



Guidance notes

A2Dominion operates across London and southern England and provides landlord services to 68,000 customers. A2Dominion has a particular focus on providing housing for people who are unable to afford to rent or buy on the open market and offers additional care and support services and homes.

A2Dominion don't just build, manage, and sell homes; we do our best to create vibrant communities. We reinvest all our profit into creating new homes, maintaining our properties, and supporting communities. Workshops to develop skills and help people find good jobs. Personal support for older and more vulnerable residents. Lively neighbourhood centres with activities for all ages.

Peabody more than 160 years after it was established, is one of the oldest not-for-profit housing associations in the UK. The Peabody Group is responsible for more than 108,000 homes, with around 220,000 residents across London and the Home Counties. They also have around 17,000 care and support customers. Their purpose is to help people flourish and are getting closer to residents by taking a local approach. They are committed to delivering a responsive and easily accessible repairs service and investing in existing homes, so they are safe and well maintained. They're retrofit projects will make thousands of our homes more energy efficient.

Peabody is a housing provider with a social purpose, and, through a combination of reinvestment and fundraising, our Community Investment team supports customers to overcome inequalities and break down social and economic barriers. Our community investment team runs and funds a wide range of projects, ranging from youth mentoring schemes to apprenticeship programmes, gardening clubs to exercise classes. We offer services both at an individual and a wider neighbourhood level.

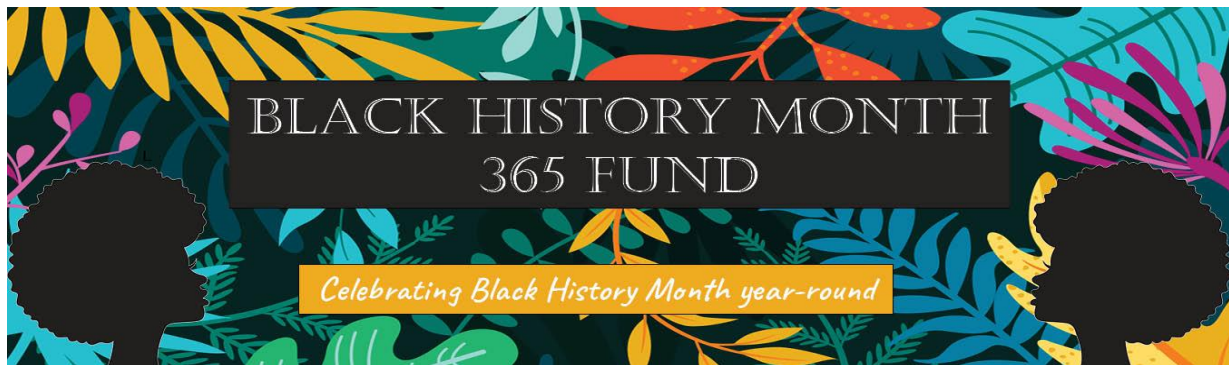
Metropolitan Thames Valley provides housing at different levels of affordability for people living in London, the South- East, East Midlands and East of England. We also offer a range of care and support services. Our specialist areas include older people, mental health and transitional services which provide intensive support to marginalised or vulnerable people.

The Empowering Futures team is MTVH's community investment department. The teamwork with customers and communities across the country offering 121 advice, grants/funding to individuals and communities, deliver local projects and services and work in collaboration with others to help level the playing field for MTVH customers. A member of the National Housing Federation and the G15 - which represents London's largest housing associations - we represent our communities and influence policy for the benefits of our customers and the wider sector.

Sovereign Network Group (SNG) was formed in October 2023 through the merger of Sovereign and Network Homes. Our purpose is to provide good, affordable homes: the foundation for a better life, and our vision is thriving communities, over generations.

We provide over 84,000 homes and invest in communities across the South of England, including London, as well as aiming to create thousands of new affordable homes every year.

Everything we earn, we reinvest so that our customers - now and in the future - have a sustainable home in a thriving community.



Clarion Housing Group is the largest social landlord in the country, providing homes for those who need them most across England, where more than 350,000 people call a Clarion home their own. We have a history of working in communities that dates back more than 100 years and we are also a leading property developer, building thousands of affordable homes every year.

Clarion Futures is a charitable foundation, providing support and opportunities for people living in Clarion homes and communities. We believe being a good social landlord is about more than building and maintaining homes. Clarion Futures offers professional help when times are challenging along with the opportunity to develop new skills and connections all year round.

