

Longleigh Foundation Community Fund

FUND CRITERIA

The **Longleigh Foundation Community Fund** aims to support registered charities, community and voluntary organisations which have a focus on **understanding, preventing and addressing discriminatory and hate-related behaviour and crime** in communities across the Black Country.

You can call us on 02476 884434 for advice on your project before applying.

Fund Aims

The fund is looking for applications that seek to:

- Better **understand** the causes that underly discriminatory and hate-related behaviour and crime on the grounds of **age, gender reassignment, disability, race including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, political preference, sex or sexual orientation** and proposes recommended solutions to address such behaviour.
- Deliver new or existing services/activities that **address** discriminatory and hate-related behaviour and crime through engagement with specific groups and or community wide initiatives that celebrate diversity and promote togetherness.
- Provide services or activities that focus on **preventing** discriminatory and hate-related behaviour and crime through formal or informal educational awareness raising programmes with specific or diverse groups in the community.

Available Funding

Available grants are for up to £5,000 per application. Grants will need to be spent within 12 months of receipt.

Priority Area

Groups will need to be working actively within the Black Country (the boroughs of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton).

What will we support?

- Projects in the Black Country only.
- Organisations who are addressing one of the three fund aims.
- New or existing activities/ services.
- Grants for a wide range of purposes including salary costs, project or activity costs, equipment, consumables or volunteer costs.
- Groups based in the local community who can demonstrate that the funded activities will bring together a mix of people from that community.
- Working with people of any age with a clear focus on bringing together people from different backgrounds.

For example: This could include activities such as food sharing events, health and wellbeing activities such as sports, education and learning activities to build cultural awareness and understanding.

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. Companies Limited by Shares will not be considered*

- Additionally, your organisation/company income level must be equal to or less than £250,000, as shown in your most recent annual accounts.

Sorry, we cannot fund:

- Individuals or sole traders
- Companies Limited by Shares
- Capital builds
- 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
- 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 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 Safeguarding and Equality Opportunities Policy.
- Quotes for capital items over £300.

All grant applicants You will need to provide project updates and photographs throughout the time of the grant. You will need to complete an end of grant monitoring form 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, please see our website.