



Bolton's Fund Evolution



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What is Bolton's Fund?



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- Bolton's Fund is a grants programme.
- Short term funding (maximum 12 months).
- Supports delivery of projects and activities.
- It benefits people and communities across the Metropolitan Borough of Bolton.
- It exists to support the VCSE sector in Bolton to grow and thrive.

Bolton CVS are contracted by Bolton Council to administer Bolton's Fund and provide support for groups across all stages of the application process.



Background to Bolton's Fund

Bolton's Fund is a community grants pot that plays a crucial role in providing investment into Bolton's VCSE sector.

Led by VCSE Co-Design Group.

Bolton's Fund is principally funded by Bolton Council with additional contributions from other organisations including; Bolton's GP Federation, Bolton at Home and Bolton's NHS Foundation Trust and the Sir James and Lady Scott Trust.

**Bolton's Fund
launched in 2019**

**Over £5m has been
directed into Bolton's
grassroots communities
since Bolton's Fund
inception.**

**Themed
and timed
rounds.**



What has changed?

- Distribution of Bolton's Fund as a rolling programme
- Removal of separately themed and timed rounds
- Offering a wider variety of grant levels:
 - From less than £1,000 to max of £25,000
- Opportunity for groups to re-submit
- Grant eligibility based on income of group
- Award of one grant per year at each eligible grant level.
- Grants are for different projects and activities



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Why has it changed?

- Building on the past successes.
- Extending the reach of the funding.
- Enhancing Bolton's Fund impact.
- Led by insight and feedback.
- Led by best practice in grant giving.



Bolton Unity Project

Strengthening the impact and reach of the Bolton's Fund, allowing us to better serve the community.





Who is it for?

- Constituted voluntary or community groups
- Registered charities
- Other types of constituted not for profit organisation (CIO, CIC, Community Benefit Society)

Based in and/or provide benefit to the people living in the Metropolitan Borough of Bolton.

Who isn't eligible?

- It won't fund work that statutory bodies (such as schools and local authorities) have a duty to fund.
- Local government or NHS bodies are not eligible for a grant.



Eligibility grant levels



| Name of Grant | Max size of grant | Eligibility (based on income level) | Size of group. |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Micro | £2,000 | Less than £100,000 per year | Micro and Small |
| Small | £5,000 | Over £10,000 and under £1m | Small and Medium |
| Medium | £15,000 | Over £100,000 per year | Medium and Large |
| Large | £25,000 | Over £1m per year | Large |



Priorities of Bolton's Fund

Start Well – giving children the best possible start in life.

Live Well – improving the happiness and wellbeing of Bolton residents.

Age Well – helping older people stay connected, active and healthy in their communities.

Prosperous - supporting enterprise, inclusive employment and maximising social value for Bolton.

Clean and Green - protecting, improving and enjoying our environment.

Safe, Strong and Distinctive – creating safe, stronger, cohesive and more confident communities.



Bolton Unity Project



What Bolton's Fund can and can't fund



Costs of involved in delivering a project or a new activity including;

- Essential equipment;
- The administration costs related to delivering your proposed activities;
- Volunteer and Travel expenses.

Bolton's Fund will not fund:

- one-off activity that does not demonstrate significant community benefit,
- Activities of a specific political or religious nature.
- Core costs



Be the Change CIC

Find details in the 'What we can fund' guidance document on our website.

Please contact before you submit your application if you are unsure if your costs are eligible.



Deadlines

Applications to Micro and Small Grants

- Rolling deadline

Applications to Medium and Large Grants

- Six application deadlines per year:

Sunday 5th November 2023

Sunday 7th January 2024

Sunday 3rd March 2024

Further dates in 2024 will be announced.

- Allow 6 – 8 week for decision
- Unsuccessful applicants can re-apply
- The fund will only close if all the funding for the period has been allocated.



Sapphire Partnership



How to apply



Log in to your Bolton CVS account here on the homepage of the Bolton CVS website.

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



Please note:

- You will need to create a new account if you don't already have one
- Applicants need to complete an Organisation Registration form before applying for a grant

Assessment of applications

Due Diligence checks on each application



Each application will be assessed independently by a minimum of three community grant assessors.



Small / Micro Applications



Assessors scores



Medium / Large Applications



Panel meeting



All community assessors are volunteers.

Bolton CVS is not involved in the decision-making process and does not make recommendations to the panel.

Spending your grant

Grant will be paid into your groups' bank account a few weeks after it has been awarded.

