

Family Hubs: Accelerate Fund 2024-2025

Application Guidance

Applications and now invited for the Family Hubs Accelerate Fund.

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The Accelerate Fund is looking for projects that:

- Help deliver the Family Hubs programme's [aims and priorities](#)
- Work with local users of the Haringey Family Hubs, ideally with some delivery in [Family Hubs centre locations](#)
- Make it easier for families to get the support they need, when they need it. This could be through tailored communications, engagement of seldom heard or vulnerable groups, and/or strengthening relationships with Family Hub users.
- Contribute positively to the wellbeing and life chances of children in Haringey
- Have a clear plan and are ready to be delivered

Projects should deliver one or more of the following outcomes:

- 1) Getting a good education
- 2) Improved mental and physical health
- 3) Promoting recovery and reduced harm from substance use
- 4) Good early years development
- 5) Financial stability
- 6) Secure housing
- 7) Improved family relationships
- 8) Children safe from abuse and exploitation
- 9) Safe from domestic abuse
- 10) Crime prevention and tackling crime

Applications are particularly welcome from projects and initiatives that support one or more of the following groups:

- Taking a whole family approach, particular support for children aged 5-19 years old
- Support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Working with families in conflict
- Dads or male family influences
- Opportunities to build links with Education providers

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1) About Haringey Community Collaborative

Haringey Council and the NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board have jointly commissioned Haringey Community Collaborative since May 2024. The Community Collaborative is delivered by Public Voice and Mind in Haringey. We provide strategic leadership and capacity building support for the borough's voluntary and community sector (VCS), with a focus on grassroots organisations and underserved groups.

We aim to help and support groups and organisations, and the sector overall, with:

- Sustainability and fundraising
- Governance
- Service delivery and scaling
- Recruiting and working with volunteers
- Measuring, reporting and increasing impact
- Networking, convening and working in partnership
- Being heard and valued by decision makers and key stakeholders in and beyond Haringey

We involve residents and organisations in all levels of decision making, from identifying priorities and themes for the VCS to the allocation of local grant funding in Haringey.

2) About Haringey Family Hubs

In 2022 Haringey was chosen as one of the 75 local authorities to be funded through the family hub programme. Family Hubs provide families with a single access point to integrated family support services for early help with social, emotional, physical and financial needs. Each Family Hub is bespoke to its local community while incorporating in three key delivery principles: **Access, Connection, Relationships** (source: [Haringey's Early Help Strategy 2024 to 2027](#)).

Family Hubs offer a range of support services families in Haringey – both in person and online. Family Hubs will support families from pregnancy, through childhood, and up to age 19 (or 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities). There will be four Family Hubs in locations across the borough including Triangle Children, Young People & Community Centre (east locality) and Muswell Hill Family Hub (west locality). Another two Family Hubs are planned to open in north-east and central localities in Haringey (source: [Family Hubs | Haringey Council](#)).

3) What is the Accelerate Fund?

The Accelerate Fund provides grant funding that Haringey VCS organisations, schools, and PTAs can apply for to deliver projects and services for families in Haringey.

Successful grant awardees will be selected by a community panel of local residents, experts, and stakeholders.

Grant awardees will have six months to deliver their projects, ending with a showcase event to publicise the impact of their projects to local stakeholders and funders. Alongside project delivery, grant awardees will receive tailored capacity building support from the Haringey Community Collaborative.

4) How does it work?

This grant fund is led by Haringey Community Collaborative and co-produced with the Haringey Family Hubs team community in its design, decision making, and delivery.

Design: The outcomes of the Accelerate Fund have been designed to align with the Family Hubs priorities and the needs of Haringey's families. The aim of the Accelerate Fund is to achieve positive family outcomes.

Decision: A community grant panel of local residents and stakeholders will assess the grant applications and meet to decide on who the grants are awarded to.

Delivery: Grant holders will deliver local projects and initiatives to address the Challenge Fund theme over six months.

5) Grant size

The Accelerate Fund has a budget of £75,000. Typically, grant awards will be around £5,000 to £10,000.

6) Eligibility criteria

Organisation eligibility:

- Haringey-based not-for-profit organisation
- Haringey Schools and Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs)
- Applications from organisations with an annual turnover of £250,000 or less will be prioritised

Due diligence (governance documents and policies)

In your application, you will be asked to provide supporting information and documents around your governance and accounts.

Tier 1 – Constituted organisations (e.g. CICs), **Registered Charities**, and **Parent Teacher Associations**, and **schools** will be required to provide:

- Company / Charity Name
- Company / Charity Number (if applicable)
- Registered address and trading address
- Last set of annual accounts (not abbreviated)
- Latest management accounts and budgets
- Governance documents
- Bank account details

Tier 2 – Un-constituted groups / Non-incorporated groups will be required to provide:

- Group name / trading name
- Name and personal address of group lead
- Last set of annual accounts (not abbreviated)
- Latest management accounts and budgets
- Bank account details

Note: Groups without a trading bank account, or unable to provide unabbreviated annual accounts, will be required to provide a reference and use Open Collective (online budgeting and finance system) with the support of Haringey Community Collaborative as a fiscal host. We will support you to develop policies, governance, and a business plan. We may need to run a credit check on organisations without unabbreviated accounts as part of our due diligence process.

