



Bolton's Fund

Micro and Small Investments

Information and Guidelines

Aims

Bolton's Fund aims to test new ways of investing in our communities, igniting the positivity and passion of those groups wanting to make a big difference to the lives of local people.

Projects funded through Bolton's Fund will promote, strengthen and develop what makes and keeps residents of Bolton healthier and happier and make Bolton a vibrant place to live, work and volunteer.

Successful projects will meet one or more the Bolton2030 outcomes – please see investment outcomes and priorities below.

Investment outcomes and priorities

Bolton 2030 was launched through the Bolton Vision Partnership in 2017 and is their long term vision for the borough. By 2030, the Vision Partnership wants to see a Bolton which is Active, Connected and Prosperous.

Bolton 2030 is built around the following six outcomes. Successful projects will meet one of these outcomes.

1. **Start Well** – Our children get the best possible start in life, so that they have every chance to succeed and be happy
2. **Live Well** – The health and wellbeing of our residents is improved, so that they can live healthy, fulfilling lives for longer
3. **Age Well** – Older people in Bolton stay healthier for longer, and feel more connected with their communities
4. **Prosperous** – Businesses and investment are attracted to the borough, matching our workforce's skills with modern opportunities
5. **Clean and Green** – Our environment is protected and improved, so that more people enjoy it, care for it and are active in it
6. **Strong and Distinctive** - Stronger, cohesive, more confident communities in which people feel safe, welcome and connected

For more information about Bolton2030, please visit: www.boltonvision.org.uk

Who can Apply?

To be eligible to apply, an organisation must:

- Be either:
- An unconstituted group (£100 fund only) *
 - A constituted voluntary or community group
 - A registered charity
 - Another type of constituted not for profit organisation
- Be based and/or provide benefit to people living in the **Bolton local authority area**
 - Have an **annual income of under £40,000 in its last financial year**

*For unconstituted groups, we will ask you to tell us who is involved in your project and the name of an organisation that will be able to hold the funding on your behalf if successful. If you need help finding an organisation that can do this for you, please contact Bolton CVS on 01204 546010 or email funding@boltoncvs.org.uk

Investments

There are two levels of Investment:

- Micro Investments – up to £100
- Small Investments – up to £1,500

What we will Fund

We want to hear from groups and projects which make a difference to the lives of people in their communities and which meet one or more of the six Bolton2030 outcomes.

Examples of what we will fund

- Volunteer expenses
- Events which bring communities together
- To test a new idea in your community
- Equipment – we will ask you to explain why you need this equipment
- Reasonable contributions towards project running costs
- Training costs

We will not fund:

- Organisations who have not completed the monitoring of a grant we have previously awarded
- Trips, outings, meals, parties or any other one off activity that does not demonstrate significant community benefit
- The purchase of alcohol
- Activities of a political or exclusively religious nature
- Projects which will be primarily of benefit to people living outside the Bolton Local Authority Area
- Wages of sports coaches and instructors who are not listed on Bolton Council's Sport Coaches and Instructors Register, where the grant is for work with people aged under 18 year's old
- Individuals or organisations on behalf of individuals
- Organisations or activities that duplicate statutory services
- Organisations that do not operate with a charitable-type dissolution clause or an asset lock
- The cost of projects that take place or are paid for before a grant from us is confirmed
- Projects taking place outside of the UK
- Deficit funding or repayment of loans, interest or fines
- Fundraising on behalf of another organisation

Social Value

The application form will ask you about the wider social value of your project. We're asking this because we want to make sure we promote the full value of the voluntary sector's work - in Bolton and beyond.

What is Social Value? Social value is about the wider benefits your project could bring. This could be to the environment, our local economy as well as promoting inclusion, empowerment and happiness. For example:

- If your project involves local volunteers, it could bring new skills and expertise to Bolton.
- If your project is about encouraging people to increase their physical activity by walking more, it could bring environmental benefits by reducing car use.
- You could decide to purchase materials for your project from an independent retailer in Bolton; resulting in increasing the amount of money circulating within Bolton.
- Your project could require a new paid post. If you employed a Bolton resident, the resulting social value would be that you have contributed to the local economy.
- You could decide to use apples grown in people's gardens, collected by volunteers, to make apple pies for a community event. As a result, your wider social value may be empowered individuals and increased connections.

Timeline

Deadline for applications: 5pm Tuesday 8th January 2019 for activities starting after 7th February 2019.

We are unable to fund activities that happen before a decision is made about your application or cover costs that have already been paid.

If successful, you must spend your grant within 12 months. You will receive information about monitoring the grant after a grant has been awarded.

We aim to contact you with a decision within 4 weeks of the closing date.

How to Apply

To access all online application forms you need to log on the Bolton CVS website and then go to: www.boltoncvs.org.uk/online-grant-applications

1. Micro Investment up to £100

There are two ways to apply for a micro investment

- Micro Investments application form
- Micro Investments film clip

If you want to send us a **film clip** you need to complete some basic contact information about your group and then upload a short film no longer than 3 minutes. Your film clip should tell us:

- 1) **What difference will you make?** Please refer to 'Investment outcomes and priorities'.
- 2) **What area** of Bolton will benefit?
- 3) **How many** people will directly benefit?
- 4) **How much** money are you asking for?
- 5) **What** are you going to do with this money?

2. Small Investment up to £1,500

You need to apply online using the "Bolton's Fund Small Investments" application form.

Neighbourhood and Ward areas

Please identify a ward or a neighbourhood to tell us where your project will be delivered. Tell us the area that is most appropriate or relevant to your group.

Neighbourhoods:

• Brightmet & Little Lever	• Horwich & Blackrod
• Central & Great Lever	• Rumworth
• Chorley Roads	• Turton
• Farnworth & Kearsley	• Westhoughton
• Halliwell & Crompton	• Outside Bolton

Wards:

• Astley Bridge	• Halliwell	• Kearsley
• Bradshaw	• Harper Green	• Little Lever & Darcy Lever
• Brightmet	• Heaton & Lostock	• Rumworth
• Bromley Cross	• Horwich & Blackrod	• Smithills (not Johnson Fold)
• Crompton	• Horwich North East	• Tonge with the Haulgh
• Farnworth	• Hulton (not HLE)	• Washacre
• Great Lever	• Hulton Lane Estate (HLE)	• Westhoughton North and Chew Moor
• Hall'ith Wood	• Johnson Fold	• Westhoughton South (not Washacre Estate)

You can also check a Ward by entering a post code on the following page of the Bolton Council website: www.maps.bolton.gov.uk/residents/myBolton.aspx

Hints and Tips

Here are some key points to help you complete your application.

What we'd like you to tell us about:

- Your passion and aspirations - the strengths of your community and how will that develop if your application is successful.
- Your inspiration – who or what has inspired your idea.
- Your commitment to one or more of the Bolton2030 outcomes.

Help and Further Information

If you would like to chat about a potential application or you need help with the application form, please contact the funding officers Jane Attfield or Jo Williams

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