



## **Bolton's Fund Round 27 Summer Holiday Activities and Food Fund**

**Allocation: £130,000**

**Period: 25<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022**

**Small Level up to £5,000**

**Medium Level from £5,001 - £15,000**

## **Programme Guidelines – Summer 2022**

## Background Information

Funding is available for VCSE (voluntary, community and social enterprise) groups to provide free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities for children and young people aged 4-16 years old in the Bolton borough during the Summer 2022 school holidays.

School holidays can be particular pressure points for some families because of increased costs (such as food and childcare) and reduced incomes. For some children that can lead to a holiday experience gap, with children from disadvantaged families:

- less likely to access organised out-of-school activities
- more likely to experience 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and physical health
- more likely to experience social isolation

Free holiday clubs are a response to this issue and evidence suggests that they can have a positive impact on children and young people and that they work best when they:

- provide consistent and easily accessible enrichment activities
- cover more than just breakfast or lunch
- involve children (and parents) in food preparation

The impact of Covid-19 has meant that more families are applying for free school meals and that feelings of social isolation has increased. The aim of this fund is to make the positive benefits of holiday clubs available to all those on benefits related to free school meals.

The programme is funded by the Department for Education. Bolton CVS are coordinating the grant making process to VCSE organisations in Bolton.

| Funding levels available | Total funds available |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Small up to £5,000       | <b>£130,000</b>       |
| Medium £5,001 - £15,000  |                       |

## Timing

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| Open                       | Friday 13th May 2022                                 |
| Deadline for applications: | 11.59pm Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2022             |
| Apply on line              | Please see the <a href="#">Bolton's Fund website</a> |
| Notification of outcome    | Week commencing Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022     |

## Fund Priority

1. Provide free holiday places for children and young people, aged 4-16 years old, and / or including provision for children with SEND or additional needs.
2. We will prioritise projects that are **actively targeting children and young people who are eligible for free school meals (minimum of 85% of attendees must be in this target group)** but where possible your project will be open to all children and young people who wish to attend.
3. Activities should be for at least 4 hours a day, 4 days a week for 4 weeks over the 2022 School Summer Holiday period.
4. Activities should ideally include:
  - **Enriching activities:** activities that provide children with opportunities to develop new skills or knowledge, or to try out new experiences. This could be creative activities such as putting on a play, junk modelling, drumming workshops; or experiences such as a nature walk, visiting a farm etc.
  - **Food:** clubs must provide at least one healthy hot meal a day (breakfast, lunch or tea) where possible. All food provided as part of the programme must comply with regulations on food preparation and take into account allergies and dietary requirements and preferences as well as any religious or cultural requirements for food.
  - **Physical activities:** clubs must provide physical activities on a daily basis. For example, football, table tennis, rounder's cricket. Please see [physical activity guidelines](#).

- **Food education for children, families and carers:** clubs must include at least weekly session to engage children with healthy eating, cooking growing: For ideas see: [foodafactoflife](#)
  - **Signposting and referrals:** clubs must be able to provide information, signposting or referrals to other services and support that would benefit the children who attend their provision and their families
5. You will be expected to work closely with Bolton Council Play and Youth Service and other providers to offer a wide and varied offer to all children and young people and that the sessions on offer are all not in the same place at the same time with the same target group.
  6. All projects must provide a clear social media link showing details of your holiday activities including information about time, venue, food, and how to book to be included in Bolton Council publicity about the summer programme.
  7. Applicants must be able to demonstrate how they recruiting eligible children on Free School Meals and working towards the outcomes of this programme.
  8. Your organisation must be in a position to deliver the programme during the summer holiday period of 25<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.
  9. Previous applicants that have failed to deliver the HAF programme as outlined may be required to adjust future applications accordingly.

## Who can apply?

Any constituted not for profit group in based in Bolton or benefitting Bolton residents is eligible to apply. Bolton's Fund conditions of eligibility apply. [Click here](#) for details. Schools are not eligible to apply for this funding.

If your provision will be for children aged 8 and under you will need to ensure you are compliant with Ofsted requirements please see: [Guidance childcare-providers-register-with-ofsted](#)

We are particularly interested in hearing from organisations based in the following areas of the borough:

- Broughton
- Rumworth

- Kearsley
- New Bury
- Halliwell
- Great Lever

Organisations must have the following policies in place in order to be eligible to apply:

- Ofsted registered where relevant
- Safeguarding policy
- Health and Safety policy
- Equal opportunities this may sometimes come under your Equality and Diversity policy
- Media policy (if applying to deliver online resources)
- Public liability insurance
- Employers liability insurance

## What can this funding be used for?

We are seeking to fund a diverse range of projects and activities that appeal to all ages and abilities of school children and that include the provision of nutritious food. Activities can be open to all but priority must be given to those receiving benefits-related free school meals. Spaces for children on free school meals must be made available at no cost to the family.

Funding can be used to support a comprehensive, inclusive and accessible offer including:

- Paying for additional staff to expand existing provision or to meet additional needs, to support quality improvement, for example, money to bring in activity providers such as sports coaches
- Volunteer expenses
- Setting up new provision where needed
- Food and preparation costs (including the option to purchase a service from a catering organisation). This is capped at £2.40 per person per day.
- Additional reasonable venue costs
- Publicity costs e.g. flyers for school bags
- To purchase additional equipment for the programme, for example, to improve the catering or sports equipment at your individual club
- Transportation costs (your application must show how the inclusion of transport costs will help your project actively engage children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals in your activities)

Grants can be used to extend a current scheme or project or to fund a new initiative. Projects must include a range of activities (including a minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity within provision across the 4 hours. We would also consider funding specialist activities and specialist SEND provision as long as food is also provided and the activities are accessible and engaging to young people.

## What can't this funding be used for?

- Places for children who are not residents of Bolton
- Activity that is purely about research
- Activities which promote political or religious beliefs
- Retrospective funding
- Funding for food if using Urban Outreach (should be reflected in total costs)

All other Bolton's Fund exclusions apply (for example we cannot fund alcohol or the promotion of religion). Please click [here](#).

## Food Provision

One healthy meal must be provided every day for the children attending the provision. **Hot food provision is preferred** but if this is not possible then alternatives can be provided.

Free water should be available and all fruit juice provided must not contain any added vitamins or minerals.

All food provided (including any snacks) must meet school food standards.

This funding cannot be used to pay for vouchers.

Bolton Council Play and Youth service can offer the opportunity for you to link to the food offer from Urban Outreach. If you are interested, we can put you in touch with Urban Outreach.

This funding allows for you to purchase catering from another community group, charity, social enterprise or local business. We also welcome projects that will involve sustainable use of food by linking up with local growing schemes or intercepted food.

## Reporting Requirements

As part of the condition of the funding we will need you to collect and report back the following information about participants so they can be cross referenced with our database:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Postcode
- Self-declaration on free school meals eligibility
- If stated, with special educational needs or disabilities, date of attendance of the sessions and session length.

- Encouraged to share photos & videos of activities on social media with the hashtag #HAF2022

Providers will also be requested to share time tables of provision, evidencing the delivery of physical activity, healthy meals and nutritional education.

## How to Apply

Please apply using our online form [here](#)

### **Bolton CVS (Community and Voluntary Services)**

The Bolton Hub, Bold Street, Bolton, BL1 1LS.

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