Project criteria

1. Projects must align with the Family Hubs priorities and address one or more of the desired outcomes of the Accelerate Fund.
2. Some or all of your project must benefit families from underserved, marginalised, or Black, Asian and other Ethnic Minority communities.
3. Funding can be used for new and innovative projects or for further delivery of existing projects.
4. Projects must be delivered over six months, ending in July 2025.
5. The type of project is your decision, as long as it can be delivered within the six-month delivery period. For example, your project could include recurring engagement with service-users, a programme of activities, or single event or activity.
6. Projects can be delivered at one or more of the Family Hub locations, in other community locations, or a combination of both.
7. Applications will be judged on the project's ability to meet outcomes.

8. Throughout the six-month delivery, you will complete outcome reporting, monitoring the type of activity you deliver, the outcomes you achieve, and the number of families supported.
9. At the end of the six months, you will submit an outcomes report and showcase your project and its impact at an event.

7) Outcomes

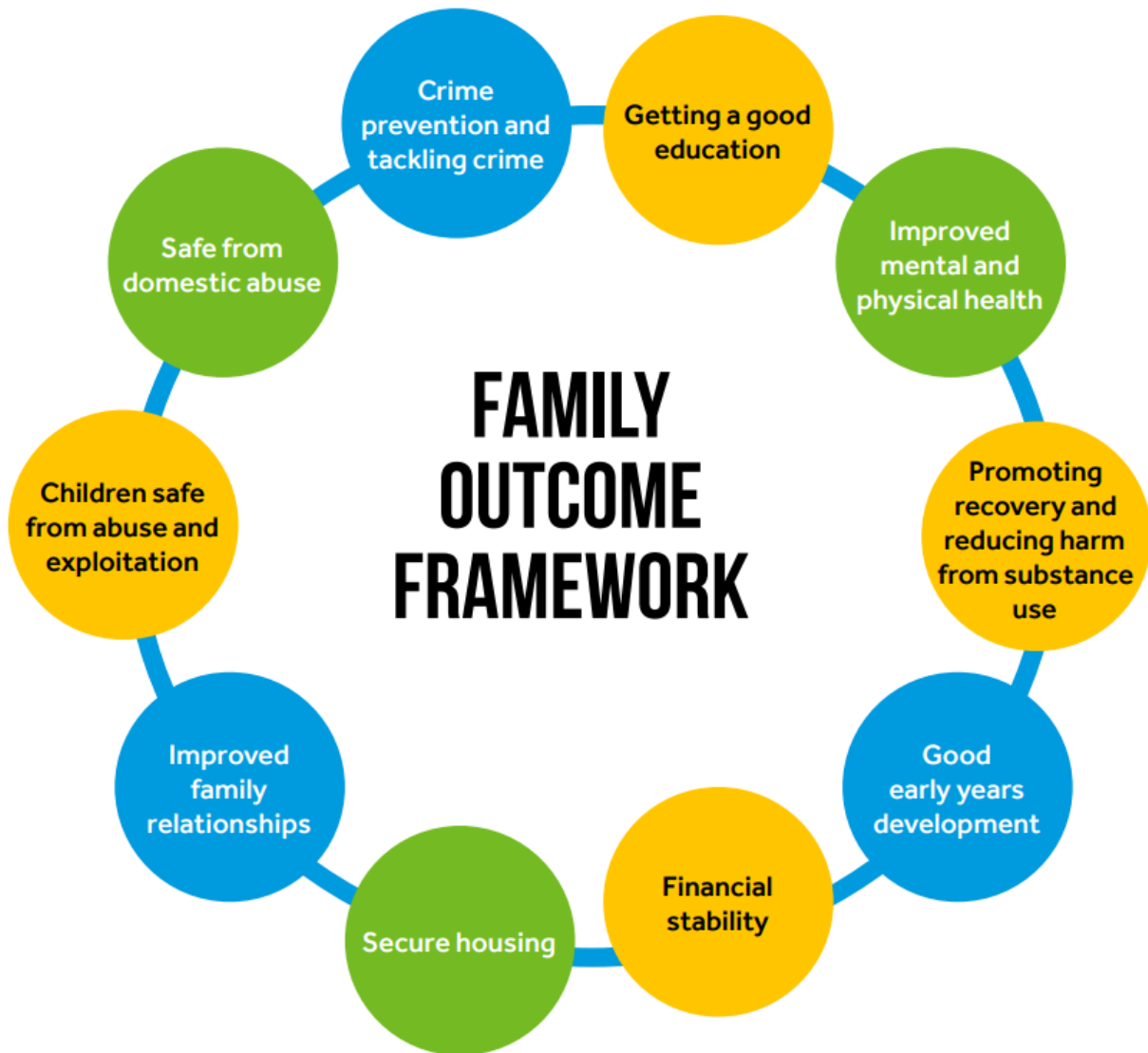
Projects funded by the Accelerate Fund will align with the Family Hubs objectives which include:

- Support for families from pregnancy, through childhood, and up to age 19 (or 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities)
- Provide family support early, when families need it, providing universal and targeted services, and access to more intensive support
- Support for all families, but it is particularly important that they are designed to be accessible to families experiencing social or economic disadvantage or those from minority groups who experience inequalities and/or exclusion.

