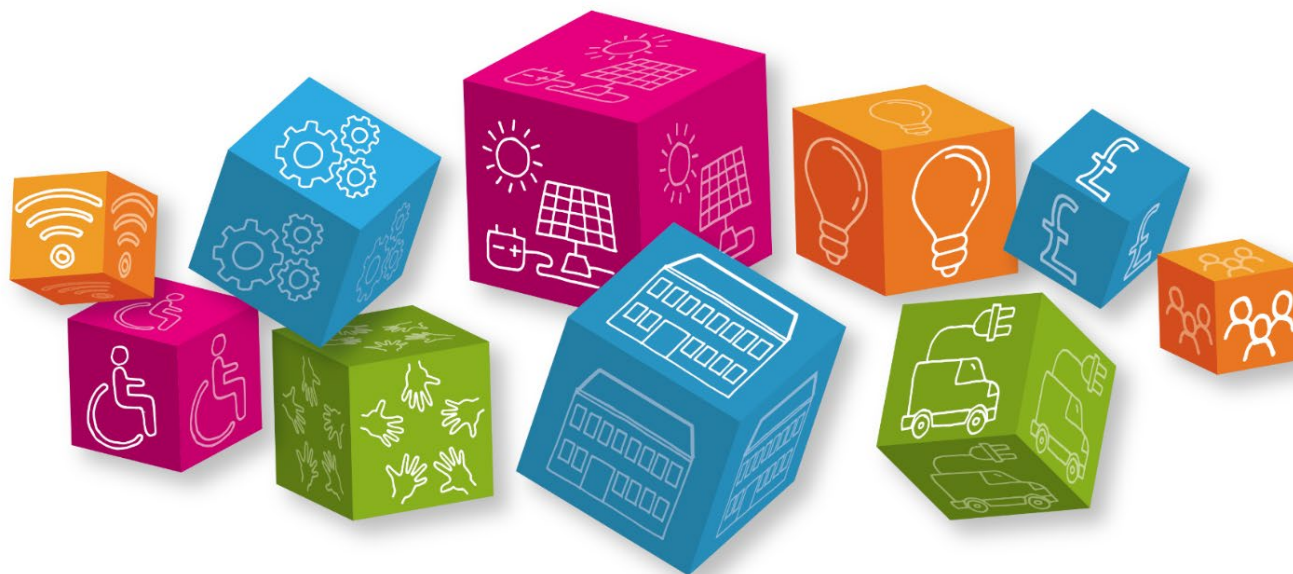


# Community Resilience Fund

Investing in Bristol's community organisations



[www.bristol.gov.uk/crf](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/crf)



# Community Resilience Fund- Guidance and Eligibility Criteria

## Contents

Contents.....	2
What is the Community Resilience Fund? .....	4
Budget.....	5
How the Community Resilience Fund will work .....	6
Funding <b>could</b> be spent on                      Funding <b>can't</b> be spent on.....	7
Collaborative projects .....	9
Lease length .....	10
What Kind of Organisation is Eligible? .....	11
What Are the Eligible Areas for the Neighbourhood Fund? .....	13
Equalities funding - organisations 'of' .....	16
Good to Know .....	17
Definitions.....	17
Guidance & Resources .....	18





## What is the Community Resilience Fund?

**The Community Resilience Fund (CRF)** is a 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 intention of this fund is to invest in projects which address income generation/ saving, digital inclusion, accessibility and environmental sustainability. For example, organisations could seek funding 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





## Budget

**£4 million in capital grants available from April 2023**



Neighbourhood Fund: **£3.2 million allocated to area based organisations**

- For 30% most deprived areas of Bristol
- Projects should cost a **minimum of £50,000**. This is because we want to make strategic investments which have a long term, significant impact on resilience.
- Each eligible area of the city has a budget allocated, and the maximum grant which could be awarded is the total area budget. See page \*\* for the eligible areas and budgets.



Equalities Fund: **£800,000 allocated to equalities organisations**

- £720,000 for projects that cost a minimum of £50,000
- £80,000 for projects that cost a minimum of £10,000
- Equalities organisations could be based outside of the most deprived areas.
- They might not have a community space or building of their own.
- This part of the fund is intended for organisations led by people 'of' the equalities community they work with (\*see page 15 for definition of organisations 'of').



## How the Community Resilience Fund will work

**Stage 1:** During Stage 1, we are inviting organisations to submit their **outline project proposal**.

All project proposals need to be submitted by **midday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**.

Once all proposals are received, they will be checked for eligibility.

**Stage 2:** Eligible projects will be taken through to Stage 2. They will be reviewed by a group made up of residents, organisations and councillors from your community. This group will be supported to discuss proposals and to make decisions, with input from relevant experts to help them take a well-rounded view.

If this group needs more information about your proposal they will ask you for it. Support will be available to help you develop your proposal at this stage.

Successful projects will be chosen by January 2023 and the **first grants will be paid in April 2023**. Organisations chosen for funding will be given time and support to develop their proposals.

Please contact [investmentandgrants@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:investmentandgrants@bristol.gov.uk) if you have any questions about the Community Resilience Fund.

