

The Solihull Wellbeing & Recovery Fund

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council has partnered with the Heart of England Community Foundation to help achieve two of its priorities:

- Enable communities to thrive – by supporting grassroots led and informed community activity
- Taking action to improve the life chances in our most disadvantaged communities – by focusing and directing community activity towards those people who can most benefit from it

Project Aims

The aim of the fund is to support ideas and proposals which will contribute to the community response to COVID-19 and the subsequent recovery.

Grants will be awarded to support local activity and services in Solihull which focus on one or more of the following:

1. Social isolation and loneliness
2. Food poverty
3. Fuel poverty
4. Physical health and wellbeing
5. Mental health, wellbeing and emotional support
6. Digital inclusion
7. Supporting and promoting self-isolation
8. Organisational resilience, core costs and sustainability
9. Holiday food, activities and support for children, young people and families
10. Holiday activities for the whole community
11. Creating safer communities against Covid-19 which includes testing and key messages

All projects would need to meet current government guidelines for COVID 19

Available Funding

- You can apply for up to £5,000
- Funds must be spent within 12 months of the award being granted

Priority Area

Solihull – the fund is for the benefit of the Solihull community

- Priority will be given to organisations based and delivering services in Solihull
- Priority will be given to projects which will support the community in Covid-19 high transmission areas
- Organisations from outside of Solihull are welcome to apply but must have a track record of delivering services in Solihull. This will need to be clearly evidenced in the application form

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 Enterprise
- Mutual aid groups (the funds will need to be held by a local organisation with one of the above legal structures – a bank statement from your chosen organisation will need to be submitted with your application)

***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.

NB: Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis. If your organisations income is larger than the above then please get in touch.

Additional Supporting Information

To be eligible to apply you must 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 bank account in the name of the organisation with at least two unrelated signatories
- A copy of your most recent annual accounts or financial records showing your organisation's balance of funds, income and reserves
- A bank statement from the last 3 months
- A copy of your organisations safeguarding policy
- A copy of your organisations equal opportunities policy
- Quotes for items of equipment over £300

You will need to submit this documentation with your application

Sorry, we cannot fund

- Individuals or sole traders
- Companies Limited by Shares
- Capital costs and builds
- Direct replacement of statutory obligation and public funding
- Promotion of religious or political activities
- Organisations or charities which are solely to promote any particular religion
- 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
- 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

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