

**Bristol Impact Fund: Growing the power of communities. Medium and Large Grants 2021-2025 (extended until March 2026)**

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"The Way Forward: 2021-2025 Delivery, and refresh, of 'The Way Forward - 2018-2023', Lawrence Weston's Community Plan and coordination and delivery of activities from Ambition House "	Ambition Lawrence Weston	£171,800	We will be delivering our residents priorities identified in our Community Plan 'The Way Forward 2018-2023', plus refreshing the plan in 2022. We will also be delivering activities and bringing new service delivery from within our proposed new community building 'Ambition House Hub', inline with outcomes highlighted within our Community Plan and responsive needs from local residents. We will also continue the delivery of locally built infrastructure, including a community owned Wind Turbine, Affordable Housing scheme, the aforementioned Community Hub Building, Ambition House and new Cycling leisure facilities. Along with initiatives to address the digital divide.
LWCF Co-Action	Lawrence Weston Community Farm	£128,200	"To enable those experiencing greatest inequality in Lawrence Weston, Avonmouth and Henbury to help meet the community-identified priorities of making improvements to their mental health and wellbeing and improving their economic inclusion through being better placed to find employment. Local people will be able to make best use of the Farm, an existing community asset, to enable them to support one another, work collectively, build on their existing strengths, access empowering services, and play an active role in helping to shape a stronger more inclusive and better connected community. Growing our capacity to facilitate citizen-led action underpins our proposal. "
Community building and recovery in Southmead	Southmead Development Trust	£150,000	Southmead has been hard hit by covid19 due to high rates of long term health conditions, employment in vulnerable sectors and pre-existing housing or financial instability. Our goal is to emerge from this crisis with local connections, entrepreneurial spirit, and community leadership renewed. Over four years we will build on strong community assets to support locally-led recovery - rebuilding connections, local groups, and partnerships to take forward local ideas. A refreshed community plan will identify local priorities and feed into city decision making. We will ensure residents use new digital skills to achieve community/enterprise ambitions, and micro-enterprises/self-employed residents can share their skills and increase resilience.
Filwood Community Centre	Community in Partnership Knowle West	£195,000	"Deliver community plans for transformation and Filwood Community Centre's(FCC) sustainability. Filwood Centre team and residents delivering community goals (working alongside BCC and other stakeholders/partners):  A creative cultural hub for Knowle West and south Bristol - destination Knowle West (and Filwood Broadway Regeneration) Grow local pride and bring people together for leisure, arts and culture and informal learning – more activities to increase wellbeing, skills, connections/cohesion and arts access/creation  Celebrate local culture and talent and develop and support local talent and community enterprise (through various activities)  PLUS - Deliver conditions of the Centre's new lease; working with BCC community development, (exploration library integration,) and growth of the membership/use. "
Building a good life in Knowle-West	Knowle West Health Park Company	£102,500	"Asset based community development workers will facilitate community building conversations creating space to talk and working with residents to grow resilience within the community, influencing the wider determinants of health that impact mental health and wellbeing.  In four years' time we want people from Knowle West to have the knowledge, skills, resource, and drive that enables them to better understand and meet their own mental health and well-being needs, as well as the needs of those that are close to them, leading to the creation of a more resilient and healthier community. "

