

## The Wesleyan Small Fund.

The Wesleyan Foundation was established in 2017.

### Fund Aims

The aim of the fund is to support projects addressing the needs of the community in the West Midlands and Warwickshire during the current Covid-19 pandemic. Grants will be considered from charities, constituted voluntary and community groups that focus on supporting communities by issues caused and are intrinsically linked with the Covid-19 pandemic:

Grants can be awarded for applications demonstrating how the project will provide services and improve outcomes in one or more of the following areas:

- Mental Health
- Bereavement support
- PSE (Personal Social Education)
- Domestic Violence Support (including women's refuges)
- Isolation / befriending / listening services
- The vulnerable and elderly
- Dementia / quality of life
- Social prescribing – alleviating the pressure from the NHS
- Getting back to work – innovative travel (cycle schemes) / reducing carbon footprint
- Employment – reskilling people (not so much those that support with CV writing) but those that actively prepare people for a new job / new career, interview prep etc
- Outdoor projects – making changes so that services can be delivered outside

### Available Funding

Grants of up to £2,000 are available and must be spent within a year.

### Priority Area

Grants are available across Birmingham Black Country, Solihull, Coventry and Warwickshire.

### We Will Fund

- Sessional salary costs, equipment or volunteer costs that are clearly budgeted and only used for the project
- Start-up costs for a project or organisation
- To extend or develop an existing project

Please note:

- Grants can be made for a wide range of purposes including consumables, project or activity costs
- No more than 10% of the project costs can be assigned to core costs
- Your organisation's income level must be less than £250,000, as shown in your most recent annual accounts

## 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.*

**Please note, we are unable to fund the following:**

- Individuals or sole traders
- Arts and media focussed projects
- Sports clubs and societies (unless the project benefits disabled people)
- Contact sports such as boxing
- Capital Builds
- Direct replacement of statutory obligations and public funding
- Promotion of religious or political activities
- Groups with significant financial free reserves
- Organisations or charities which are solely to promote any particular religion
- Organisations who have indicated poor management of any previous grants or who present poor financial health
- Payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans
- Animal welfare, unless the project benefits people (e.g. disabled riding schemes)
- Statutory work in educational institutions
- Pure sponsorship purposes or funding purely for costs of fund-raising events

## 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.

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