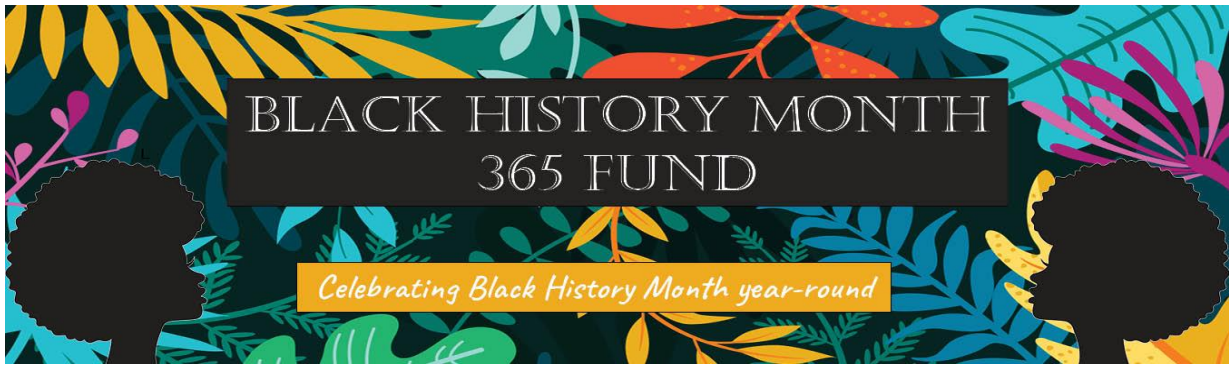
Our teams work with charities, social enterprises and any other organisation making a positive difference in our communities. Every year we support thousands of people into work, help people manage their money, improve their digital skills and empower people to develop strong connections in the community.

We work with our residents and organisations to improve our local communities. We provide hundreds of thousands of pounds in grants each year to projects, including community gardens and food growing projects, sports activities, youth clubs and music and dance workshops.

The Hyde Charitable Trust is an independent charity set up to provide support to Hyde Housing Association (Hyde) residents and communities in need. Hyde provides around 50,000 homes which house 105,000 people across 53 local authorities, covering London, the South-east, East Midlands and East of England. The Hyde Charitable Trust offers individual grants to support residents in crisis and partner with community organisations based, and delivering, in, Hyde communities. You can find out more about us and our work here www.hyde-housing.co.uk/

Every year October marks Black History Month in the UK, a celebration which recognises the achievements and contributions of people of black heritage around the world.

A2Dominion Housing Group, in partnership with Peabody Housing, Metropolitan Thames Valley, Sovereign Network Group, Clarion Futures and Hyde Charitable Trust are offering small grants of up to £1000 to enable community celebrations of Black History to take place. The aim of the Fund is to support local voluntary and community organisations to deliver small projects within our neighbourhoods, not just for October but thought-out the year with frequent funding opportunities.



We will consider applications which focus on one or more of the following themes:

- 1) Bringing communities together to mark and celebrate our shared history
- 2) Promoting the awareness and knowledge of black history
- 3) Celebrating the achievements and contributions from individuals of African and Caribbean heritage
- 4) Specifically, engaging Peabody, Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing, Sovereign Network Group, Hyde Charitable Trust, Clarion Futures and A2Dominion communities and residents

Who can apply?

- Voluntary or community organisation
- Registered charity
- Constituted group or club
- Community interest company (CIC)
- Social enterprise
- Schools
- Statutory body (including town, parish, or community council)

To be eligible you should have; but not essential

- A bank account in the name of your group ***compulsory**
- If you work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults you must have or be working towards a Child Protection, Vulnerable Adults Policy & Safeguarding policy
- DBS certificates & insurance documents (Public Liability Insurance)
- Risk assessments
- Health & Safety policy / Equality opportunities policy
- Data protection & GDPR procedures

What kind of projects can we fund?

We can make grants to most types of community activity or projects.

- Equipment
- Venue costs
- New projects
- Existing projects
- One-off initiatives

What cannot be funded?

We cannot consider funding for the following:

- Any party-political activity
- Purely commercial ventures (for profit)
- Spending that has already taken place (retrospective funding)
- Individuals or projects run by individuals as opposed to an organisation
- Activities promoting religious beliefs
- Activities where individuals are excluded on religious grounds, ethnicity, gender, sexuality



- Any other costs considered unreasonable or non-essential for delivery of the proposed activity.

If successful at the application stage, you will receive a letter of confirmation. If you are not an existing supplier of goods or services to A2Dominion, Peabody, Metropolitan Thames Valley, Sovereign Network Group, Clarion Futures, and Hyde Charitable Trust, you must fill out a new supplier form and provide any further details as described in the award letter.

On completion of your event/project you will be asked to complete a short overview of the event/activity, with photos and case studies, to be showcased as part of the Black History Month Fund Archive.

If you would like to find out more about this programme, please email:

Community.Investment@a2dominion.co.uk Attn: **Partnership and Fundraising Team**