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Our Digital City	Knowle West Media Centre	£102,500	<p>"Through a programme of training, development and co-creation Our Digital City will improve digital inclusion across the city, sharing tools and knowledge to enable people to take positive action in their communities. Building on existing assets, it will support people to navigate life with COVID-19 and equip them with skills, motivation and confidence to use digital tools for:</p> <p>Community-led social innovation (tackling health inequalities; understanding data rights and use; citizen science; sensing; co-design)</p> <p>Telling stories (activism; telling stories and communicating with others – particularly voices that are under-represented)</p> <p>Connecting people and communities (sharing tools and resources by encouraging a 'commons' mindset) "</p>
Hartcliffe City Farm	Windmill Hill City Farm	£250,000	To create a programme that supports the rejuvenation of a community hub in Hartcliffe: a place where people will come to improve their health and play their part in a fairer and more sustainable city. The hub will support jobs, training and improved health and wellbeing by creating a vibrant space that connects people to each other and to the environment and where residents of all ages are empowered to address the societal and personal challenges they face. It will be an inclusive environment, attracting innovation to improve access to the environment and address climate change through locally devised solutions.
<p>Community Activities Fund, Hartcliffe and Withywood</p> <p>This funding is allocated to support the development of community-led activity and groups in Hartcliffe. We recognise Hartcliffe experiences significant inequity.</p> <p><i>Note this funding runs from April 2024 to October 2025</i></p>	Hartcliffe & Withywood Community Partnership (HWCP)	£10,000	Engage with local residents to complete a survey that will give us a robust picture of our community and people's experiences so that we can use the data collected to develop a comprehensive community plan that will be used to improve the situation for Hartcliffe and Withywood.
	Hartcliffe City Farm CIC	£5,000	To develop a peer-to-peer infrastructure support network of community organisations that can facilitate strategic discussions to advance community-focused work in the Hartcliffe neighbourhood.
	Mowcraft Methodist Hall	£5,000	There are limited community spaces across the estate. We will offer the church building for 2 hours per week with no cost to the community/individual. It can be for any event, meeting or space as long as the intent is to bring people together and build connections.
Building Equity and Capacity of Black Minority Ethnic Communities in Central and Inner East Bristol (Talo, BHYC, Vocalise and Docklands)	Full Circle @ Docklands Ltd (with Talo Community CIC (Talo) , Bristol Horn Youth Concern CIC (BHYC), Vocalise Bristol CIC (Vocalise) )	£199,932	<p>"We will build the capacity of the Central &amp; Inner East Black Minority Communities. This is primarily by empowering the Somali communities of St Judes, Newtown, St Pauls and Redcliffe and through improving the community infrastructure and organisations in St Pauls.</p> <p>More sustainable Black Minority Ethnic Led community organisations in Central and Inner East Bristol.</p> <p>Improved community infrastructure in St Pauls (communication, meetings/organising, planning)</p> <p>More sustainable Black Minority Ethnic, locally led organisations in St Pauls.</p> <p>Increased civic participation of the Somali communities (Public Spaces, Community Organising, Accessing Power.</p> <p>Increased economic equity, Wellbeing and Individual Agency in Somali communities. "</p>

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Eastside People and Places	Eastside Community Trust (with Trinity Community Arts and Somali Kitchen CIC)	£400,000	We will use an asset based approach to create powerful connections between people, community space and local decision makers Collaborating with other organisations and led by local residents, we will: - Increase sense of inclusion and belonging - Increase wellbeing and improve mental health through social connections - Increase civic participation and resident agency in local life - Increase social capital of local people to get things done themselves Our project is in five parts: 1)community development and civic participation 2)diverse women-led community events, regular activities and workshops 3)communications 4)membership development 5)capacity building and advocacy
Amplifying Unheard Voices through Community Engagement	African Voices Forum	£125,000	" Increase capacity of African communities, particularly young people, to effectively engage with stakeholders and through these links, enable community voices to be heard by:-  Building African young people's sense of belonging to positively transform their lived experiences in education, health, social, civic and economic development circles to make it more equitable  Creating A Youth Bureau which offers youth and community development programmes and develops a network of confident, digitally skilled and empowered young leaders  Strengthening and growing community bonds by bridging inter-generational links using digital skills and knowledge exchanges across generations and in collaborations between group members "
Ujima Radio	Ujima Radio CIC	£275,000	"Our vision is to create a Hub with Ujima at the heart of a new generation of Digital Media, Community Development, Arts and Training services. The overall goal is to deliver a programme of community-based activities, events, training programmes and projects that develop young people, individuals and groups as a route to establish more economic development, employment, significant influence, impact and wider systemic change. We will be using a non-deficit and asset-based approach to deliver outreach and engagement, community voice, training and employment projects and to achieve this we need to relocate our facilities to a more (post-pandemic) appropriate location. "
The Joined-Up Community Programme	Bristol Somali Resource Centre	£272,000	The Joined-Up Community Programme aims to build up socio-economic inclusion and improve psycho-social wellbeing of Somali residents in priority areas across the city. Activities cross-fertilise options and opportunities through a community network for connecting and learning, enabling Somali people to develop new skills and expand self-reliance through a joined-up programme of outreach, advice, events, training and networking. BSRC will build collaborative networks in target areas, mobilise community assets, co-design a detailed delivery plan with community members and strengthen our infrastructure for lasting success. Outcomes include resilience from better jobs, housing and mental health in an active, and engaged community.
Brighter Futures for Young People	Step Together Volunteering Ltd	£88,121	Building on our previous work, we will support young people across Bristol who have multiple, complex needs with intensive 1:1 support and individually tailored volunteering placements. This will be complemented by a Young Ambassador programme which will encourage young people to share their lived experience, develop personal and collective agency, and act as positive role-models for other young people. Using a relational and asset-based approach, we will support the most socially excluded and vulnerable young people in Bristol into volunteering to build stronger links with their communities, gain social capital and develop skills to improve transitions to training and/or employment.
S.C.H.E.M.E for Young People as the Solution	1625 Independent People Ltd	£96,635	The goal is to prevent and alleviate the impact of youth homelessness, and improve outcomes for the most vulnerable young people (YP) in Bristol, through increasing the capacity of YP to engage in community activity. This ambitious project recognises that our YP are talented and are experts in what is needed. YP are part of their own

