

Coventry Building Society Small Grants.

The Coventry Building Society's small grants are managed by the Heart of England Community Foundation. The main purpose of the Coventry Building Society Foundation is "giving our city and our communities the power to be better off through life".

Fund Aims

The aim of the fund is to support projects addressing the local needs in Coventry which will enable the community to be better off through life. Grants will be considered from charities, constituted voluntary and community groups that focus on supporting communities relating to Better Connections by reducing Isolation & Vulnerability for people aged over 60 year - e.g., Support services for the elderly, befriending services and support and befriending with bereavement.

Available Funding

Grants of up to £2,000 are available and must be spent within a year.

Priority Area

Grants are available for projects in Coventry.

We Will Fund

- Groups that have been running for at least 1 year.
- Salary, equipment or volunteer costs that are clearly budgeted and only used for the project – evidence will be required.

Eligibility

You can apply to this fund if you are one of the following:

- Registered charities
- Constituted Community groups
- Companies Limited by Guarantee with charitable aims
- Community Interest Companies
- Co-operatives - registered Community Benefit Societies and registered Industrial and Provident Societies
- Social Enterprises
- Applications from Mutual Aid groups will be considered – however any such groups will need to work with a constituted group / registered charity who will need to hold the funds on their behalf.

***Funding to Community Interest Companies and other non-charities may include conditions to restrict funding to charitable objectives only.*

- Additionally, your organisation/company income level must be equal to or less than £250,000, as shown in your most recent annual accounts.

Please note, we are unable to fund the following:

- Individuals or sole traders
- Arts and media focussed projects
- Sports clubs and societies (unless the project benefits disabled people)
- Contact sports such as boxing
- Capital Builds
- Direct replacement of statutory obligations and public funding
- Promotion of religious or political activities
- Groups with significant financial free reserves
- Organisations or charities which are solely to promote any particular religion
- Organisations who have indicated poor management of any previous grants or who present poor financial health
- Payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans
- Animal welfare, unless the project benefits people (e.g. disabled riding schemes)
- Statutory work in educational institutions
- Pure sponsorship purposes or funding purely for costs of fund-raising events

Additional Supporting Information

To be eligible to apply you must be able to provide proof of:

- Your organisation / company has a management committee / board of trustees / board of directors with at least 3 unrelated people as members, a list of those directors will be required showing who has bank authorisation.
- A written constitution / articles / set of rules.
- A copy of your most recent annual accounts or financial records showing your organisation's balance of funds, income and reserves.
- A bank account in the name of the organisation with at least two unrelated signatories
- A bank statement from the last 3 months.
- Copies of your safeguarding/policy (if you will be working with children or vulnerable adults)
- Copies of your Equal opportunities policy.
- Quotes for capital items over £300.

For Heart of England Community Foundations full eligibility criteria see our website.