



Deutsche Bank Opportunity Fund

FUND CRITERIA

The **Deutsche Bank Opportunity Fund** aims to support registered charities, community and voluntary organisations which are working to reduce homelessness across Birmingham.

You can call us on 02477 800 520 for advice on your project before applying.

Fund Aims

The fund is looking for applications that seek to:

- Reduce homelessness across Birmingham with a focus on youth services (preferred)
- Support community groups working with those affected by or are at risk of homelessness with preference for community groups working with young people. This would include rough sleepers and the 'hidden homeless' who exist out of sight in hostels, temporary accommodation such as B&Bs, sofa surfing, squatting or living in conditions of severe overcrowding.

Available Funding

Available grants are for up to £5,000 per application. Applicants will be notified in late November 2024 and project activities must be delivered between January and December 2025.

Grants will need to be spent within 12 months of receipt.

Priority Area

Groups will need to be working actively within Birmingham

What will we support?

- Organisations who are addressing the issue of working with those affected by or at risk of homelessness
- New or existing activities/ services.
- Grants for a wide range of purposes including sessional salary costs, project or activity costs, equipment, consumables or volunteer costs.

Eligibility

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

- Organisations must have been active for at least 12 months
- Registered charities
- Constituted Community groups
- Companies Limited by Guarantee with charitable aims
- Community Interest Companies with asset lock/social mission lock

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

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
- 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
- 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

Additional Supporting Information

To be eligible to apply you must 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 Safeguarding and Equality Opportunities Policies
- Quotes for capital items over £300.

All grant applicants You will need to provide project updates and photographs throughout the time of the grant. You will need to complete an end of grant monitoring form and supply at least one case study.

All grant applicants will be expected to participate in any appropriate publicity as requested by HoECF.

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