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(Support, Connect, Help, Empower, Maintain, Engagement)			solution. It targets the most marginalized YP who have experienced trauma and adverse childhood experiences to develop confidence and ambition, so face systemic inequalities. The project facilitates YP to disseminate their stories and take collective action to support all YP experiencing systemic inequalities.
Valuable not Vulnerable! Empowering Older People	Bristol Older Peoples Forum CIO	£195,940	Our proposal is shaped around the empowerment and representation of older people, placing them at the heart of decision-making and building a collective voice. We use asset-based community development, utilising skills, knowledge and experience of our members and trustees to deliver effective services. Over the funding period, we will establish an empowerment approach to ageing, work towards an age friendly city and challenge casual and institutionalised ageism—offering best practice advice to address discrimination. We will promote work that acknowledges intersectionality—from those who receive unequal access to services, and recognises the diversity of our members
Women Together for Change	Bristol Women's Voice	£195,542	"BWV will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• support disadvantaged women to organise and take action on key issues to improve their lives and their communities;</li> <li>• provide workshops and events to build and share skills, and ensure cross-community learning and communication;</li> <li>• amplify the voices of women across Bristol to each other, in strategic fora and with decision makers to bring about women's equality.</li> </ul> We will do this in collaboration with local grassroots groups/organisations, providing capacity building support to enhance their ability to engage, represent and support marginalised women. Goal: to build the resilience and influence of disadvantaged women to solve problems and bring about meaningful change. "
V&I and community development	Bristol Disability Equality Forum	£172,355	Our proposal is to work with Disabled people, especially but not only, those whose voice tends not to be heard, providing the support they need and enabling them to access meaningful Voice and Influence across all matters affecting them. The overall goal is to ensure Disabled people's wellbeing, inclusion and agency, using a peer support, empowerment and Asset-based model of community development. This includes peer support to: overcome the negative impacts of Coronavirus; increase participants' confidence levels and engagement in their local communities; and influence all matters (systemic and specific) affecting them and the removal of existing barriers.
Deaf People Together: in charge of our own futures	Centre for Deaf & Hard of Hearing People	£199,963	"Our goal is for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people to engage more with the Centre for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people (CfD). In the development phase, we will support the Deaf community to recognise their assets and to then build on these assets so that they become more self-organised and determine the future strategy of CfD. Later on, the project will facilitate the creation of user-led groups to achieve their self-determined aims and will discuss the concept of "hearing allies" to explore the relationship between Deaf and hearing people and their organisations in Bristol. "
Befriending Service for Mental Health and Wellbeing	Changes Bristol Ltd	£181,512	"To continue and build on the telephone and walk and talk befriending service for people in Bristol experiencing mental health difficulties, in particular anxiety and depression and where isolation is a contributing factor. Befriending is managed by staff and delivered through trained volunteers supporting people who do not meet the thresholds for acute mental health services but whose quality of life, relationships, employment and overall health is being impacted.  Befriending offers people regular connection with others, the chance to share what they are going through and provides the motivation to make positive changes for both individuals and their communities."