Please note: All eligible and ineligible project proposal titles and organisation names will be publicised on the Bristol City Council website at the end of Stage 1 for transparency.





Funding **could** be spent on

- Improving access (e.g. for disabled people or young people)
- Changes to buildings, for example an extension or a renovation
- Environmental sustainability measures e.g. a renewable heating system, energy efficiency improvements like insulation or double-glazed windows which bring down energy costs
- Means of transport that do not rely on fossil fuels or reduce use of fossil fuels e.g. electric, zero or low carbon emission vehicles or a fleet of bikes
- Any associated new accessories e.g. bike parking, electric vehicle charge point
- 'Outbuildings' like workshops, equipment stores



Funding **can't** be spent on

- Staffing costs (\*see 'good to know' on page 16 for information on support available to manage and enable projects to happen)
- Costs towards running a service
- Projects in inaccessible venues (unless the project is to improve accessibility)
- Spaces used solely for political or religious activities
- Buildings or equipment that the state or a statutory body has a legal obligation to provide (e.g. schools, Council libraries).





Funding **could** be spent on

Equipment, for example:

- Large scale hardware like a whole new IT system or a mass upgrade of laptops, including software as part of a bigger project
- Large, fixed furniture. For example, kitchen fixtures in a community kitchen or fixed seating in a theatre
- Furniture bought as part of a bigger project such as a renovation or extension
- Installation of new communication systems (phone, tv, radio, internet)
- Play equipment (not in a Council park)
- Large sports equipment like gym machines



Funding **can't** be spent on

- Small computer hardware and software like printers, smartphones or software under £10,000
- Smaller, movable items of furniture as a stand alone project





Funding **could** be spent on

## **Collaborative projects**

If several organisations are interested in similar projects which individually cost less than the minimum grant size, a joint proposal could be submitted which meets the minimum grant size.

**For example**, five community centres could get together and all propose installation of an access ramp costing £10,000 per ramp. Using one contractor to install all the ramps would be more cost effective and this project would strategically improve access to community facilities across a neighbourhood.



## Lease length

Organisations seeking funding for a project which will invest in a **building or space** should have a **secure lease**. We expect organisations to have a minimum lease of the following length (without a break clause):

- £10,000- £20,000 : 3 Years
- £20,000-£50,000 : 5 years
- £50,000 or more : 10 years +

Minimum lease requirements are based on the size of grant awarded and are set because we need to understand how the funding will support the long term resilience of your organisation. A longer lease allows an organisation to be more sustainable in the future.

We will expect projects to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.



## What Kind of Organisation is Eligible?

### **Voluntary and Community Sector organisations**

- A registered charity
- A Community Interest Company limited by guarantee
- A Community Interest Company limited by share (Schedule 2 with 100% asset lock only)
- A company limited by guarantee with charitable status
- A community benefit company registered as an Industrial and Provident Society
- A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

### **Organisations must ensure that all the statements below apply to them before submitting a project proposal. Your organisation:**

- is constituted (it has a governing document – a set of rules - either constitution or a Memorandum and Articles of Association)
- is incorporated, or if it is not incorporated, then you have an agreement from an incorporated organisation that can hold the funding on your behalf
- is already based in or delivering services in Bristol



- is non-governmental
- has a constitution (a set of rules or Memorandum and Articles of Association which outlines a set of objectives that allows it to undertake the project)
- is value-driven, for the social good
- is non-party political
- has at least three trustees, directors or management committee members (not related to each other and aren't paid shareholders)
- reinvests financial surpluses to further objectives that bring a significant community benefit to Bristol
- is not-for-profit – it doesn't distribute any of its surpluses or assets through share payments to individuals or shareholders
- has a bank account in its own name and payments from this account should be authorised by at least two signatories (not related or living at the same address)



## What Are the Eligible Areas for the Neighbourhood Fund?

This map can be used to find eligible areas: [Community Resilience Fund \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

Click on an area to find out who the VCSE lead organisation is and how to contact them.

Organisations based in these areas are able to submit an outline project proposal as part of the Neighbourhood Fund. Equalities organisations do not need to be based in these eligible areas, but could be working citywide, or based in a different part of the city.

The Neighbourhood Fund is divided into area wide budgets. These are outlined below:

**Area 1:** Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston (Lawrence Weston South, Lawrence Weston Parade, Lawrence Weston West, Lawrence Weston East, Shirehampton Centre, Barrow Hill, Avonmouth Village) Stoke Bishop (Sea Mills South)

**Budget: £294,000**



**Area 2:** Horfield (Horfield Common, Sheridan Road) Southmead (Southmead Central, Trymside, Fonthill, Southmead North, Southmead West) Henbury and Brentry (Crow Lane, Henbury, Crow Lane South)  
**Budget: £410,000**

**Area 3:** Hillfields (East Hillfields and Hillfields North) Frome Vale (Gill Avenue) Eastville (Greenbank, Eastville Park, Speedwell) Lockleaze (Lockleaze South, Lockleaze North, Filton Avenue South, Filton Avenue North)  
**Budget: £444,000**

