



Comic Relief and Sport Relief Grant Guidelines

Criteria

There are still many communities in the UK that suffer from economic and social deprivation and the current economic climate may make this situation worse. This programme aims to empower local people enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community. This can also include “Communities of Interest” which cover a wider geographical area.

While groups will be using a range of activities we specifically want 50% of the available funds to go to sports projects that

- ⊗ increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation
- ⊗ help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

The remaining funding will support community groups running projects that

- ⊗ increase local services,
- ⊗ builds skills of local people,
- ⊗ increase community cohesion
- ⊗ respond to local economic needs.

This work can cover a small geographical area such as a housing estate or village, but we will also consider work covering a slightly larger area such as a town or borough where there is evidence of community involvement.

Who can apply?

- ⊗ Community Groups
- ⊗ Resident Associations
- ⊗ Community Centres
- ⊗ Social Enterprises/Community Interest Companies
- ⊗ Credit Unions

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Examples of the type of activities we will fund

- ⊙ Community sport activities
- ⊙ Furniture Projects
- ⊙ Projects providing access to benefits advice
- ⊙ Projects combating fuel poverty
- ⊙ Community consultation exercises
- ⊙ Community employment projects
- ⊙ Food Co-ops
- ⊙ Running costs; including salaries, core costs and project costs
- ⊙ Committee and volunteer/staff training

Exclusions

The criteria do not include the award of the Grant:

- ⊙ to individuals;
- ⊙ to statutory organisations, including schools;
- ⊙ to fund trips abroad;
- ⊙ to fund buses, mini buses or other community transport schemes (not including transport costs forming part of a project);
- ⊙ to fund building costs, including access adaptations to buildings

How much can you apply for?

Grants range from £1,000 – £10,000

How do you apply for a grant?

Groups can download the application form and guidelines from: www.bhamfoundation.co.uk or by contacting the Birmingham Community Foundation on 0121 322 5560 or email:

team@bhamfoundation.co.uk

For further information, please visit:

www.sportrelief.com or www.bhamfoundation.co.uk/how-to-receive

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