**Leathersellers' Foundation & Merchant Taylors' Foundation**Early Years Grants Programme - Application Form 2024

Please note, as this is a joint funding programme, all applications will be shared with and assessed by staff and representatives from both the Leathersellers' Foundation and Merchant Taylors' Foundation. You may request that your data is deleted by either or both of these organisations at any point in the process (this will be treated as a withdrawal of the application if done so pre-decision or before an awarded grant is complete).  To request deletion of your data, please contact charityapp@leathersellers.co.uk.

If you have any questions regarding your application or the application process, please contact the Head of Grants, at the Leathersellers' Foundation, Natalia Rymaszewska, via charityapp@leathersellers.co.uk

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 6pm Thursday 29th February 2024**

Before you begin your application, please register with us by ticking the **"Save My Progress and Resume Later"** box above. **This must be done again, even if you have previously applied to the Leathersellers' Foundation or Merchant Taylors' Foundation**. This will allow you to save your application and return to it when you next login. Your application **will not** be saved if you do not register your email and create a password. **Please note that there is no autosave function - you must save each time you exit the form**. As such we strongly suggest you prepare the answers to your form offline and save them before copying and pasting to submit here.

If you have already registered with us for this application, then please click **"Resume a Previously Saved Form"** above, and enter your email and the password you created to pick up where you left off.

Please remember to save your form by always clicking **"Save My Progress and Resume Later"**before leaving this page.

Once you have completed your application form and you are ready to submit it, don't forget to click the **"Submit"** button at the bottom of this form.

**Partnership Applications**Please note: If you are applying on behalf of a group of providers, please provide only the lead applicant's details in responses to Sections 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, but refer to your providers' group (separately and/or collectively) to respond to Section 3. Please also, if helpful for you and us, feel free to refer to separate activities by provider in the Project Budget requested in Section 4.

The red \* indicates a required field that must be completed before you can submit.

Yellow highlighting indicates drop down or multi-select picklist options (that you cannot amend)

**1. Organisation Details .**

Organisation name**\***

Please note: there is a limit of 60 characters for this field that cannot be increased. Please abbreviate where possible if your charity's name exceeds this length.

Is your organisation a registered charity? **\***

* Yes
* No

Charity Number (if applicable)

School unique reference number / DfE number or company number (if applicable)

Website**\***

Twitter/X (if applicable)

Registered address**\***

Post code**\***

Please give us a brief introduction to your organisation overall - tell us about the services you deliver and the need you are working to address**\***

Max 2,500 characters

Which age groups are you working with (as the organisation overall)? **\***

Please select... All ages 0-5 5-7 8-13 14-18 18-25 26-44 45-64 65+(Hold ctrl to select more than one option)

How many staff do you employ (please give a number for full time equivalents)? **\***

Please enter a number only (two decimal places allowed)

How many volunteers are involved in your charitable work? **\***

Please enter a number only

How many hours (approx) are given by your volunteers per week

Please select...

* 0-10 hours
* 10-50 hours
* 50-100 hours
* 100 hours+

To ensure a diverse range of organisations are applying for our funds, we are interested in knowing if your organisation identifies as:

Please select...

Black or Minority Ethnic Led

Disability Led

Female Led

LGBTQ+ Led

(Hold 'ctrl' whilst clicking to select more than one option)

Please provide a link to your current safeguarding policy here (where it appears on your website). If you cannot provide this, please see the next question.

If you cannot provide a link to your current safeguarding policy where it appears on your website, please tell us why this is not publicly available.

**2. Contact Details .**

First name**\***

Last name**\***

Email**\***

Phone number**\***

Job title**\***

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**3. The Project .**

The aim of this programme is to support activities that provide or increase access to early years development opportunities for young children\* from low-income households in Lewisham.

Our grants will support projects that offer activities to help a child's development in at least one of the seven areas of learning within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)\*\* and/or improve their access to such opportunities.

\*For the purposes of this programme 'young children' refers to children aged 0-3 years, with consideration to support projects working with children up to 5 years if sufficient need / impact can be demonstrated.

\*\* The seven areas of learning within EYFS are

communication and language

personal, social and emotional development

physical development

literacy

mathematics

understanding the world

expressive arts and design

Please identify which of the areas of learning your activity will help a child to develop in and/or whether your project will increase access to these:

* Communication and Language
* Personal, social and emotional development
* Physical development
* Literacy
* Mathematics
* Understanding the world
* Expressive arts and design
* Access to activities

(Hold 'ctrl' whilst clicking to select more than one option)

Please tell us about **how your project will try to achieve the aim above**. Describe **what the activities are** that you will offer, **where** will this take place and **who** will be involved. ***\****

Max. 3000 characters

*Please note: we are looking to support projects that provide opportunities for young children from low-income households but are not being prescriptive in how that is measured for your project. We anticipate most projects will use eligibility for free school meals as a measure, however are open to you using something else but please explain what that is and why you think it will work better.*

Which areas of Lewisham will this project cover? **\***

Please select...

Bellingham, Blackheath, Brockley, Catford South, Crofton Park, Downham, Evelyn / Deptford, Forest Hill,

Grove Park, Ladywell, Lee Green, Lewisham Central, New Cross, Perry Vale, Rushey Green, Sydenham, Telegraph Hill, Whitefoot
(Hold 'ctrl' whilst clicking to select more than one option)

Please select which statement(s) apply to the project you have in mind:

This project is going to: **\***

* Expand our reach, so more children can be helped through an existing project
* Test a new approach, that has been shown to work elsewhere

***Why do you think this will help?***

If your project is an expansion of your existing reach / current work, what evidence do you have of this working and having an impact on young children?

