**Community Boost Grant**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What criteria are used to assess the applications?**

Our panel will score bids against the below criteria, giving equal weighting to each:

**Health impact:** how strong a chance does the project have of improving the health and wellbeing or people experiencing or at risk of preventative ill health?

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| **5** | The project has a high chance of improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities |
| **4** | The project has a good chance of health and wellbeing |
| **3** | The project has some chance of improving health and wellbeing, but does not demonstrate how it will reach those most at risk of preventative ill health |
| **2** | The project aims to improve health and wellbeing, but it is not clear how this will happen or how it will reach people |
| **1** | The project is unlikely to improve health and wellbeing |

**Supported by the people the project seeks to benefit:** how well does the application demonstrate that local people/the proposed participants support the idea?

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| **5** | The response demonstrates that community members have been fully involved in designing the activity and in writing the application |
| **4** | The response demonstrates that the application has good support from community members  |
| **3** | There is some evidence of support from community members for the activity |
| **2** | There is little or no clear evidence of support from or conversations with the people the project seeks to benefit |
| **1** | There is no evidence of support from or conversations with the people the project seeks to benefit |

**Accessibility and inclusivity:** Is there clear commitment to including people from diverse backgrounds, particularly those who face barriers to other health and leisure activities or services?

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| **5** | The project has given meaningful consideration to inclusion of people from diverse backgrounds and those who face barriers to other activities and services |
| **4** | The project mentions diversity, but has not fully addressed inclusion of those who face barriers to other activities and services |
| **3** | The project aims to be inclusive, but it is not clear how this will happen or how it will reach people |
| **2** | The commitment to inclusion and accessibility is unnecessarily limited  |
| **1** | The project risks alienating people who face barriers to other activities and services |

**Continuity:** is the project likely to generate long-term community impact and continue beyond the initial funding?

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| **5** | There is very strong evidence that the activity will generate long-term community impact and continue beyond the initial funding |
| **4** | There is good evidence that the activity will generate long-term community impact and continuing beyond the initial funding |
| **3** | There is some evidence that the activity will generate long-term community impact or continue beyond the initial funding |
| **2** | There is little evidence that the activity will generate long-term community impact or continue beyond the initial funding |
| **1** | There is no evidence that the activity will generate long-term community impact and continue beyond the initial funding |

**Value for money:** how proportionate is the cost to the benefit to the people involved?

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| **5** | The cost offers excellent value compared to the outcomes for the number of beneficiaries  |
| **4** | The cost is proportionate to the outcomes for the number of beneficiaries  |
| **3** | The cost is slightly high compared to the outcomes for the number of beneficiaries  |
| **2** | It is unclear how many people will benefit or what the outcomes will be for beneficiaries  |
| **1** | The cost is far too high for to the outcomes for the number of beneficiaries  |

**Can I apply for funding for more than one activity?**

You are welcome to apply for funding for different activities. Please submit separate application forms for each activity, with separate cost breakdowns. All applications will be reviewed separately.

**Can I apply for partial funding for an activity that will cost over £2,000?**

If you have already received funding from elsewhere – such as another charitable funder, or crowdfunding - for one part of your activity’s running costs (e.g. venue hire or equipment), you are welcome to apply for a Community Boost grant for the remaining goods and services.

**Is there a minimum amount or funding that I can apply for?**

No, you can apply for any amount up to £2,000.

**What is the fund unable to support payments for?**

The Community Boost grant cannot be used to fund:

* Salaries of any staff in the organisation applying to the fund
* Payments for work done by the person named on the application for
* Any expenditure incurred or committed before the funding is agreed
* Political or religious activities (We can support activities run by faith-based groups or in religious buildings, as long as the activity is open to people of all faiths and beliefs)

**May I restrict my activity to people with particular protected characteristics (e.g. race, nationality, gender, sexuality)?**

We welcome applications aimed at people from minoritised groups, but encourage applicants not to restrict their activity to groups with particular characteristics unless the characteristics relate directly to the benefits the activity provides (e.g. English lessons for people with a shared first language).

**When will I find out if my application is successful?**

The deadline for applications is midday on Friday 16th September 2022. Applicants will be notified and between the 26th September and 6th October 2022.

**If my application is successful, what happens next?**

The Project Manager at Age UK Bristol will contact you by email or phone to arrange a meeting to discuss your project and complete a short checklist. Once this is complete, we will arrange for the transfer of funds to your bank account.

The transfer of funds will happen within two weeks of this meeting. We may ask for further information about your project before making a decision.

There will be some monitoring requirements so that Age UK Bristol and Healthier Together can understand the impact the activities are having on local people and learn how we can best support local groups. There will need to be someone running the activity who is able to take responsibility for this. We understand that this is a relatively small amount of money and so this will not be onerous – a simple questionnaire completed by people taking part in your activity, and updates on the numbers of people attending every few months. We would also be delighted if you could share stories and photos from your activities for us to publish (if appropriate).

**What other support can you offer to successful projects?**

Our Project Manager is able to provide ongoing support including connecting you with other funded projects to share advice. Although we do require that you explain your long-term plans in your application, we can also provide connections and guidance to help you scale up your activity or access larger funding from other sources, such as registering as a Registered Charity or Community Interest Company or recruiting Trustees or Directors.

**Any further questions?**

If you need any more information, or would like to ask anything before applying, please contact:

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