

## South Birmingham Friends Institute Fund

South Birmingham Friends Institute was originally a Quaker organisation founded in 1908. Given this heritage the fund is particularly keen to support projects which promote; Peace and Justice, Equality and Sustainability.

### Fund Aims

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Peace and justice - To help create a more peaceful and just society.

For example

- Projects that help develop more positive relationships within society.
- Projects that help promote justice within society.

Equality – To help promote equality and support people those who suffer as a result of inequality.

For example

- Projects that champion diversity and inclusion within society
- Help those who are disadvantaged.

Sustainability – To help improve the local and natural environment.

For example

- Promote education and awareness of sustainability.

The fund likes to support smaller projects where modest donations make a significant difference; funding must be spent within 1 year.

### Available Funding

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

### Priority Area

Grants are available for projects that operate in Birmingham

## We Will Fund

- The fund will support core costs and project costs

## 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
- Co-operatives - registered Community Benefit Societies and registered Industrial and Provident Societies
- New groups without a published set of annual accounts should provide management accounts and/or cashflow forecast, a bank statement, and referee details. A reference will be requested prior to a grant being awarded.
- Additionally, your organisation/company income level must be equal to or less than £500,000, as shown in your most recent annual accounts.

## Sorry, we cannot fund

- **Community Interest Companies (CIC's)**
- Direct replacement of statutory obligation and public funding
- Retrospective grants
- Contribution to endowment fund, payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans
- Individuals
- National charities, unless there is a branch operating in the Birmingham region.
- Overseas travel or expeditions
- Medical research and equipment for statutory or private healthcare
- General appeals
- Animal welfare, unless the project benefits people (e.g. disabled riding schemes)
- Statutory work in educational institutions
- Groups with significant financial free reserves
- 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 be able to provide proof of:

- Your organisation / company having 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 the Foundation's full eligibility criteria see our website.**