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SEND and Preparing for Adulthood Transitions Project	Autism Independence CIC	£194,000	"The project will work with Somali and other black and minority ethnic (BAME) 16-25yr old people who have a diagnosis of autism/ learning disability (LD), to enable them to transition into adulthood with greater independence and opportunities to participate.  The project will also support families and carers of those young people to access support for the young people and to promote holistic quality family life. Activities will include supporting BAME young people with autism into post 16 education, work experience and employment opportunities, whilst also helping the young people themselves, their families and carers to access support to achieve independence and wellbeing. "
People's Voice	BCC (Phase 1)	£30,623	BIF 2 will make this funding available to support people with learning difficulties to develop a peer network/organisation to building self-determination and self-organisation
	WECIL (Phase 2)	£168,970	The funding is to support People with learning difficulties to create a new organisation which they lead themselves.  It will be an organisation which brings people with Learning Difficulties together, supports them to take action on things that are important to them and strengthens their voice and influence in the city.
BOOST Community	Wellspring Settlement (with Talking Money and CHAS)	£200,000	BOOST Community will build on the proven BOOST Finance model. It will support those experiencing financial insecurity/exclusion and will actively develop and grow its people-to-people connections and networks, working with its participants in a co-produced way to ensure the service continues to meet community needs. Through progressing people from service-user to volunteer/role model and collective-action BOOST Community will make better use of its assets and resources to bring about meaningful change. The overall goal is BOOST Community will be overseen by the community, shaping, and leading the project to support this community be a thriving voice in inclusive economic solutions.
BRASP (Bristol Refugee and Asylum Seeker Partnership) Community Hubs	Bristol Refugee Rights (BRR) (with Refugee Women of Bristol (RWoB), Borderlands, Bristol Hospitality Network (BHN), Project MAMA (MAMA))	£450,000	"BRASP is 16 organisations supporting asylum seekers, refugees and migrants with insecure status (ASRIM). Our proposal: 1. Coordination of BRASP; 2. Meeting the needs of ASRIM; provide space and opportunity for individuals and communities to grow. How: - drop-ins across the week, meeting general (open to all ASRIM) and specific needs (women, mothers, destitute); - opportunities for volunteering, using skills, skills development and empowerment; - coordination of projects and services to best meet need and enable pathways from newly arrived to contributing and included member of community; - connecting BRASP and people with lived experience with power in the city. "

#### Hate Crime and Discrimination support

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BHC&DS (Bristol Hate Crime & Discrimination Services)	The Brandon Trust	£100,323.00	BHC&DS is a partnership of 6 specialist, equalities charities delivering a holistic, preventative and impactful service tackling hate crime and discrimination for Bristol. This proposal offers signposting, workshops, peer

BHC&DS (Bristol Hate Crime & Discrimination Services)	Bristol Law Centre	£219,688.20	support, casework, strategic work, education, restorative justice, mediation and conflict resolution. Our overall goal is to reduce levels of and minimise consequences of hate crime and discrimination for victims and communities. We intervene as early as possible, to empower victims to cope and recover so they feel part of our city and access its opportunities, and to build commitment of the wider community to be part of the solution.
BHC&DS (Bristol Hate Crime & Discrimination Services)	Resolve West Ltd	£99,921.60	
BHC&DS (Bristol Hate Crime & Discrimination Services)	Stand Against Racism & Inequality	£706,275.90	
BHC&DS (Bristol Hate Crime & Discrimination Services)	Off the Record (Bristol)	£58,532.40	
BHC&DS (Bristol Hate Crime & Discrimination Services)	Bristol Mind	£93,258.90	