If your project tests a new approach, what evidence do you have of this having worked before, from research or other organisations?

You can include links to reports etc. after this question.**\***

Max. 3000 characters

You can add up to 3 supporting links (video, impact or research report, testimonial etc.) if you would like to.

Supporting link 1

Supporting link 2

Supporting link 3

Which early years ages will this project be targeting? **\***

Please select...

* Under 1
* 1
* 2
* 3
* 4
* 5

(Hold ctrl to select more than one option)

How many young children do you expect to **directly** benefit from this project each year? **\***

Please add a number only

**What change** will you expect to see from doing the activities above? **\***

Max. 3000 characters

How will you know if it has been successful? **What measures** will show this is working? **\***

Max. 3000 characters

**How do you know this is needed?** Is there local or national evidence of the issue you can tell us about? **\***

Max. 3000 characters

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**Secondary Benefits (optional)**

We appreciate that the education of young children doesn't happen in isolation, and that there may be secondary outcomes to the funded work.

Please let us know if the project will also improve any of the below. (If more than one you have another chance to tell us about an additional benefit below.)

Please select…

* Ability of Early Years practitioners
* Ability of parents/carers (interpreted broadly to include confidence and mental wellbeing)
* Access to developmental activities for young children

Will that be through the same activities described above or anything additional?

Max. 3000 characters

What change will you expect to see from doing the activities above?

Max. 3000 characters

How do you know that this is needed? Is there local or national evidence of the issue you can tell us about?

Max. 3000 characters

How will you know if it has been successful? What measures will show this is working?

Max. 3000 characters

**A further opportunity to identify a secondary benefit (optional)**

We appreciate that the education of young children doesn't happen in isolation, and that there may be secondary outcomes to the funded work.

Please let us know if the project will also improve any of the below?

* Ability of Early Years practitioners
* Ability of parents/carers (interpreted broadly to include confidence and mental wellbeing)
* Access to developmental activities for young children

Will this third outcome be through the same activities described above or anything additional?

Max. 3000 characters

What change will you expect to see from doing the activities above?

Max. 3000 characters

How do you know that this is needed? Is there local or national evidence of the issue you can tell us about?

Max. 3000 characters

How will you know if it has been successful? What measures will show this is working?

Max. 3000 characters

**4. Finances .**

We expect to consider funding up to the maximum length and grant amount available. Chances of a successful application are not increased by asking for a smaller grant / lesser duration.

Grant amount requested per year (£10,000-£20,000) **\***

Please enter numbers only - do not use £ signs, commas or full stops.

How many years of funding are you applying for? **\***

Please select...

* 1 year
* 2 years

Please provide start and end dates for your current financial year (*e.g. April 30th 2023 - March 31st 2024*)

Budgeted cost for this project (per year)**\***

Please enter numbers only - do not use £ signs, commas or full stops.

Secured income for this project (if more than this grant would be required) **\***

Please enter numbers only - do not use £ signs, commas or full stops.

**Project Budget**

Please upload a single Excel document outlining your budget for the project in table form, broken down to show the divide between the years if more than one year of funding is requested. N.B. The budget should clearly show planned expenditure (what categories of this are anticipated), planned income including sources if other funding will be required, and identify which income is confirmed and which is pending. This is used to help us understand the costs and support you may have for this project.

**Choose File\***

 **5. How did you hear about us? .**

How did you hear about the Leathersellers' Foundation / Merchant Taylors' Foundation / the Early Years Grants Programme?**\***

Please select...

* Funding website (please specify below)
* Internet search
* Leathersellers' Mailing List
* Merchant Taylors’ Mailing List
* Other mailing list (please specify below)
* LinkedIn
* Previously applied but not been successful
* Previously received a grant from the Leathersellers’ Foundation
* Previously received a grant from the Merchant Taylors’ Foundation
* Recommended by a member of the Leathersellers’ Company
* Recommended by a member of the Merchant Taylors’ Company
* Recommended by another charity
* Twitter/X
* Other (please specify below)

Other - Please specify or add further details of how you heard about us:

If you or your organisation have any connection to The Leathersellers' or Merchant Taylors', or if a member of either Livery suggested you apply, please give details here: (please note this is not necessary to apply)
Max 500 characters

6. **Consent to share information (optional) . .**Your consent is sought pre-emptively (should the opportunity arise) to provide permission for the Grants Teams at the Leathersellers’ Foundation and Merchant Taylors' Foundation to share your application details with other charitable funds/foundations that may then contact you directly to request further information and/or offer additional funding. The aim would be to assist you in reaching a wider pool of funders (who are not running open grant rounds) without requiring additional time to be spent on new applications.

Any funder who would receive your application details would be a controller under data protection law of the personal data provided through the application form and any further personal data collected on applicants and approved grantees.

None of the funders intend to share or trade personal data with third parties for commercial purposes and will only process your personal data as set out in their respective privacy notices, if it is required or permitted by law, or with your consent.

On behalf of my charitable organisation:**\***

* I consent to the Leathersellers’ Foundation and Merchant Taylors' Foundation sharing this Early Years Grants Programme application with other charitable funds/foundations and understand if interested in taking this further, they may contact me directly to request further information and/or offer additional funding.
* I do not wish the Leathersellers’ Foundation or Merchant Taylors' Foundation to share this Early Years Grants Programme application with other charitable funds/foundations.

 **SUBMIT**