

## Capacity-building offer for the Mayor’s small grants programme

One strand of the [Mayor’s small grants programme](#) is capacity building. Small organisations with an annual turnover of under £150,000 can apply for a small grant worth up to £2,500. This money can be spent on capacity building support that strengthens your organisation’s ability to deliver high quality services to residents.

Tower Hamlets CVS and Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets have joined together to offer a menu of capacity-building consultancy support for local VCS organisations. We are the trusted, local capacity building experts, with 15 years’ experience of supporting VCS organisations in Tower Hamlets. The deadline to submit a bid for this round is 2 February 2024. You can read more about the funding available and what it can be used for here:

[https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ignl/community\\_and\\_living/voluntary-and-community-sector/Council-funding-for-VCS/small-grants/Capacity-building.aspx](https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ignl/community_and_living/voluntary-and-community-sector/Council-funding-for-VCS/small-grants/Capacity-building.aspx). The support listed below requires active participation of staff and trustees. Consultancy support starts from £400 per day. Training sessions start from £600. Please contact us on [info@thcvs.org.uk](mailto:info@thcvs.org.uk) to discuss your needs and to get a quotation to include in your small grant application.

If you would like support to put your bid together, we can help (at no cost). Please contact [info@thcvs.org.uk](mailto:info@thcvs.org.uk).

<b>Capacity-building support</b>
Planning and writing an impact report
Creating an evaluation framework
Setting up your website
Creating a communications plan
Creating a delivery plan
Developing a strategic plan
Volunteer programmes – writing volunteer policies, procedures, strategies and evaluations
Developing volunteer induction and training packages
Writing funding applications and tenders
Writing a fundraising strategy
<b>Bespoke training</b>
<b>For up to 12 people from one organisation (staff, trustees or volunteers)</b>
Trustee training in the essentials of governance for teams of trustees
Volunteer management training for teams of staff (e.g. good practice in managing volunteers, dealing with difficult situations with volunteers, volunteers and the law, etc)
Co-production training