

Micro Grants Summary Sheet

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for organisations based in Bolton or delivering activities that benefit the people of Bolton.

All applicants must demonstrate how their proposed project will **address at least one of the priorities of the fund**. The priorities are:

- **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.

Who Can Apply?

Community groups, charities and organisations with **an income of less than £100,000 in the last full financial year** are eligible to apply for a grant from the **Micro Grants** programme. 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?

Examples of activities that are eligible for funding include;

- The costs involved in delivering a project or a new activity,
- Activities for young people,
- Essential equipment,
- The administration costs relate to delivering your proposed activities
- Volunteer and travel expenses.

See our [website](#) for details of what can and cannot be funded. Please contact a member of the Bolton CVS team before you submit an application if you aren't sure if your project costs are eligible.

How long do I have to deliver the project?

The funding period is a maximum of **12 months** from the date of the award (the date we let you know that your application has been successful).

When is the closing date for applications?

There is no closing date. The fund will only close if all the funding for the period has been allocated.

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 £2,000**.

How often can I apply?

Organisations that are eligible for this fund can be awarded **a maximum of one Micro Grant in any 12 month period**. You must have completed delivery of any previously funded Bolton's Fund projects and submitted the end of fund monitoring information in order to be eligible for another grant.

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

You will hear about your application within 6 to 8 weeks of applying. We will contact you if we require further information from you.

What happens if my application is unsuccessful?

You can re-submit an application if it has been unsuccessful. You will receive feedback on your application and the Bolton CVS team can offer advice and support to help strengthen your application before re-submitting.

About Bolton's Fund

Bolton's Fund is a community grants pot that plays a crucial role in providing investment into Bolton's VCSE sector. Since 2019 it has played a vital role in driving innovation and fostering projects aimed at benefiting people and communities across the borough.

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.

The overall goal of the Bolton 2030 Vision is to reach the destination goal of becoming:

Active, Connected and Prosperous. A great place to live, work, visit or study

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