

Family Hubs: Accelerate Fund 2026

Application Guidance

Applications and now invited for the Family Hubs Accelerate Fund.

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Successful projects will also be eligible to apply for **follow-on funding**, with **£12,500 available** to support the continuation or development of promising initiatives.

The Accelerate Fund is looking for projects that:

- Help deliver the Family Hubs programme's aims and priorities
- Build stronger connections between the voluntary sector, Family Hubs, schools, children's services and other support services
- Work with local users of the Haringey Family Hubs, ideally with some delivery taking place within Family Hub or Children's Centre locations
- Make it easier for families to access support when they need it, for example through engagement with communities who face barriers to accessing services
- Strengthen collaboration and partnership working across local services supporting children, young people and families
- Contribute positively to the wellbeing and life chances of children in Haringey
- Have a clear delivery plan and are ready to implement

We welcome projects that **build on existing successful initiatives**, as well as new ideas. This could include:

- Expanding or replicating a project that is already working well
- Improving or evolving an existing initiative to increase its impact
- Developing new partnerships or connections with **schools, Family Hubs, or children and young people's services**

Applicants should be able to **demonstrate the impact of their work to date** and explain how the funding will help strengthen delivery, reach more families, or build stronger local partnerships.

Projects should deliver one or more of the following outcomes:

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| 1) Getting a good education | 5) Secure housing |
| 1) Improved mental and physical health | 6) Improved family relationships |
| 2) Promoting recovery and reduced harm from substance use | 7) Children safe from abuse and exploitation |
| 3) Good early years development | 8) Safe from domestic abuse |
| 4) Financial stability | 9) Crime prevention and tackling crime |

Applications are particularly welcome from projects and initiatives that support one or more of the following groups:

- Taking a **whole-family approach**, particularly supporting **children aged 5–19**
- **Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**
- **Families experiencing conflict**
- **Dads or male family influences**
- Opportunities to **build links with education providers and other services for children and young people**
- **VCS organisations delivering work in or alongside schools**

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1) About Haringey Community Collaborative

Haringey Council and the NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board have jointly commissioned Haringey Community Collaborative since May 2024. The Community Collaborative is delivered by Public Voice and Mind in Haringey. We provide strategic leadership and capacity building support for the borough's voluntary and community sector (VCS), with a focus on grassroots organisations and underserved groups.

We aim to help and support groups and organisations, and the sector overall, with:

- Sustainability and fundraising
- Governance
- Service delivery and scaling
- Recruiting and working with volunteers
- Measuring, reporting and increasing impact
- Networking, convening and working in partnership
- Being heard and valued by decision makers and key stakeholders in and beyond Haringey

We involve residents and organisations in all levels of decision making, from identifying priorities and themes for the VCS to the allocation of local grant funding in Haringey.

2) About Haringey Family Hubs

In 2022 Haringey was chosen as one of the 75 local authorities to be funded through the family hub programme. Family Hubs provide families with a single access point to integrated Family Hubs: Accelerate Fund 2026 - Application Guidance

family support services for early help with social, emotional, physical and financial needs. Each Family Hub is bespoke to its local community while incorporating in three key delivery principles: **Access, Connection, Relationships** (source: [Haringey's Early Help Strategy 2024 to 2027](#)).

Family Hubs offer a range of support services families in Haringey – both in person and online. Family Hubs will support families from pregnancy, through childhood, and up to age 19 (or 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities). There are four Family Hubs in locations across the borough including Triangle Centre Family Hub, Northumberland Park Family Hub, Family Hub at Rising Green Centre and Muswell Hill Family Hub ([Family Hubs | Haringey Council](#)). These are linked with Haringey's Children's Centres. A list of Children's Centres in the borough can be found [here](#).

3) What is the Accelerate Fund?

The Accelerate Fund provides grant funding that Haringey VCS organisations, schools, and PTAs can apply for to deliver projects and services for families in Haringey.

Successful grant awardees will be selected by a community panel of local residents, experts, and stakeholders.

Grant awardees will have six months to deliver their projects, ending with a showcase event to publicise the impact of their projects to local stakeholders and funders. Alongside project delivery, grant awardees will have access to networking, shared learning and capacity building training and support from the Family Hubs team and Haringey Community Collaborative.

4) How does it work?

This grant fund is led by Haringey Community Collaborative and co-produced with the Haringey Family Hubs team in its design, decision making, and delivery.

Design: The outcomes of the Accelerate Fund have been designed to align with the Family Hubs priorities and the needs of Haringey's families. The aim of the Accelerate Fund is to achieve positive family outcomes.

