

# **Birmingham & Black Country Communities Fund Factsheet**

The BBCC Fund grants are awarded from the earnings of the Foundation's own endowment fund.

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## **Fund Aims**

The fund aims to support people in Birmingham and the Black Country Coventry. Applications must meet one of the following aims:

Grants can be awarded for projects that will meet one or more of the following aims:

- Promote health and wellbeing
- Tackling disadvantage
- Support local solutions to meet local needs
- Promote community cohesion
- Develop sustainable and supporting communities

## **Available Funding**

Grants of up to £3,000 are available for organisations in Birmingham and the Black Country.

Funding must be spent within 1 year.

## **What will we support?**

- Start-up costs for a new project or organisation.
- To extend or develop an existing project.
- For pilot projects (to gather research or evidence)
- To purchase equipment or resources.

## Eligibility

You can apply to this fund if you are one of the following:

- Registered charities
- Constituted Community groups
- Companies Limited by Guarantee with charitable aims
- Community Interest Companies
- Co-operatives - registered Community Benefit Societies and
- registered Industrial and Provident Societies
- Social Enterprises

\*\*Funding to Community Interest Companies and other non-charities may include conditions to restrict funding to charitable objectives only.

Additionally, your organisation/company income level must be equal to or less than £500,000, as shown in your most recent annual accounts.

## What we cannot fund

- Direct replacement of statutory obligation and public funding.
- Promotion of religious or political activities.
- Groups with significant financial free reserves.
- Retrospective grants.
- Contribution to endowment fund, payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans.
- National charities.
- Overseas travel or expeditions.
- Medical research and equipment for statutory or private healthcare.
- General appeals.
- Animal welfare, unless the project benefits people (e.g. disabled riding schemes).
- Statutory work in educational institutions.
- Sponsored or fundraising events or groups raising funds to distribute to other causes.
- Schools, Churches, Parish Councils or PTA's unless community benefit is demonstrated.

## Additional Supporting Information

To be eligible to apply you must be able to provide proof of:

- Your organisation / company has a management committee / board of trustees / board of directors with at least 3 unrelated people as members, a list of those directors will be required showing who has bank authorisation.
- A written constitution / articles / set of rules.
- A copy of your most recent annual accounts or financial records showing your organisation's balance of funds, income and reserves.
- A bank account in the name of the organisation with at least two unrelated signatories.
- A bank statement from the last 3 months.
- Copies of your safeguarding policy (if you will be working with children or vulnerable adults).
- Equal opportunities policy.
- Quotes for capital items over £300.
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**All grant applicants will need to complete an end of grant monitoring form at the end of their project and supply at least one case study.**

**All grant applicants will be expected to participate in any appropriate publicity as requested by HoECF.**

**For the Foundation's full eligibility criteria see our website.**