

Electricity
Transmission

Community Southwark

Community Grant
Programme



Established in 1992, Community Southwark is a Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) organisation providing support to, and building the capacity of, more than 1,000 local not for profit organisations.

Organisation: Community Southwark
Project: Support for local minority ethnic groups

Beneficiaries: 990

Most, if not all, of the beneficiaries are ethnic minority groups on low incomes, in fuel poverty or facing other social needs.

Location: London Borough of Southwark
Region: South

Impact: London power tunnels. This is a project to rewire South London via deep underground tunnels. This vital work will help keep Londoners connected to safe and reliable electricity supplies.

£16,747

Awarded to support the cost of a VCS Support Officer for Ethnic Minority Groups

For further information please visit:

www.nationalgrid.com/responsibility/community/community-grant-programme

Community Helpline
01285 841912

In November 2020, Community Southwark were provided funding to employ a Support Officer for the local BAME community.

The grant has helped the organisation's dedicated Voluntary Council Service (VCS) Support Officer in their role of empowering the borough's growing BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) network.

Community Southwark is the umbrella body for the borough's voluntary and community sector. It provides support to and builds the capacity of more than 1,000 local not-for-profit organisations.

The employment of a dedicated VCS Support Officer to deliver development, sustainability, and funding advice to the increasing number of BAME community groups will enable the service to continue to support

these local organisations and the newly formed BAME Network, to ensure the voice of minority groups can be heard.

The VCS Support Officer offers sustainable support to help the local community become more resilient, tackle inequality and lobby for change across the borough and beyond.

Krzysztof Mikata-Pralat, Director of Community Southwark, commented,

"We are very grateful for the generous support we received from National Grid. Their grant has enabled us to support a number of ethnic minority groups throughout Southwark. We know that the communities those groups serve are often marginalised despite many unmet needs. We are honoured to be able to serve them."