

In line with the new approach to external funding, we ran a funding search in GRANTfinder for all grants available to LAs in Jan/Feb 2018. Of the 473 listed on this database, 221 were open to applications. The eligible grants were calculated by discarding grants lower than £10,000 and grants targeted towards registered charities, research organisations and for other activities not relevant to the Council (such as for agricultural purposes).

From the initial list of 473, subsequently 20 grants were deemed eligible. A total of 8 of these grants provided specified max funding levels as listed in the table below;

Fund	Funding body	Maximum value
London Good Growth Fund	European Social Fund	£5,000,000
Innovate UK Sector Competition: Strand 2 Infrastructure Systems	Innovate UK (IUK)	£2,000,000
European Civil Protection Mechanism	European Commission	£800,000
Roads for the Future for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles SBRI Competition	Innovate UK (IUK)	£185,000
2016 to 2018 Fund for Specialist Accommodation Based Support and Service Reform to meet the Priorities for Domestic Abuse Services	Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)	£100,000
Arts Libraries Fund	Arts Council England	£100,000
On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme	Department for Transport	£100,000
Delivering Differently for Young People	Cabinet Office	£50,000

From the responses we received, there are already two bids made for “London Good Growth Fund” (Project Church Street - £400k & Somerset House - £500k). However, that would mean potentially £4.1m is still available to Westminster City Council under this fund.

The table below lists the 12 grants with discretionary values. It is not possible to provide funding levels for these grants as typically the amount payable is decided on a case-by-case basis.

Fund	Funding body
Strategic Touring Programme	Arts Council England
Heat Networks Funding Stream	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
Bellwin Scheme (England)	Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)
Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) Challenge Fund	Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)
Access to Work	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA)	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Historic England - Acquisition Grants to Underwrite Repairs Notices	Historic England
Historic England - Grants to Underwrite Urgent Works Notices	Historic England
Historic England - Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas	Historic England
Historic England - Repair Grants for Heritage at Risk	Historic England
Historic England - Regional Capacity Building Programme	Historic England
Public Health Research Programme	National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

A bid for £19.6m has been applied for “Local Full Fibre Networks” to cover the Connected London project that includes other boroughs. The “Bellwin Scheme” has been utilised in the past with Grenfell. This scheme has not provided an end date so could be applied for again were another large-scale emergency to occur.

Examples of unsuccessful grant applications have also provided useful feedback. The “MOPAC Rape Crisis” application was unsuccessful in part due to bid being too high (£5.4m out of the total £10m pot for London) also the bid did not allow for the degree of collaboration needed. The bid for “MOPAC IGU” of £1.2m was speculative due to funding challenges and not in line with the purpose of the fund.

In order to provide a realistic funding figure for what a more structured approach to obtaining external funding will provide for the Council, information is required across the board with case-by-case examples. The report above has been drawn together from limited feedback. In order to provide a clear picture of total funding opportunities available it will be necessary to quantify council-wide the ongoing bids, opportunities missed and unsuccessful bids.