Everything you need to know about
Applying for CCE Funding

What is a CCE grant?

- A Centre for Community Excellence (CCE) grant is intended *as seed* funding, giving communities the financial wherewithal they may need to invigorate their events calendar with new and innovative ideas. The grant enables the recipient community to hold a long-term programme or one-off event by minimising the projected shortfall.

- CCE funds events of a religious, social, cultural and educational nature that make for a diverse community events calendar. Find out more about what CCE funds on the next page.

- CCE awards grants of up to **£2,000** for shul-based events or programmes, though sums exceeding this may be considered for long-term planning. CCE awards grants of up to **£3,000** towards residential Shabbatonim.

- If the event ultimately incurs a shortfall totalling less than the grant, the grant is reduced to reflect this. If the shortfall from the event is higher than anticipated, the grant is not increased.

- Synagogues may apply for funding for multiple programmes within each application deadline. A new form must be submitted for each individual programme, and there is no limit on the number of applications a community can make.

- All **United Synagogue (US)** and **United Hebrew Congregation (UHC)** communities are encouraged to apply for funding.

What CCE is looking to fund

- Priority is given to new and innovative programmes and events, with the amount of funding awarded based on the individual merits of each application.

- Funding generally targets the **activity**, **learning** or **entertainment** elements of a programme or event, rather than food, equipment, staff or promotional activity. Examples of what CCE does fund are as follows:

    - *A speaker or scholar in residence*
    - *Day trips*
    - *Musical act or entertainer*
    - *Comedian*
    - *Film hire*
    - *Workshop or course - cooking, dance, learning etc*
    - *Purim or Chanukah party*
    - *Yom Limmud*
    - *Residential Shabbaton*
    - **Occasions on which food *is* funded:** *ShabbatUK, residential Shabbatonim, Twinning projects and cooking workshops*

You can view examples of CCE-funded activities on our website: https://chiefrabbi.org/category/cce-case-study/. If you are unsure whether your project is eligible for funding, please contact Rachel Shababo, Director of CCE on **020 8343 6309** or Talia Samuelson, the CCE Communities & Projects Officer on **020 8343 6241**.

- Events and programmes should address areas of synagogue activity that need to be strengthened.

- For each event or programme, CCE seeks to enter into a sustainable partnership with the recipient community. This means that where possible, revenue is generated via shul contributions, local fundraising efforts and charges* levied to programme/event participants.

Regular shul contributions can become a realistic objective if programming is prioritised, as we believe it should be, and budget is set aside for programming on an annual basis.

*This would not be expected when the event/programme (e.g. listening to a speaker over Shabbat) would make charging a fee inappropriate.

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- Through the application form, communities should clearly identify the project they wish to implement, explaining their local context, together with the aims and objectives of the project.

- CCE encourages communities to plan ahead. There is no limit on the applications you can submit within any given month. The form can be found here: https://chiefrabbi.org/cce-application-form/.

What CCE does not fund:

- *Programmes or events retroactively*
- *Repeat events*
- *Trips abroad*
- *Permanent salaries*
- *Prizes*
- *Marketing & publicity*
- *Caretaking*
- *Hospitality staff*
- *Security*
- *Capital e.g. shul buildings or equipment*
- *Honorariums or travel expenses for scholars in residence who are relatives of the Rabbi or Rebbetzen at the host synagogue.*
- *Events held in honour of a community anniversary, unless they include non-food/ equipment-related content e.g. an educator.*
- *CCE does not normally fund food. This rule is disregarded for ShabbatUK events, for which funding is available for meals.*

Application timeline

- Applications submitted in plenty of time - at least 2 months before the date of the event or programme - will be looked upon more favourably. **Applications filed within an insufficient timeframe will be rejected.**

- There are rolling deadlines for applications at the end of each month, with new applications reviewed in the first week of the new month.

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- Applicants will be notified shortly thereafter as to the outcome of their application and issued with these Terms and Conditions for Successful Applications.

- Following the event or programme's conclusion, communities have two months to satisfy all CCE conditions and claim their grant, after which the grant will expire.

You can view our downloadable CCE Timeline here.

Looking to the future

The long term goals of CCE funding are to:

1. Support communities in making creative programming the norm.
2. Embed programming in the fabric of every community.
3. Ensure that such programming is made a priority in community budgeting and that programmes are financially viable.
4. Ultimately, help communities develop funding models that ensure they are financially self-sufficient for their programming needs.

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