Grant offer letter

Unsuccessful - Offer of support and feedback

- Pay attention to the Terms and Conditions of grant.
- Please use the logo and tag us in any social media posts
- Carefully monitor your spend
- Measure and record your impact – including information about beneficiaries, volunteers, activities, changes made, quotes from beneficiaries.



Monitoring and Reporting

Micro and Small grants

- Final Report – submitted through our website
- Case Study

Medium and Large grants

- 6-month check in from Bolton CVS
- Final Report
- Case Study

All levels

- Budget expenditure spreadsheet – details of expenditure

Keep all receipts and invoices for minimum of 2 years.



Little Bats CIC



Bolton's Fund 'Pop-Up' Rounds

Short term, specific and time sensitive funding opportunities will also be distributed through Bolton's Fund.

This could include grant programmes such as:

- Household Support Fund
- Holiday Activities and Food Fund
- Festive Fund

Deadlines, criteria, eligibility and guidelines for each opportunity will be shared on our website and through usual bulletins.



**Benefit Mankind -
Household Support Fund**



Bolton's Fund

Investing in our communities



September 2023 - April 2024

All applications must demonstrate how the proposed project will address at least one of the priorities of the fund.

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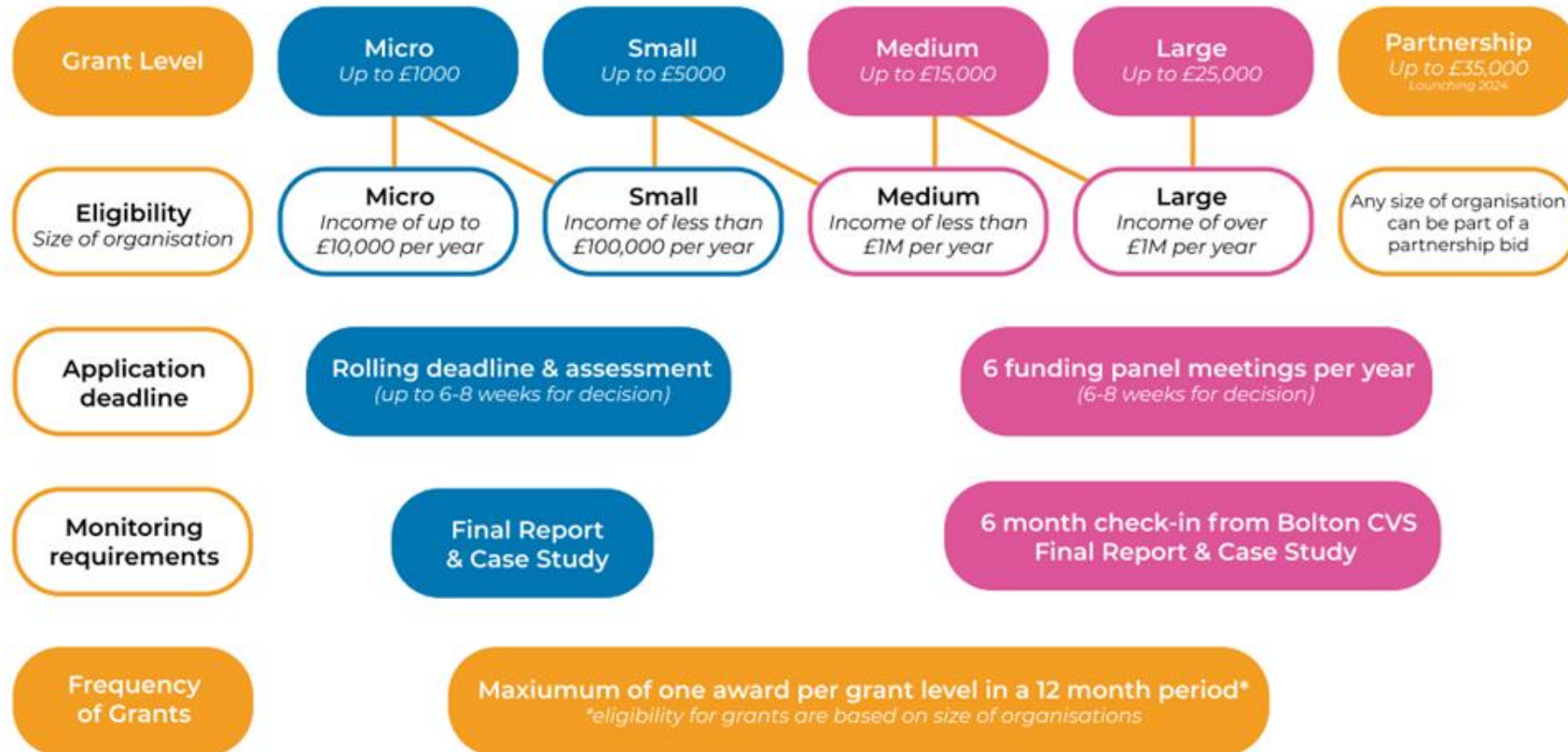
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The priorities of Bolton's Fund are guided by the Bolton 2030 Vision.



