

Cheltenham Community Resilience Fund 2021

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Covid-19 Response and Recovery 2021

Purpose

Gloucestershire County Council have made available a fund of £50k to Cheltenham Borough Council to relaunch the Community Resilience Fund grants in 2021. This fund will be distributed to local voluntary and community organisations to support their continued efforts in supporting people and communities made vulnerable due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The fund also supports recovery efforts within communities, particularly projects that build on what we've valued most during the crisis, whilst working to ensure that post-crisis Cheltenham is a place where everyone thrives.

Funding Criteria

The funding will be distributed to local voluntary and community groups who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Groups that are supporting (or who will be) people and communities made vulnerable due to the Covid-19 pandemic including:
 - Those working with particular communities which could include the clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), older people, people from Black Asian and Minority Ethnic communities, people with disabilities and young people
 - Those that are providing much needed food or welfare support
- Groups that are involved (or who will be) in recovery efforts within our communities including:
 - Those groups supporting individuals and groups to regain independence and to increase confidence as we move out of lockdown.
 - Those groups that are looking to return to delivering Covid-secure community activities

Who can apply?

- Community or voluntary groups
- Registered Charities
- Community Interest Companies
- Town and Parish Councils

How much can be applied for?

There is no upper limit for grant applications; though please contact us if you want to make a bid for over £2,000.

The fund cannot be used to:

- Support the mainstream activities of an organisation that are not related to supporting people and communities made vulnerable due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- To create an ongoing funding commitment from the County Council or Borough Council
- Any events or activities of a political nature
- Projects being delivered outside the boundaries of Cheltenham borough.
- Projects that cannot demonstrate that the necessary permissions will be achieved within the appropriate timescales

What is the process for applying for the fund?

- Applications will be submitted to Cheltenham Borough Council using the application form below
- Below £500, decisions will be made by CBC officers. Above £500 will require Cabinet Member approval.
- Decisions will be shared with Gloucestershire County Council and there will be no arbitration
- Payments from the fund will only be made into a bank account held and operated by the applying entity. All applicants must have a recognised legal and constitutional status; be financially viable and have clear financial controls.
- The grantee shall keep all receipts and documentation relating to the project

Making an application

Please complete all pages of the application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

We want to encourage applicants to complete their applications on a computer as hand written applications can be difficult to read. If you require any help with completing the application forms please let us know as soon as possible and we will provide assistance.

Agreements and performance management

Before the project can start, the council will enter into a project agreement with the provider which will set out various obligations on the two parties. This will include important issues like safeguarding, health and safety and data sharing.

The assessment criteria

We are looking for projects that have been well thought out and can demonstrate the following:

- That the funding will enable your organisation to continue (or start to) help people and communities made vulnerable due to the Covid-19 pandemic
AND/OR
- That the funding will assist your organisation to help with recovery efforts within communities; particularly projects that build on what we've valued most during the crisis
- How will success be measured
- The amount of funding requested and any additional volunteer time or cash that is contributed

Grant payments

Payments from the fund will only be made into a bank account held and operated by the applying entity. All applicants must have a recognised legal and constitutional status; be financially viable; have clear financial controls.

Payments will generally be made in arrears on receipt of completed performance management report and claim form. However, we can arrange advance payments to help with cash flow but this will be subject to checks and you will be liable to repay this if your project does not make satisfactory progress.

Other considerations

Please be aware that as this is public money, the funding will be subject to inspection and audit. Any fraudulent activity will be quickly identified and reported to the police.