

Grant Guidelines Information Sheet

Eligibility

Voluntary and community groups (or your project) must be operating within Buckinghamshire. Two grant programmes are available, Small Grants and Grassroots.

Small Grants

This on-going programme provides grants of up to **£1,000**

What kind of projects will be considered?

- to assist the disadvantaged
- to support community care for the elderly and disabled
- to tackle isolation
- to invest in young people to encourage education, training and self-development

The overall priority is to support organisations and groups whose work is aiming to tackle poverty and social exclusion

Grassroots Grants

Grants are available from **£250 - £5000**

Who can apply?

- You must be a voluntary or community group that has been operating for not less than **12** months
- Your group **must** have an evidenced income of **less than £20,000** per annum, taken as an average turnover for the last 3 financial years (or over the life of the group if it is less than 3 years old)

What kind of projects will be considered?

- The purchase of equipment
- The cost of putting on or attending a local event, workshop or conference
- Staff costs to enable the employment of individuals
- Contribution to rent costs (related to activities/service delivery)
- Training for volunteers
- Additional activities to expand an existing project
- Activities that support community activity or meet an identified need
- Funding to support an organisation to achieve a quality or other standard relevant to their activities

This list is not exhaustive. Grassroots grants are intended to respond to the diverse needs of community organisations and local communities.

The **maximum amount** your organisation can apply for during the life of the grant scheme (2008 – 2011) is **£5000**. You can either

- Submit one application for the maximum amount or;
- Make multiple applications between 2008-2011 as long as the total awarded is no more than £5000

The Buckinghamshire Foundation is not able to offer funds to:

- Statutory organisations (such as Local Authorities, schools)
- Any party political activity
- Commercial ventures
- Organisations that are for the sole benefit or relief of animals or plants
- Individuals
- Activities where the primary purpose is to promote religious beliefs

How to apply?

Whether you are applying for a Grassroots Grant or a TBF Small Grant, the process of application is the same:

