

Birmingham & Black Country Communities Fund.

The BCC Fund grants are awarded from the earnings of the Foundation's own endowment fund. The programme incorporates numerous funds.

Fund Aims

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

The Foundation's priorities this financial year are:

- Youth Opportunities – including skills development, raising employment aspirations, positive engagement with communities
- Health & wellbeing – including mental health, dementia, domestic abuse
- Building Stronger & Cohesive Communities – including tackling loneliness & isolate, support for migrants, developing community connection and integrating together

Available Funding

There's grant of up to £2,000 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 project (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.

Sorry, 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
- 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
- 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.

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.