**Vision Foundation rapid round of grants for London charities deadline 13 January**

London charities seeking funding for projects working with blind and partially sighted people or in support of eye health have until Thursday 13 January to apply for grants of up to £20,000 from the Vision Foundation’s Vision Fund. This funding round includes two Funds – the Project Fund and the Resilience Fund.

Just before Christmas last year the charity announced a rapid round of funding for organisations which deliver services to address the barriers faced by blind and partially sighted people in London. The charity also announced a Resilience Fund to offer unrestricted grants of up to £5,000 to London’s sight loss organisations, in recognition of the heavy toll taken by the Covid-19 Pandemic on the charity sector’s finances.

Applications for both these funds are invited from organisations throughout Greater London (within the M25) which support blind and partially sighted people to find and retain paid work. Project Fund grants of up to £20,000 are available through a one-stage application process, these will typically be awarded for up to two years. In addition to employment, access and improvements to key services remains critical to many people with visual impairment. Therefore, the charity also supports proposals which work to address the key areas under all its strategic aims which are: Opening London Up, Empowering Those At Risk, and Preventing Avoidable Blindness.

The 2022 Vision Fund is a rapid round with a short one-stage application process and if successful these grants will be available by the end of March 2022.

“This is a great opportunity for grassroots organisations to launch innovative and essential projects that they may have been working on for some time but just needed the financial backing to set it off, says Vision Foundation’s Chief Executive Olivia Curno. While our smaller Resilience Fund grants can allow these organisations which provide essential support to London’s visually impaired community to recover from a very challenging year and a half.”

THE VISION FOUNDATION is a leading sight loss charity promoting positive eye health and supporting projects for blind and partially sighted people in London. The charity celebrated its centenary anniversary in 2021 by launching its biggest fundraising appeal in its history; to raise £1m to fund employment projects for blind and partially sighted people.

With a mission to make London a shining example of a sight loss aware city, the Vision Foundation works to transform the lives of people facing or living with sight loss by funding projects which inform, empower and include. Over the last 100 years, they have distributed more than £30m to sight loss organisations to fund vital innovative projects that are changing lives. [www.visionfoundation.org.uk](http://www.visionfoundation.org.uk/)

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