Support from Bolton CVS

- Funding support – applications and finding funding
- Support and guidance to help develop the knowledge and skills of your management committee, trustee board, staff and volunteers.
- ‘Stronger Together’ Training programme
- Accredited Volunteer Centre
- Weekly e-bulletins and regular Trustee Governance and Information and Funding e-newsletter
- Regular sharing of relevant information with our increasing online community
- Facilitation of cross-sector networks, forums, partnerships and alliances
- Become a member of Bolton CVS





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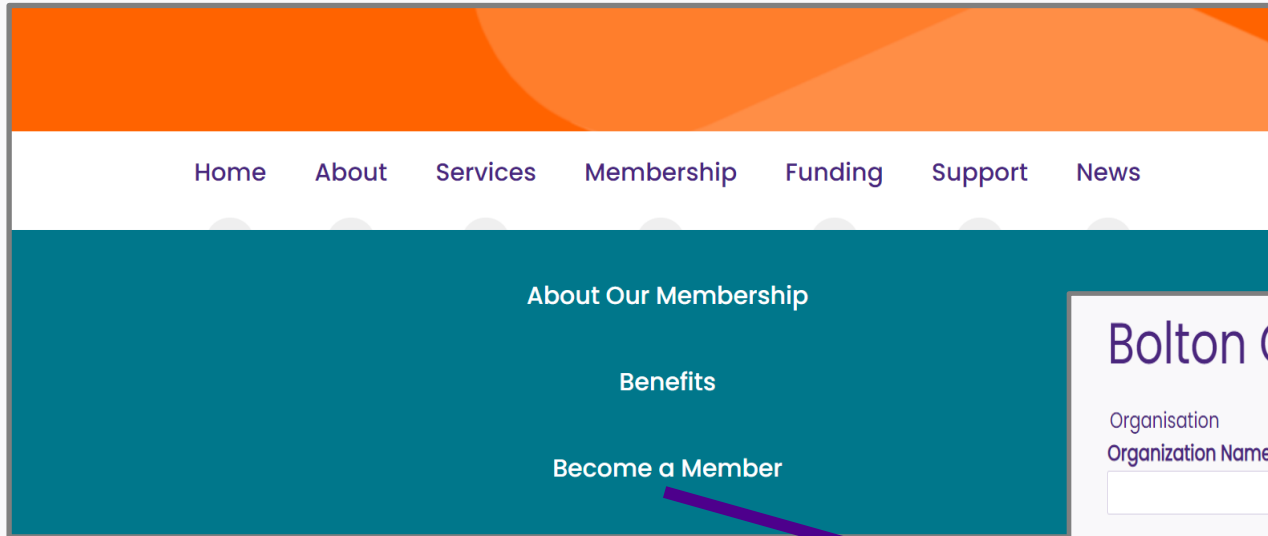


Benefits of membership with Bolton CVS



- Coming soon: members online portal
 - Development support
 - Access to training and events
 - Opportunity to be involved in different projects, research and collaborative opportunities with partners
 - Invitation to different spaces
 - Vote at the Bolton CVS Annual General Meeting (AGM)
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Where to find the Bolton CVS Membership application form



Bolton CVS Membership Form

Organisation
Organization Name *

Other names (or abbreviations) known by

Address
Address Line 1 *

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Find out more

- Sign up for E-newsletter - email info@boltoncvs.org.uk
- Information and guidance documents on our website - <https://www.boltoncvs.org.uk/funding/boltons-fund-2/>
- Follow us on Social Media



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Feedback

Please contact us on 01204 546024 or 07783 763901 or email funding@boltoncvs.org.uk if you have any feedback about Bolton's Fund.

Thank You



16th Bolton Scout Group

Questions





General Enquiries:

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We are evolving
We are progressive
We are influencers
We are collaborative
We are here

