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Strengthening Communities Grant Scheme

https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/funding

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What we aim to achieve through this fund

Enhance the capacity of the voluntary and community sector to improve the lives of Basingstoke and Deane residents and build stronger communities.

Support organisations to review, increase, improve and modernise services that local residents need.

Help organisations respond to the changing needs of local residents.

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Key information

Maximum grant available is £15,000

Grant must be spent within 12 months

Funding can only be used for revenue expenditure (e.g. staff costs, volunteer expenses, venue hire) and not for capital expenditure (e.g. making improvements to or buying new physical assets.)

Cannot be used to continue existing programmes or cover normal operating costs

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Section 2 – Why are you applying for this funding?

This section asks you to explain:

2.1 how you will use the funding to build your organisation's capacity and sustainability

2.2 who will benefit from this activity

2.3 what difference it will make to these people

2.4 how you know there is a need for what you want to do

2.5 why you're the best organisation to do this

2.6 how your plans link to Council Plan priorities

2.7 how you will measure the difference you have made.

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Section 3 – How would you use the funding?

This section asks you to explain:

3.1 what you plan to spend the money on

3.2 the costs that make up your funding request

3.3 where other money will come from if needed for your project

3.4 your project plan.

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Equality, diversity and inclusion and environmental sustainability

What will you do to identify and pro-actively address any barriers to inclusion people may face in accessing your services?

https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/equalities

What will the environmental impact of any new services/activities be and how has this been considered in your planning?

https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/climate

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Declaration and checklist

Applicant declaration – please make sure you have checked each box and given your name and position and signed and dated the form.

Checklist – all applicants must provide:

- governing document
- annual audited accounts
- recent bank statement

You are also asked to provide your equality, diversity and inclusion and sustainability policies. (If you don't already have these, Basingstoke Voluntary Action can help.)

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General tips

1. Please be specific and avoid general statements.
2. Take note of word limits and question weightings.
3. Quantify your answers and provide examples wherever you can.
4. Make sure your application states what difference the funding will make to Basingstoke and Deane residents.
5. Check you have said what you will do, why you will do it, when you will do it, what different it will make and how you will know you've succeeded.

All applications and supporting documentation must be sent to grants@basingstoke.gov.uk by midnight on 18 June 2023.

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Examples of activity previously funded

Funding additional resource either by hiring external consultants or new staff or by increasing paid hours of existing staff.

This additional resource has been used to:

- Recruit, support and upskill volunteers
- Carry out research and develop business and fundraising plans
- Enhance organisations use of digital technology
- Review and update policies and working practices
- Improve marketing

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Questions

Any questions?

You can email grants@basingstoke.gov.uk if you have any other questions on this or other council grant schemes

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