**Area 4:** Easton (St Marks Road, Gilbert Road) Ashley (St Pauls Grosvenor Road, St Pauls City Road, St Agnes, St Pauls Portland Square, Lower Montpelier) Lawrence Hill (Easton Road, Cabot Circus, St Philips, Newtown, St Judes, Barton Hill, Stapleton Road, Old Market and Temple Meads) St George Central (Whiteway, Clouds Hill) Central (Redcliffe South, Stokes Croft West)  
**Budget: £887,000**



**Area 5:** Southville (Bedminster East and Bedminster West) Brislington East and West (Broomhill Road, Hicks gate, St Anne's Park) Knowle (Ilminster Avenue West, Ilminster Avenue East)

**Budget: £260,000**

**Area 6:** Hengrove and Whitchurch Park (Whitchurch Park west, Hengrove west, Wharnecliffe Gardens) Filwood (Inns Court, Filwood Broadway, Throgmorton Road, Leinster Avenue, Glyn Vale, Markbury Road, Wedmore Vale, Novers) Hartcliffe and Withywood (Hareclive, Bishport Avenue, Bishport Avenue East, Fulford Road North, Whitchurch Lane, Bishport Avenue West, Four Acres, Fair Furlong, Withywood, Sherrin Way, Highridge Common) Bishopsworth (Highridge) Stockwood (Burnbush Hill and Burnbush)

**Budget: £903,000**

In **exceptional** circumstances a proposal will be considered from an organisation outside the eligible areas, but this will only be considered if there are no other viable organisations and it is clear the organisation has deep roots in the community.



## **Equalities funding - organisations 'of'**

By organisations 'of' communities of identity or experience, we mean organisations are led and controlled by a majority of people who have directly relevant lived experience in the context of the proposal, and so reflect and are 'of' the communities that organisation works with. These organisations have a majority of people with lived experience at all levels of their organisation including trustees, senior management, staff and volunteers. Simply engaging with a beneficiary group doesn't mean an organisation is led by people with lived experience.

(Definition is based on the definition developed by Association of Charitable Foundations)

In the Outline Project Proposal we ask you to tell us what proportion of trustees, senior management, staff and volunteers in your organisation are people 'of' the community you work with.

Equalities organisations which do not meet the above definition are able to submit a proposal, in exceptional circumstances. The organisation should demonstrate that the equalities community is significantly involved in their work/project. For example, a youth organisation may not have many staff members under the age of 25 but may have youth steering group who inform their work.





## Good to Know

- Recipients of a CRF grant can **access additional grant funding to enable a project to happen**. This can be used to support the project **development and delivery**. This could include getting **building surveys** or **project management** support, and other relevant delivery costs.
- This funding can't be used for ongoing costs to run or maintain a project or service paid for with a capital grant (e.g. a driver for a minibus or maintenance of a new solar installation). These costs would need to be budgeted and paid for by the organisation.

## Definitions

- **Capital** is: funding for **physical** things rather than services or activities. It's a substantial, one off investment on something which will last several years like equipment or premises.
- **Revenue** is: costs of the day-to-day running of the organisation and its projects. It can be general overheads or direct project costs including stationery, rent, heat and lighting, phone bills and materials and staff costs



## Guidance & Resources

Below you will find helpful guidance on building accessibility and energy efficiency to support you when developing your project:

This is a report outlining the baseline standards for building accessibility with guidance on dimensions, materials and design - [Environment Access Report \(bristol.gov.uk\)](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/environment-access-report)

This guide will help you carry out an Eco Impact Assessment on your project - [Guide - how to complete an Eco Impact Assessment.docx \(sharepoint.com\)](https://www.sharepoint.com/~/s/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=/Forms/AllItems.aspx)

This guide provides some comprehensive information on solar panels - [A comprehensive guide to solar panels - Energy Saving Trust / Solar PV | Centre for Sustainable Energy \(cse.org.uk\)](https://www.energy-saving-trust.org.uk/solar-pv)

This is a form to help you to do a self-guided audit of a community building to assess its energy efficiency - [energy survey proforma Layout 1 \(cse.org.uk\)](https://www.cse.org.uk/energy-survey-proforma)



This leaflet provides advice on energy efficient glazing and high performance external doors - [advice-leaflet-energy-efficient-glazing-high-performance-doors \(cse.org.uk\)](https://www.cse.org.uk/advice-leaflet-energy-efficient-glazing-high-performance-doors)

This leaflet provides advice on the installation and use of ground source heat pumps - [advice leaflet ground source heat pump.indd \(cse.org.uk\)](https://www.cse.org.uk/advice-leaflet-ground-source-heat-pump)

This leaflet provides advice on air source heat pumps - [advice-leaflet-air-source-heat-pump.pdf \(cse.org.uk\)](https://www.cse.org.uk/advice-leaflet-air-source-heat-pump.pdf)

Further advice and resources around energy efficiency that may help the development of your project - [Resources | Centre for Sustainable Energy \(cse.org.uk\)](https://www.cse.org.uk/resources)

