



Bolton
at Home

Bolton at Home Community Investment Grants

Information and Guidelines

Background

Bolton CVS is working with Bolton at Home to deliver their Community Investment Grants of up to £500.

Who can apply?

- Not for profit community groups or registered charities with aims and activities that benefit Bolton at Home customers
- Groups with a constitution or basic set of aims and rules signed by at least two members. If you would like support to get a set of aims and rules or become constituted to be eligible for funding, please contact Bolton CVS for assistance
- You must have a bank account in the name of the group (not an individual) with at least 2 signatories of people who are not related or living at the same address

How much can you apply for?

- There is a £500 limit for our Community Investment grants but we expect community groups to apply for the real costs rather than the maximum grant available. Your group can apply for a **maximum of one** Bolton at Home Community Investment during the year.
- If you would like help putting your project budget together, please feel free to contact Bolton CVS on 01204 546026 or email funding@boltoncvs.org.uk for help.

What we will fund

The funding is to support projects that will benefit **Bolton at Home Customers**. Funding can help you in many ways. For example, to buy new equipment or materials; to run a community event; to launch a new group or to help promote existing groups locally.

Your project **must** help people in at least **one** of the following ways:

Anti-Poverty – supporting people to relieve financial pressures and reduce poverty - for example, developing a food growing project.

Community Cohesion – to help make the community stronger and to encourage communities to come together – for example, organising a family fun day.

Environment – improving the local environment by keeping it clean and tidy - for example helping maintain gardens and communal areas or organising a clean-up.

Healthier and Active Ageing – improving residents' (and older people's) health and wellbeing – for example, dance classes to improve fitness.

Youth – increasing the opportunities/activities available for young people - for example, running a youth group.

We will score your application based on how well your project will contribute to these themes so please make sure that you tell us in your application form. You only need to meet one of these themes. In fact, it is **better to meet one theme very well rather than all of them loosely**. If you're unsure which theme your project fits please contact us for guidance.

What we cannot fund

- Individuals or private companies
- Utilities including rent, gas, electricity and water bills and maintenance costs (including maintenance equipment)
- Items which only benefit an individual, for example bursaries and kit and equipment that is not shared
- Salaries for permanent employees (but you can apply for funding for temporary contract/freelance workers, for example artists, sports coaches etc.)
- Activities specifically promoting religious beliefs or political views
- The cost of projects that take place or are paid for before a grant from us is confirmed
- Projects with high ongoing costs or that require specialist skills to maintain
- General fundraising appeals/ fundraising on behalf of another organisation

Deadlines and how to apply

The grants will be administered by Bolton CVS quarterly. The current deadlines are **5pm** on the following dates:

- 1) Tuesday 26th June 2018
 - 2) Monday 1st October 2018
 - 3) Wednesday 13th February 2019
- Please allow 4 weeks from any of these deadlines before planning to start your activities.
 - The application form needs to be completed online. Please go to the front page of Bolton CVS website for links to the application form and instructions.
 - If you need help completing the online form, Bolton CVS can help you: funding@boltoncvs.org.uk or telephone 01204 546048.

Further information

If you need help with the application form, please contact Jane Attfield or Joan Williams, grants and investment officers at Bolton CVS
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