 2... .pdf

Organisational documentation

You will be notified in writing by NLWA staff if your application is provisionally approved for funding. You will be required to submit copies of relevant documents referenced below and other additional documents that may be indicated in the letter. Any documents requested must be submitted within the timeframe of the letter.

Please confirm that you hold the following documents, as applicable to your proposal:

Accounts or financial statement (if applicable)

Public liability insurance (required if using a venue or location)

Employers liability insurance (if required)

Evidence of co-funding arrangements (if applicable)

Recent bank statement or official document showing details of bank account

The Funding Application Form must be signed by someone who has the appropriate authorisation within your organisation.

This form should be submitted by 5pm on 16 February 2026.

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge all the information contained within this form is correct.

Signature



Date

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Name

Sarah Ahmed

Job title

Programme manager

Where did you see the fund advertised?

To ensure advertising of the North London Community Fund is as effective as possible in reaching communities across north London, we would be grateful if you would tell us below where you saw it being advertised.

Local council advertising

Social media

Approval Activity History

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