We are seeking applications from projects and initiatives that address one or more of the priority areas:

- Taking a whole family approach, particular support for children aged 5-19 years old.
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The Family Outcome Framework



Source: [Haringey Community Collaborative - Haringey Early Help Journey So Far 2024.pdf - All Documents](#) (April 2024, page 11)

The Accelerate Fund will fund projects, activities, or initiatives that will result in one or more of the following outcomes, outlined in the Family Outcomes Framework:

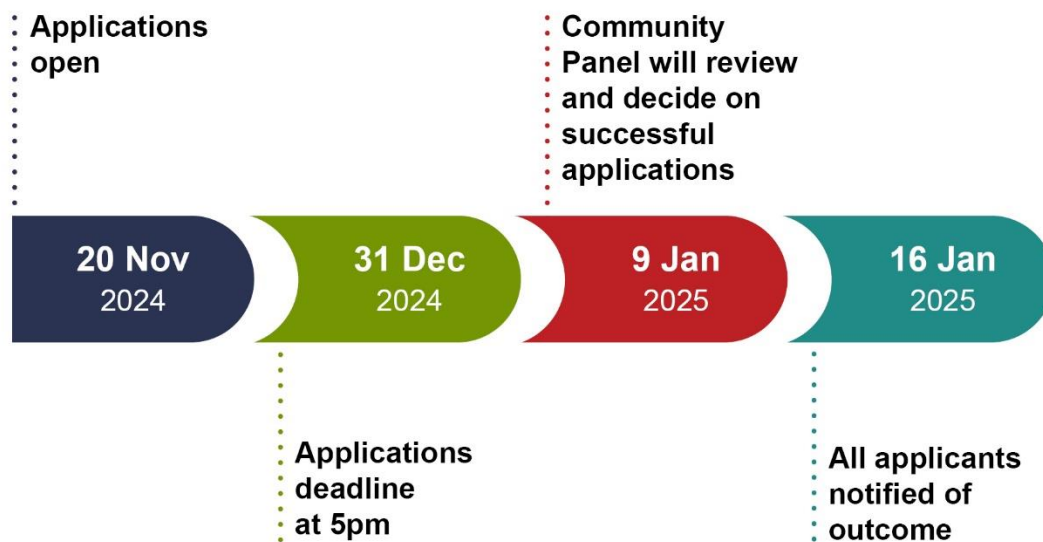
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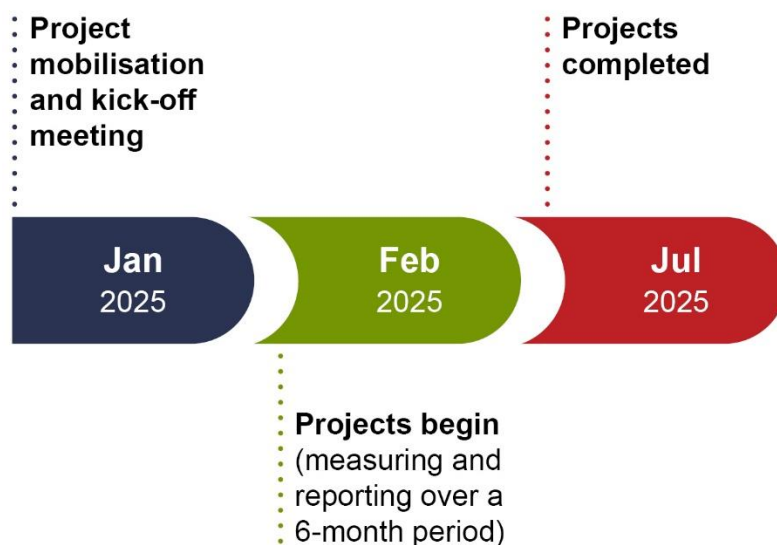
Alongside project delivery, Accelerate Fund awardees will receive ongoing capacity building support from the Haringey Community Collaborative. This will include one-to-one support from the Capacity Building Lead, Theory of Change and impact assessment workshops, and other training specific to your needs (e.g. fundraising, operations, governance). The project will conclude with a showcase event, for you to present your project and achievements to community stakeholders, the Family Hubs team, and funders.

9) Key dates

Application dates



Delivery dates



10) How to apply

Please complete the application form (using either the [Word document form or the online webform](#)). If you chose the Word document, please email the completed form to hello@haringeycollaborative.org with the email subject line: **'Accelerate Fund Application'**.

The Word version of the application form also provides details of the submission process.

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