

Better Bankside Community Micro-Grants 2021-22

Better Bankside was one of the first Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in the country, established in 2005. Since then we have been leading positive change in our neighbourhood, co-creating a programme to benefit businesses, Banksiders and the neighbourhood.

Better Bankside's Community Micro-Grants support organisations and community groups that are working to meet the needs of the local community, particularly those groups most adversely affected by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the inequalities it has highlighted.

Grants of up to £500 are available which can be used for one-off items of expenditure, or as a significant and specific contribution towards projects or core costs, particularly for costs related to resuming in-person delivery of activities and services and to meet ongoing and new needs that have arisen over the past year.

Application criteria and eligibility

Organisations must be delivering services that benefit people living in the Better Bankside BID area, or the most deprived areas of Southwark, which are located across the central and northern areas of the borough (see below for further details).

In particular we are keen to support work focused on the social and economic impacts of both the pandemic and the reopening and recovery of society. This may include but is not limited to:

- Digital exclusion
- Social isolation and rebuilding connections
- Black and minority ethnic groups, including BME-led organisations
- Education and employment, especially for young people
- Mental health
- Food and/or hygiene poverty

To apply, your organisation must also meet the following criteria:

- Be an existing not-for-profit community organisation with a formal constitution, e.g. a registered charity, community interest company (CIC), tenants & residents association or similar.
- Have a bank account requiring two signatures.

Grants will not be provided to:

- Large scale projects that already have funding, or to general appeals or 'bricks and mortar' major capital projects
- Projects or organisations supporting people outside of the geographic areas identified
- Individuals or informal groups of individuals
- Reimbursing costs already incurred
- Commercial or profit-making organisations and projects
- Projects, activities or organisations which are purely for the advancement of religion or politics.

Application process

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of representatives from Better Bankside's Corporate Responsibility Theme Group, which is made up of member businesses and local community stakeholders.

Applications will be reviewed in two rounds, with deadlines and timings for grant payments as follows:

- Applications received by 5pm on Thursday 10 June will be reviewed in Round 1 and successful grants paid in July 2021.
- Applications received by 5pm on Thursday 21 October will be reviewed in Round 2 and successful grants paid in November 2021.

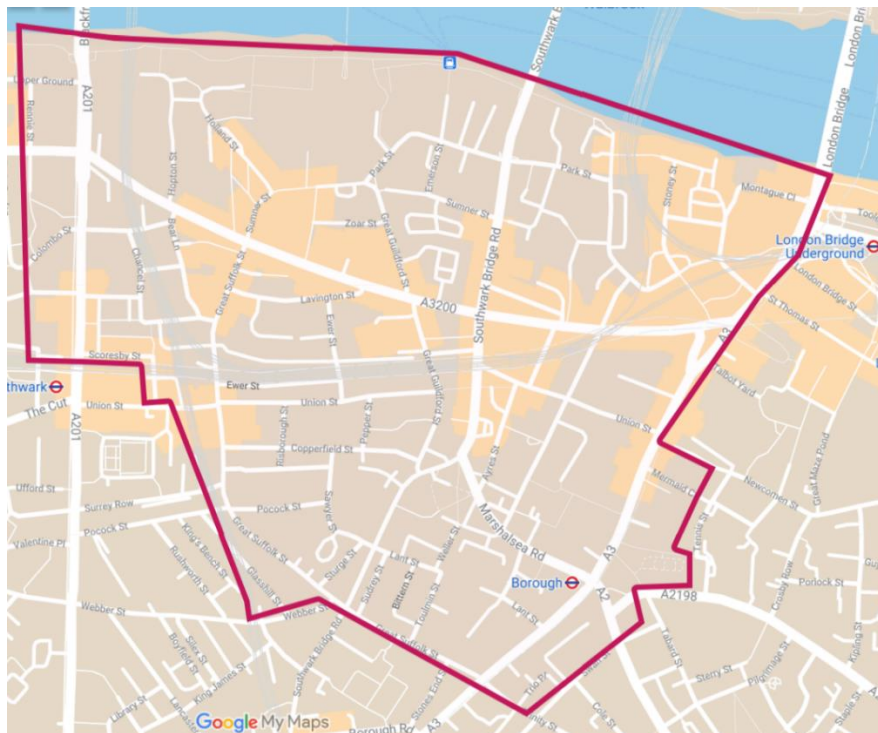
Please bear in mind this timing when submitting a request for funding.

How to apply

Applications should be made using the [Application Form](#), and sent as a Word document by email along with a copy of the relevant supporting documents to Rachel Nicholson, Corporate Responsibility Manager at Better Bankside: rn@betterbankside.co.uk

Useful information

Better Bankside BID area



English Indices of Deprivation 2019

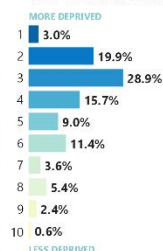
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Local deprivation profile

% of LSOAs in each national deprivation decile



What this map shows

This is a map of Indices of Deprivation 2019 data for **Southwark**. The colours on the map indicate the deprivation decile of each Lower Layer Super Output Area (LSOA) for England as a whole, and the coloured bars above indicate the proportion of LSOAs in each national deprivation decile. The most deprived areas (decile 1) are shown in blue. It is important to keep in mind that the Indices of Deprivation relate to small areas and do not tell us how deprived, or wealthy, individual people are. LSOAs have an average population of just under 1,700 (as of 2017).