Decision: A community grant panel of local residents and stakeholders will assess the grant applications and meet to decide on who the grants are awarded to.

Delivery: Grant holders will deliver local projects and initiatives to address the Challenge Fund theme over six months.

5) Grant size

The Accelerate Fund has a budget of £70,000. Typically, grant awards will be around £5,000 to £10,000.

6) Eligibility criteria

Organisation eligibility:

- Haringey-based not-for-profit organisation
- Haringey Schools and Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs)
- Applications from organisations with an annual turnover of £250,000 or less will be prioritised

Due diligence (governance documents and policies)

In your application, you will be asked to provide supporting information and documents around your governance and accounts.

Tier 1 – Constituted organisations (e.g. CICs), **Registered Charities**, and **Parent Teacher Associations**, and **schools** will be required to provide:

- Company / Charity Name
- Company / Charity Number (if applicable)
- Registered address and trading address
- Last set of annual accounts (not abbreviated)
- Latest management accounts and budgets
- Governance documents
- Bank account details

Tier 2 – Un-constituted groups / Non-incorporated groups will be required to provide:

- Group name / trading name
- Name and personal address of group lead
- Last set of annual accounts (not abbreviated)
- Latest management accounts and budgets
- Bank account details

Note: Groups without a trading bank account, or unable to provide unabbreviated annual accounts, will be required to provide a reference and use Open Collective (online budgeting and finance system) with the support of Haringey Community Collaborative as a fiscal host. We will support you to develop policies, governance, and a business plan. We may need to run a credit check on organisations without unabbreviated accounts as part of our due diligence process.

Project criteria

1. Projects must align with the Family Hubs priorities and address one or more of the desired outcomes of the Accelerate Fund.
2. Funding can be used for new and innovative projects or for further delivery of existing projects.
3. Projects must be delivered over six months, ending in December 2026.
4. The type of project is your decision, as long as it can be delivered within the six-month delivery period. For example, your project could include recurring engagement with service-users, a programme of activities, or single event or activity.
5. Projects should be delivered from one or more of Haringey's Family Hubs or Children's Centres, with some delivery in other community locations where appropriate, using a hub-and-spoke approach.
6. Applications will be judged on the project's ability to meet outcomes.
7. Throughout the six-month delivery, you will complete outcome reporting, monitoring the type of activity you deliver, the outcomes you achieve, and the number of families supported. There will be a mid-point and end point reporting survey to complete.
8. At the end of the six months, you will submit your end point report survey and showcase your project and its impact at an event.

7) Outcomes

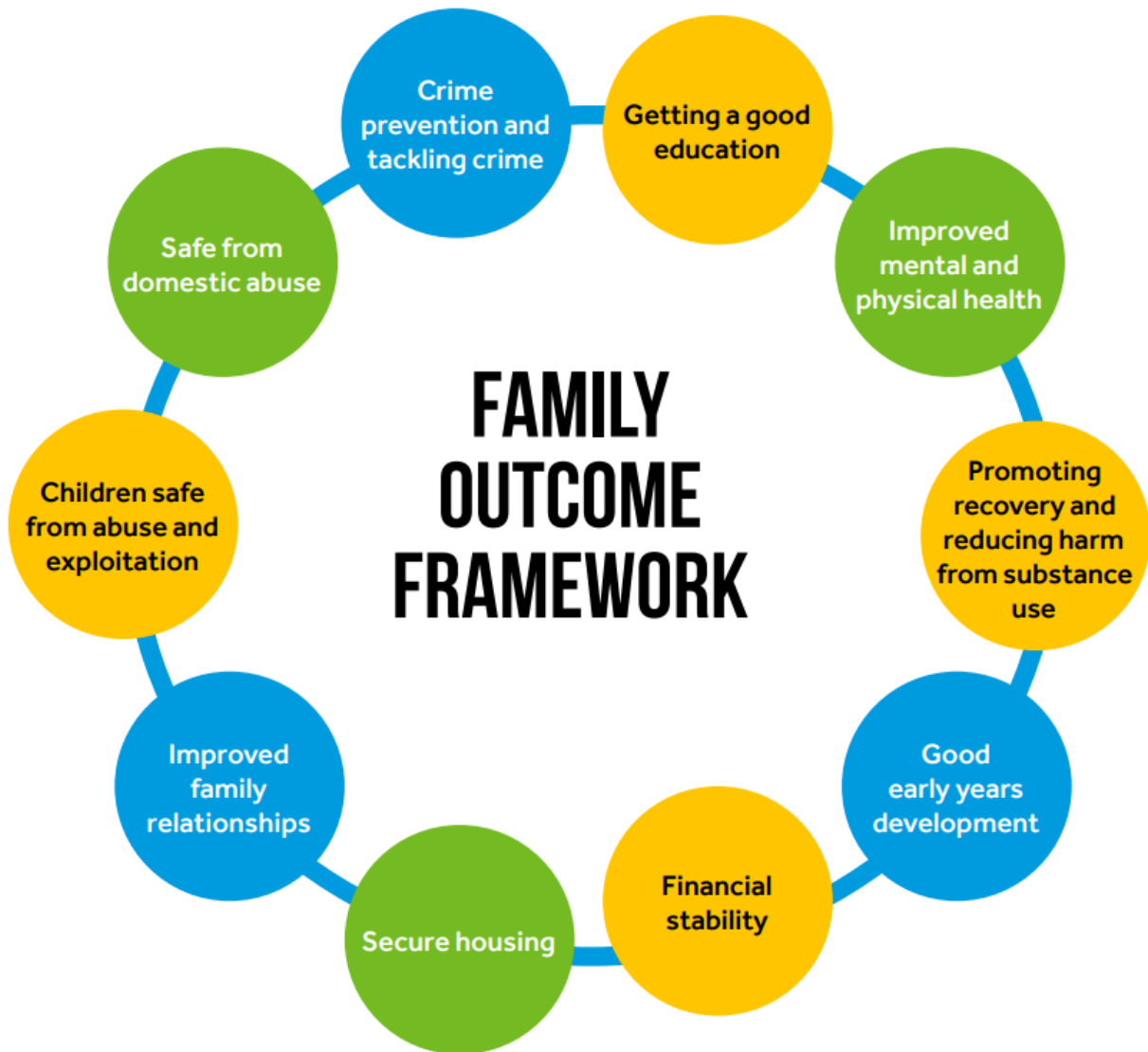
Projects funded by the Accelerate Fund will align with the Family Hubs objectives which include:

