

Connecting Communities Fund: Older People Involvement

This is a one off grant that is especially aimed at getting older people more involved in the wider community, having a greater say in the things that matter to them and becoming less excluded

The grant is for £2,000 that can be used to deliver a discrete project over a three month period

The outcome of the successful project could be either;

- 30 excluded people over 50 engaged in a community activity in their area
- 1 new 50+ community group is set up in the Reassurance plus area
- 2 Cross generational activity days are held in the Reassurance plus areas
- Working with young people to introduce older people in their community to IT

The panel may also consider other similar outcomes that meet one of the broad aims of the grant.

Applying for the grant

To apply for the grant you will need to complete an application form that you can download from www.blackpooltssp.org.uk or get a printed copy from your local Sure Start office in the following Reassurance plus areas.

Central- Claremont / Talbot and Brunswick

South- Revoe /St.Heliers /South Beach

Grange Park

The form will ask you for your groups' details and some other information about what you want to do and how much it will cost to do.

You can then return the form to Blackpool Third Sector Strategic Partnership.

Your application will go to a panel and if you are successful then you will be notified within a few days of the panel meeting.

At the end of the project you will be asked to submit some kind of feedback which could be a written statement (no more than one side of A4), photograph diary showing the activity that you have delivered or any other evidence that shows what has been achieved.

Who can apply for the grant?

The grant is open to any community group or group of residents who work or live in one of the reassurance plus areas in Blackpool.

You do not have to be a constituted group to apply but we will not fund individuals so there must be at least three of you (preferably not related) who will be carrying out the project.

How is the grant paid?

If you are a constituted group and you have a bank account in your name you will be paid the grant in advance by cheque. You will then need to provide receipts for any expenditure you make. Any money not spent must be returned.

If you are a constituted group then CVS will act as your bankers and you will need to tell them what you want to pay for out of your grant. They will then provide you with a completed expenditure sheet for you to hand in at the end of your project.

When is the closing date?

There will be three rounds to this funding May, June and July. To meet the deadline you will need to have your application submitted by the 25th of the month ready to go the grant panel on 30th/31st.

The grants will be paid on a first come first served basis so if there are lots of applications early on then there may not be any money left for later applications.

Do we have to submit a report at the end?

While you don't have to submit a report at the end we would like to see some evidence of what was done with the money. It could be a short written account, photographs, a video or something else.

Good Luck

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