

Coventry Building Society Large Grants.

The Coventry Building Society Foundation is managed by the Heart of England Community Foundation.

Fund Aims

The aim of the fund is to support projects addressing local needs in Coventry 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 by and are intrinsically linked with the Covid 19 pandemic.

Grants can be awarded for applications demonstrating how the project will meet one or more of the following aims:

- Mental Health
- Bereavement support
- Domestic Violence Support (including women's refuges)
- Isolation / befriending / listening services
- The vulnerable and elderly

Grants are available between £2,000 - £10,000 and must be spent within a year.

Priority Area

Grants are available in Coventry and Warwickshire. Priority will be given to groups in Coventry

What We Will Fund

- Groups that have been running for at least 2 years.
- Salary, equipment or volunteer costs that are clearly budgeted and only used for the project – evidence will be required.
- All projects must adhere to the most current Government guidelines in relation to Covid 19

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 operational / core costs
- Your application value must be no more than 20% of the organisations annual income
- Your organisations income level must be less than £500,000, 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
- Applications from Mutual Aid groups will be considered – however any such groups will need to work with a constituted group / registered charity who will need to hold the funds on their behalf

***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:

- General & major fundraising appeals
- Individuals or sole traders
- Promotion of religious or political activities
- Direct replacement of statutory obligations and public funding
- Medical research
- Sporting clubs and societies except when aimed at addressing disadvantage
- Organisations who have indicated poor management of any previous grants or who present poor financial health
- Animal welfare, unless the project benefits people (e.g. disabled riding schemes)
- Organisations with significant financial free reserves
- Payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans
- Mainstream activities of schools & colleges
- 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.