

## Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire Fund.

The CSW Fund grants are awarded from the earnings of the Foundation's own endowment fund. The programme incorporates the following funds: Solihull Community Fund, The Coventry Building Society Fund and the Warwickshire Community Recycling Scheme.

### Fund Aims

The fund aims to support people in Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire. 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 Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire. 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.**