

# The Positive Futures Fund.

The Positive Futures Fund is managed by the Heart of England Community Foundation.

## Fund Aims

The fund prioritises and focuses on:

- Projects that work in innovative ways to inspire young people and keep them out of the criminal justice system.
- Projects that aim to create a positive impact in local communities and encourage sustainability of resources to continue the work taking place with disadvantaged young people

The Positive Futures Fund aims to support community/voluntary organisations and registered charities working with disadvantaged young people within Birmingham and the Black Country.

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

- Practically helping young people to develop skills so they are prepared for work e.g. opportunities to gain work experience and mock interviews with employers
- Supporting young people who are in the process of leaving care so that they develop skills to live independently
- Raising aspirations of young people by offering mentoring opportunities – these placements should have outcomes for each individual and an individualised plan which shows growth

## Available Funding

Grants of up to £5,000 are available with a maximum project length of 1 year.

## Priority Area

Funding is available to organisations based in Birmingham and the Black Country

## What We Will Fund

Applicants must have an annual income of less than £500,000

## Eligibility

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

- Direct replacement of statutory obligation and public funding
- Individuals
- 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)
- Mainstream activities of schools & colleges
- 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
- Boxing clubs or associated organisations

## 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 and bank statement from the last 3 months.
- Copies of your safeguarding (if you will be working with children or vulnerable adults) and equal opportunities policies.
- Quotes for capital items over £300.

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