

# Household Support Fund 7 (HSF 7) – Small Grants Summary Sheet

**Small Grants of up to £5,000 are available for Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations to support vulnerable low-income households in need, with the cost of living.**

The grants are to be used to help vulnerable low-income households with crisis and / or preventative support.

**Projects must achieve at least one of the following priorities to receive HSF 7 funding:**

1. Provision of crisis support to low-income households
2. Provision of preventative support to low-income households.

## **Who Can Apply?**

Community groups, charities and organisations with **an income of under £30,000 in the last full financial year** are eligible to apply for a grant from the **HSF7 Small Grants** fund. Your group or organisation must be based in and/or provide benefit to the people living in the Metropolitan borough of Bolton.

## **What can the funding be used for?**

This funding may be used for crisis support and preventative support for vulnerable low-income households in need of additional support who are struggling with essential cost of living costs. A maximum of 20% of the grant can be used to fund the running costs of your HSF 7 project. Please see the HSF 7 Guidelines for more details.

## **Who are the target households for support?**

Priority households for funding include vulnerable low-income households in need including:

- Households with disabled people,
- Households with children of all ages,
- Households with pensioners,
- Households with unpaid carers,
- Households with care leavers,
- Larger families,
- Single-person households,
- Those struggling with one-off financial shocks or unforeseen events.

### How long do I have to deliver the project?

The funding period ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. All funds must be committed or spent by this date.

### When is the closing date for applications?

Applications must be submitted by midnight on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

### Are there any monitoring or data collection requirements?

Yes, there are specific data collection requirements for organisations who have been awarded an HSF 7 grant. Please refer to the Household Support Fund 7 – Monitoring Requirements document for details.

### How do I apply?

Applications are made through the [Bolton CVS website](#). You will need to create a login and complete an Organisation Registration form before being able to access the Grants Dashboard (where you will find links to the application forms).

### What size grant can I apply for?

The **maximum grant size is £5,000**. Please apply for the appropriate amount your organisation has the capacity and resources to effectively distribute within the timeframe of the grant (by the end of March 2026).

### How often can I apply to Bolton's Fund HSF 7 – Small Grant?

Organisations that are eligible (they must have an income **under £30,000** in the last year) can apply for one grant from the Bolton's Fund HSF7 Small fund. Please note that - organisations with an income over £30,000 are not eligible to apply for a Bolton's Fund HSF 7 – Small Grant (they are eligible to apply for a Bolton's Fund HSF 7 – Large Grant).

### How long will it take to find out if my application has been successful?

We are aiming to get decisions out to applicants as soon as possible after the closing date. Our aim is to let applicants know within 4 weeks of the closing date, but this will depend on the volume of application we receive.

### Further Information and Support

Find out more about Bolton's Fund on our website:

<https://www.boltoncvs.org.uk/>

If you would like a chat about a potential application or you need help with the application form, please contact us on:

01204 546024 or email [funding@boltoncvs.org.uk](mailto:funding@boltoncvs.org.uk)

**Important - Please read the full Guidelines – Household Support Fund 7 and the Household Support Fund 7 - Monitoring Requirements documents on our website before submitting your application.**