

Please find a funding opportunity below through the South East London Integrated Care Board Learning Disability and Autism team.

This grant funding is open to all charities, and community interest and other non-profit companies.

This grant funding is provided by the South East London Integrated Care Board Learning Disability and Autism team and is distributed by the Autism Partnership Board. The funding should strengthen existing provision, address known gaps, and add low-level support that helps people earlier.

The funding should:

- Strengthen early, preventative, and community-based support for autistic people, families and carers in Greenwich.
- Complement existing local provision.
- Support the priorities of the Autism Partnership Board.

Bidding process

To maximise flexibility, encourage innovation, and enable a wide range of organisations to bid for funding, there are four different funding priorities as described below which were developed through discussions in the Autism Partnership Board and its six working groups. Each funding priority has a total of £20,000 allocated to it. Organisations can apply for any amount up to the maximum for each funding priority.

Organisations can propose solutions which cover one or more of the funding priorities in one application. Organisations can make multiple applications providing each one proposes different solutions. All applications should propose solutions which address identified local needs whilst supporting delivery of the Autism Partnership Board priorities. Proposals should demonstrate how they add value to existing provision and avoid duplication.

Organisations are asked to submit a light touch written bid/s using the attached form to ND-Commissioning@royalgreenwich.gov.uk by **25th September 2026**. A panel will then review all submissions and make a recommendation to the Autism Partnership Board at its next meeting on **13th October 2026**, subject to the outcome of the submissions and assessment of bids. Organisations should clearly identify which of the four focus areas their proposal relates to and explain how the proposed activity will support autistic people, families and carers in Greenwich.

Should anyone receiving this email whose organisation is not interested in submitting a bid/s wish to help review and assess submissions, please contact us on ND-Commissioning@royalgreenwich.gov.uk.

Funding priority 1: Prevent Crisis and Strengthen Families (£20,000)

This fund supports early intervention and preventative approaches which help autistic people and their families access support before needs escalate.

Examples *may* include:

- Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) training for professionals, families or carers.

- Pre- and post-diagnostic support.
- Waiting well programmes.
- Parent and carer support initiatives.
- Early help and family resilience projects.
- Information, advice and practical support.
- Programmes that reduce the likelihood of crisis or placement breakdown.

Funding priority 2: Build Community Support and Connection (£20,000)

This fund focusses on increasing opportunities for autistic people and their families to connect with others, access support within their communities, and reduce social isolation.

Examples *may* include:

- Peer support groups.
- Community-led activities.
- Parent and carer networks.
- Social and wellbeing projects.
- Community navigation and signposting.
- Expansion of existing successful local groups and organisations.
- Neurodivergent-led projects and initiatives.

Funding priority 3: Support Independence and Life Opportunities (around 18-30 years) (£20,000)

This fund supports autistic people to develop skills, confidence and opportunities during the transition period from children's to adult services which enable them to participate fully in community life.

Examples *may* include:

- Transition to adulthood programmes.
- Employment and volunteering support.
- Mentoring schemes.
- Independent living skills.
- Career guidance and work-readiness activities.
- Programmes supporting participation in education, training or employment.

Funding priority 4: Create an Autism-Inclusive Greenwich (£20,000)

This fund supports projects which improve understanding of autism and make Greenwich's services, places, and communities more accessible and inclusive.

Examples *may* include:

- Autism Champions programmes.

- Accessibility and sensory-friendly improvements.
- Accessible signage and information.
- Housing and accommodation-related initiatives.
- Autism awareness and inclusion projects.
- Workforce training and development.
- Environmental audits and reasonable adjustment projects.
- Autism Acceptance Month events/ campaigns.