



**WE ARE
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London Borough of
Culture 2022

BLACK HISTORY MONTH MICRO-GRANTS GUIDANCE

BACKGROUND

Black History Month has been widely celebrated in Lewisham, for many years honouring the achievements, culture and the history of black people. Every October our communities have put on a vibrant selection of events and activities through the grants programme that provides insight into the history and culture of the African, Caribbean and diaspora communities.

In 2022, Lewisham has been proud to be London Borough of Culture and celebration of the borough's diversity has been at the heart of the We Are Lewisham programme, helping to emphasise the #morethanjustamonth message. These micro-grants are designed to enhance that programme and provide more opportunities for local people and organisations in the borough to lead and deliver their own activities.

MICRO-GRANTS

We are offering a number of micro-grants for Black History Month of up to £300. These grants are to enable small celebrations and events that engage directly with local communities in Lewisham. They can add funds to an already planned event or entirely fund an event. Applications must come from a not for profit, constituted organisation with a bank account. This document gives you some guidelines on how successful projects will be selected but we don't want to limit your creativity so feel free to respond in your own way to the theme and plan to deliver your project in the way that seems most appropriate to you. Examples of the kinds of activities that we expect to fund include:

- visual and performing arts (like music, dance and theatre)
- film screenings
- heritage projects
- literature, spoken word, reading groups
- craft and making activities
- choirs/singing groups
- creative writing
- sport
- greening/gardening
- exhibitions

Depending on the nature of your project, we may be able to help you find space to run it in a local library or in the WeAreLewisham unit in Lewisham shopping Centre. Let us know in your application if this is something you would be interested in exploring.



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Your application must be submitted by mid-day on **12 September 2022**. There will be a very short period of time for the assessment process and we hope to be able to inform applicants of the results by 16 September 2022. We will therefore not be able to consider late applications.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

To maximise the possibility of your application being successful, we recommend that you pay careful attention to the following points as these reflect the ways that applications will be assessed.

1. Priorities.
 - Priority will be given to black led organisations and projects
 - Locations in Lewisham with lower levels of community activity (eg south of the borough) will also be prioritised
2. Location.
 - Activities must take place within Lewisham
 - Location should be accessible by residents through public transport and for those with restricted mobility
3. Impact
What type of person and how many will engage with your project. What difference will the project make?
4. Value for money
Are the costs clear and reasonable?

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Black History Month 2022 in Lewisham takes place in the context of London Borough of Culture. All funded projects will be expected to make use of:

- We Are Lewisham branding on marketing materials and at events
 - We Are Lewisham evaluation tools by gathering data at events
- For more information email cultural.development@lewisham.gov.uk