

SOMERS TOWN BIG LOCAL

Somers Town Big Local Fund for Covid 19 - Guidance Notes

What is the STBL Covid 19 Fund?

This fund is to help Somers Town residents to support themselves and others in our community during Covid-19

Applications need to address a change in circumstance or a need for a project due to Covid 19. The grant will be open to households and will consider all activities that provide some sort of COVID-19 relief. Considering government guidelines regarding social distancing, this can be via an online platform or be for an individual family. You can use it to cover financial costs that have arisen as a result of COVID-19 causing a loss in income.

What could I apply for?

- Increased household costs due to COVID-19, that families are struggling to meet, due to a reduction in income
- Technology or hardware needs (such as computer/exercise equipment/play equipment, something to help the family improve communication)
- Increased electricity costs- residents are unable to meet due to loss of work or income
- Creative virtual gatherings - something to help the community come together and support each other.

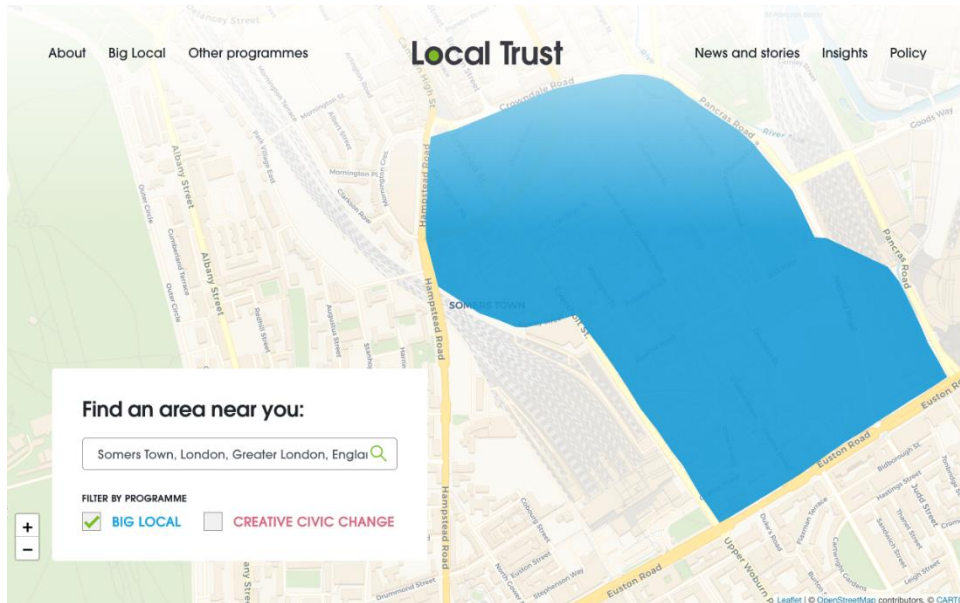
What can I not apply for?

- Organisations/groups (please apply to the STBL/Francis Crick fund for organisations affected by COVID-19)
- Political activities
- Promotion of religion
- Construction or acquisition of buildings
- To reimburse expenditure already made or committed To clear debts or loans

What can it be used for?

This funding is intended to support immediate needs of families and households considering the Covid-19 situation, we welcome applications from any Somers Town resident that needs financial support to help get through this difficult time.

Please note proof of residency will be required and this will be per Local trust definition of Somers town resident, please see map



How much funding is available?

Grants of up to £1500 will be available.

How and when to apply

You will need to fill in one of our application forms and submit it to us before the deadline. The deadline for the current funding window is the **25th May 2020**.

You can get an application form from;

- our website at www.somerstownbiglocal.org
- by emailing us at engagement@stbl.org.uk
- getting a hard copy from Somers Town Big Local by calling 020 8364 8400 and asking to for an application form

The STBL Covid Fund is available to Somers Town Big Local residents.

If you are not sure if you are eligible to apply and want advice about the fund, please contact us on: **0208 364 8400** or book in for an appointment at one of **the advice sessions on May 6th 10-1pm; May 13th 2-6pm or May 21st 10-3pm**. You can email Jeni Osbourne at: engagement@stbl.org.uk

What happens after I've submitted my application?

1. Once you have submitted your application you will receive notification that we have received it and a date by which you will get a response.
2. The funding panel will meet to review all eligible applications.
3. If your application is successful we will send you a conditional offer letter and request some supporting documents.
4. On receipt of the supporting paperwork we will draw up a grant/equipment agreement that will confirm the amount you are receiving from us and what you are using it for. This will be signed by you and us.
5. The activities need to take place by the end of 2020. The Engagement team will inform you of the specific date when contracts are agreed. Any money not spent or accounted for will need to be returned.
6. Once you receive the funding and have carried out your project we will ask you to provide us with records and report on your project. Where appropriate we would also ask you to take some photographs/videos to show the project in action. We will also send you a feedback form to complete to tell us about the successes of the project.
7. In many cases people from Somers Town Big Local would like to see or participate in your project, meet the people involved and may ask you to talk about your project at one of our community events.

What help can I get?

With the application form

Hopefully you will find the application form is easy enough to fill in.

However, if you are new to funding forms or have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jeni Osbourne on 020 8364 8400 or email engagement@stbl.org.uk

With advertising and promotion

We can share your event on our website and social media pages to help promote. We also have a newsletter that goes out to the local area. If you are trying to get more volunteers on board, we may be able to assist with helping to find people.

Who is behind this?

Big Local is a programme overseen across England by Local Trust with 150 areas getting £1 million each. A resident-led partnership in each area oversees decisions on spend over a period of up to 10 years to make the area an even better place to live. Each area has a locally trusted organisation to hold the money on behalf of residents. The locally trusted organisation for Somers Town Big Local is The Working Men's College

If you would like support, information or have questions about the fund, please contact Jeni Osbourne, 020 8364 8400 or email: engagement@stbl.org.uk or contact Somers Town Big Local, c/o CommUNITY Barnet, 1st floor, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, London N20 0EJ