- Support for families from pregnancy, through childhood, and up to age 19 (or 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities)
- Provide family support early, when families need it, providing universal and targeted services, and access to more intensive support
- Support for all families, but it is particularly important that they are designed to be accessible to families experiencing social or economic disadvantage or those from minority groups who experience inequalities and/or exclusion.

We are seeking applications from projects and initiatives that address one or more of the priority areas:

- Taking a whole-family approach, particularly supporting children aged 5–19
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The Family Outcome Framework



Source: [Haringey's Early Help Strategy 2024 to 2027](#) (April 2024, page 10)

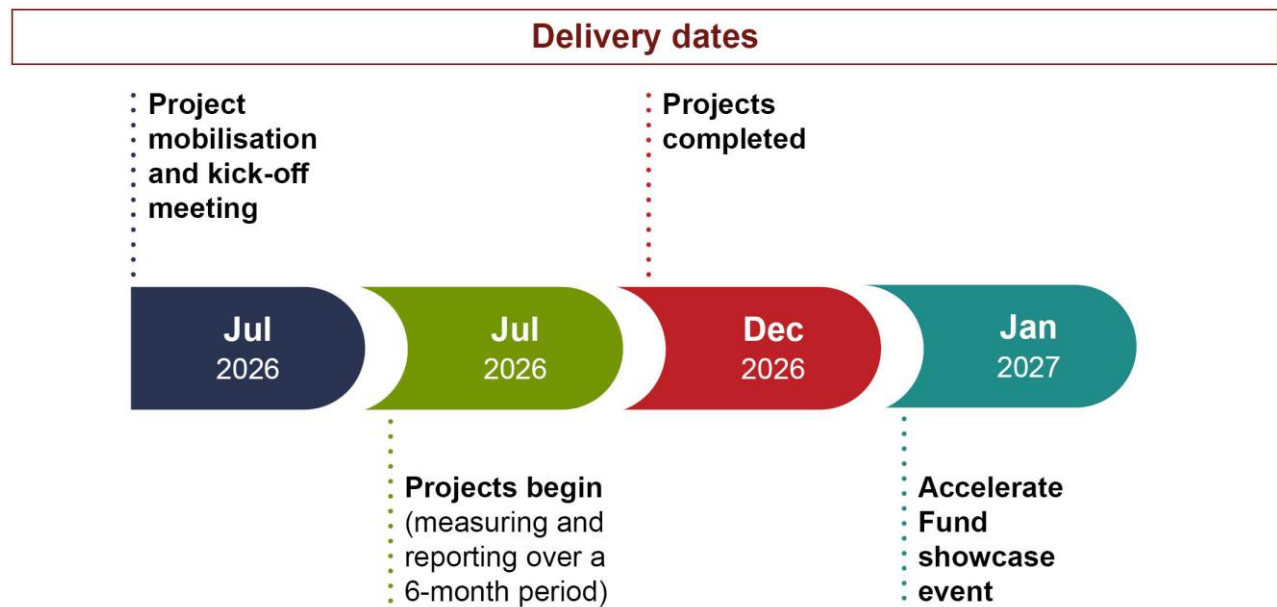
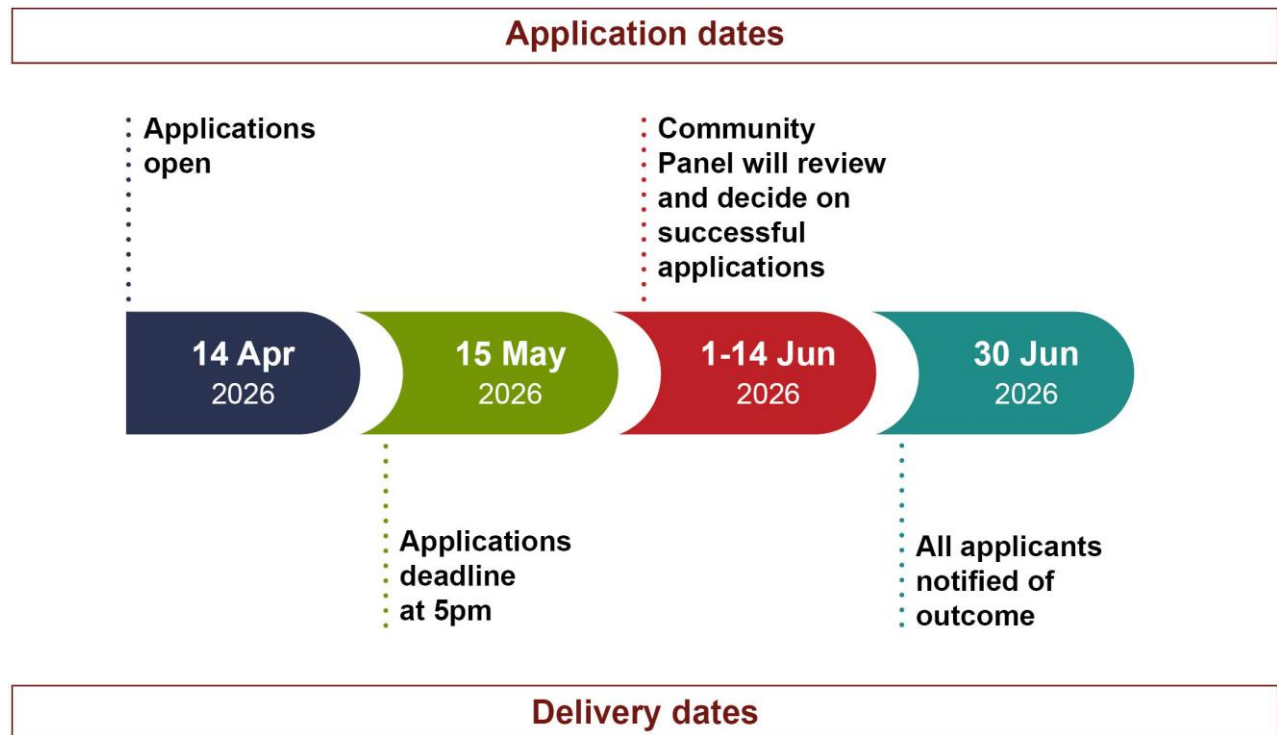
The Accelerate Fund will fund projects, activities, or initiatives that will result in one or more of the following outcomes, outlined in the Family Outcomes Framework:

- 1) Getting a good education
- 1) Improved mental and physical health
- 2) Promoting recovery and reduced harm from substance use
- 3) Good early years development
- 4) Financial stability
- 5) Secure housing
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8) Capacity building support

Alongside project delivery, Accelerate Fund awardees will be able to access networking opportunities and receive ongoing capacity building support from the Haringey Community Collaborative. This will include one-to-one support from the Capacity Building Lead, Theory of Change training and other support specified by you (e.g. fundraising, operations, governance). The project will conclude with a showcase event, for you to present your project and achievements to community stakeholders, the Family Hubs team, and funders.

9) Key dates



10) How to apply

Please complete the application form (using either the [online webform](#) or [printable PDF document](#)). If you chose the Word document, please email the completed form to hello@haringeycollaborative.org with the email subject line:

‘Accelerate Fund Application’.

The Word version of the application form also provides details of the submission process.

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