

Improving the Quality of Life of Bedfordshire People



Grant Support from the Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation

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Explanatory notes and criteria for awards

Please read the following notes carefully before completing the application form.

The Aims of the Community Foundation

The Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of community life of those in Bedfordshire and Luton and, *in particular*, those in special need by reason of disability, age, financial or other disadvantage.

The grant scheme aims to assist community voluntary organisations and groups in Bedfordshire and Luton in new or existing projects that can help make a positive difference in the local community.

How much funding is available?

At present, this is a small grants fund and the maximum grant under the fund will be £500. Due to the small size of grant available, no bids will be accepted from groups with an average annual income of more than £30,000.

Who or what will we fund?

The following criteria apply to all applications. Additional terms may apply to specific funding streams and these will be shown on our web site.

We will fund any organisation (not necessarily a registered charity) which is seeking funds to spend on a project that will benefit those in the local community who are deprived or disadvantaged in some way (e.g. the elderly, the disabled, the isolated, the poor, etc.).

Priority will be given to applications that can clearly demonstrate their work will have a positive impact on the issues that adversely affect their community.

Organisations that have a building society or bank account. Cheques will not be made payable to individuals.

Who/what will we NOT fund?

Applications from profit making organisations.

Applications where those benefiting do not live in Luton or Bedfordshire.

Grants will not be made to support the furtherance of any one religion (although we do make grants to community projects led by local religious groups), political

activities, private business (other than social enterprises) or projects that would otherwise be funded from statutory sources.

Organisations that have not filled in all sections of the Grant application form or answered any subsequent questions put to them by the Foundation.

Applications that do not include all other requested information.

Projects that have already been completed (retrospective funding).

Application and award procedures

Only requests on the official application form will be considered.

Please make sure that copies of all supporting materials requested are included with the application.

On receipt of the completed application, we will contact you to ask for clarification of any issue if needed and will give the date of the next panel meeting at which the application will be considered.

All applications will be checked against the criteria by the Foundation and those that clearly meet these will be presented to the Grants Panel for their decision. The Foundation reserves the right to accept or decline any application according to the decision of the Grants Panel. There is a complaints procedure available to applicants should they feel they have been unfairly treated.

The decision of the Grants Panel will be notified to you within two weeks of the date of its meeting.

Assistance

If you have any difficulties in completing this form, you can of course contact the Community Foundation office for clarification or assistance on any issue at the address shown below.

You might also like to know that the following agencies can also offer help in completing applications and will also offer advice on other possible sources of funding:

Community & Voluntary Service Mid & North Beds – 01234-354366
Voluntary Action Luton – 01582-733418
Voluntary & Community Action South Beds – 01525-850559
Luton Department of Regeneration – 01582-546000

The Completed form

Please send your completed form and supporting documents you have been asked for to the address below.

Please make sure the documents are sent in plenty of time to arrive before the deadline given, otherwise the application will not be considered until the following panel meeting.

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