

## Digital NNS Fund

### Introduction

Digital Neighbourhood Network Scheme (DNNS) is a digital inclusion project run by Northfield Community Partnership. It was commissioned by Birmingham City Council's Prevention & Communities team in the Adult Social Care Directorate. The project works with the city's 10 NNSs (one in each constituency) and the NNS Connected Communities groups to maximise opportunities for digital inclusion for the benefit of local assets and citizens. The Connected Communities groups are communities and groups in Birmingham which are not geographically based, currently focussed on the LGBTQ+ community, the deaf/hearing impaired community and the GRT (Gypsy, Roma, Traveller) community).

### Aims of the Fund

The aims of the fund are to support organisations to become digitally inclusive and to inspire communities to do more to be digitally inclusive.

### Fund Themes

- Digital inclusion

### Priority Area

The funds are for organisations based in Birmingham.

### Available Funding

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for projects supporting the following:

- Marketing
- Training
- Internet connectivity

### Sorry we cannot fund

- Individuals or sole traders
- Companies Limited by Shares
- Capital builds
- Direct replacement of statutory obligation and public funding
- Promotion of religious or political activities

- *Organisations or charities which are solely to promote any particular religion*
- *Groups with significant financial free reserves*
- *Retrospective grants*
- *Contribution to endowment fund, payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans*
- *National charities*
- *Overseas travel or expeditions*
- *Medical research and equipment for statutory or private healthcare*
- *General appeals*
- *Animal welfare, unless the project benefits people*
- *Statutory work in educational institutions*
- *Boxing clubs or associated organisations unless they are addressing wider community issues*
- *Sponsored or fundraising events or groups raising funds to distribute to other causes*
- *Schools, Churches, Parish Councils or PTA's unless community benefit is demonstrated*

## **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 Enterprise*

*\*\*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 £500,000, as shown in your most recent annual accounts.*

## **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)*
- *Equal opportunities policy.*
- *Quotes for capital items over £300.*

**For the Foundation's full eligibility criteria see our website.**