

## Grant Guidelines (General Fund)

The purpose of the Trust is to provide grants to support organisations/activities operating within areas of Birmingham, with preference given to South West areas. An Application Form can be obtained via the Birmingham Community Foundation's website [www.bhamfoundation.co.uk](http://www.bhamfoundation.co.uk)

### Criteria

The Trustees are keen to receive applications from voluntary/community organisations that are able to demonstrate their project will bring benefit to the local community and in doing so meet at least one of the objectives listed below:

- ⊙ To enhance the education and skills of local people, particularly the young – including the use of Theatrical Arts and music.
- ⊙ To assist communities in local regeneration programmes
- ⊙ To protect and improve the local environment
- ⊙ To support the improvement of sports and leisure facilities
- ⊙ To celebrate and promote the cultural diversity of the City of Birmingham.

Preference will be given to projects or events promoting individual and community development, education and recreation for local residents. In particular, but not exclusively, The Trust encourages applications for groups supporting activities for the 0–25 age groups.

### How much can you apply for?

We do not usually give more than £5,000 and you should be aware that average award is normally in the region of £1,000.

### Who can apply?

Any charity, voluntary organisation, or community group within the areas of Redditch and Birmingham, with preference given to South West Birmingham.

### We are currently unable to provide funding for:

- ⊙ Applications from large national charities (except where the local branch applies for their 'local' work)
- ⊙ Student costs or educational fees
- ⊙ Organisations and individuals in the promotion of political or religious ideology

Donations in aid of general appeals or to provide for an organisation's core costs are also unlikely to receive support.

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Trustees meet quarterly to review applications.