



Community Resilience Fund Decision Making Group Role Description

Do you want to have a say in how money is spent in your community?

Do you know what your community needs most?

Register your interest to join a Community Resilience Fund Decision Making Group by 3rd November 2022.

We will offer participants money or vouchers in return for their time, equivalent to £10.90 an hour (based on [the Real Living Wage](#)).

What is the Community Resilience Fund?

The Community Resilience Fund (CRF) is a £4million grant fund for projects that increase the resilience of the voluntary and community sector in communities which experience the greatest inequality. This means supporting organisations to **survive and thrive** for the **long term**, through challenging times, so that they can continue to provide vital spaces, resources and services to their communities into the future. The money will be spent on projects which help organisations to:

- make their facilities more accessible to everyone in the community: for example, by putting in ramps or an accessible toilet.
- increase their income or sources of income: for example, by making physical improvements to their building, allowing them to rent out more space, put on more activities or sell more services or products.
- make their facilities more environmentally friendly and/or cheaper to run: for example, by upgrading to renewable energy or heating systems or improving energy efficiency with insulation, building controls or double glazing.
- pay for new or improved digital infrastructure: for example, installing smart technology or a new IT system – this could be done as part of a partnership across several sites

Do you want to decide where the money goes?

Charities, voluntary and community groups in Bristol are an important part of our communities. We want to make sure the Community Resilience Fund is given out in a way which is fair and open. We want to involve people who know their communities best in making decisions.

Who can take part?

We are looking for people from different backgrounds, who represent Bristol's population. It's important that people who are not usually involved in

decision making can take part. This is because the life experience and knowledge different people bring will help us make better decisions. We'll be using information about people who are interested in taking part to help us create balanced and diverse decision making groups.

To take part you must be:

- 16 or over
- A Bristol Resident
- A representative of a charity or community organisation

We are particularly keen to hear from:

- Parents, carers or guardians of children under 16 years old
- Tenants of Bristol City Council, a housing association or social landlord
- Women
- Older People (over 55)
- Young People (16-24)
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic People
- Disabled People
- LGBT+ People

There will be two types of decision making group:

Neighbourhoods

Use this [map to find out if you live, work or take part in community activities in an eligible area](#). The coloured areas on the map are eligible. You can use the postcode/ street name search box in the top right to check a specific place.

Equalities Communities

This group will focus on giving funding to Citywide Equalities groups and organisations. For this group we are looking for people who identify as being part of the following communities:

- Women
- Older People (over 55)
- Young People (16-24)
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic People
- Disabled People
- LGBT+ People

What do you have to do?

We are asking you to attend between 3 and 5 face to face meetings in Bristol of around 2 or 3 hours each. The meetings will take place between November 2022 and February 2023.

You will also need to be able to come to the first welcome session in November.

There will be someone leading each of the meetings to make sure everyone gets a say, and to help the group make decisions. In the group of between 16 and 26 people, you will be joined by other people from your community including residents, Councillors and staff or volunteers from community organisations.

If you need help to take part, for example, using a translator or interpreter, a buddy to come to meetings with you or childcare support please let us know and we will do our best to support you. If you are invited to take part, we will contact you to find out if you need any help.

You do not need to have experience of doing this kind of thing before. We will give you all the information you need to make decisions as a group. All you need to do is come along, be open and enthusiastic.

What you'll get in return

All members of the decision making groups will be given money or vouchers equivalent to £10.90 an hour in return for their time (Real Living Wage).

You will receive this after each meeting.

We will pay for travel, provide food and drinks and cover other reasonable costs that will help you come to the meeting.

Where?

Meetings will happen face to face in community venues in Bristol.

How to register your interest

To tell us you're interested, [fill in this form](#) by Thursday 3rd November. We will consider you for a decision making group, and contact you to tell you if you've been selected by Friday 11th November.

If you need help to complete the form you can email robyn.taylor@bristol.gov.uk or phone 07765 740193 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday

You can complete the interest form on behalf of somebody else, or with somebody else if they need support with the form, as long as you have their permission.