

# Community Resilience Fund: Participant Welcome Pack

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## **Introduction**

The participant welcome pack was sent to participants ahead of the first decision making meeting to ensure they understood the process and all had background information they needed to take part. The Payment for Involvement Guidance, Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Declaration and Confidentiality Agreement were also sent with the pack.

All participants were sent a digital copy of the pack, with the option to be sent a hard and/or large print copy.

Each decision-making group was provided with local context facts and figures relevant to their specific area/community of interest.

## **Welcome letter**

### **Thank you for taking part in the Community Resilience Fund decision making**

#### **We're so excited to have you involved!**

You'll be invited to four meetings between January and May 2023.

#### **What you will be doing**

You will be part of a group of between 20 and 30 people including other residents, councillors and voluntary and community sector organisations. As a group, you will look at project proposals that have been submitted by local community groups and charities and deciding together which projects should receive funding.

You will be working in small groups of 6-7 having discussions and you won't be asked to do any presenting or speaking in front of the whole room unless you want to.

There will be people leading the meetings to help you make decisions. You will be guided through a process and everything will be explained at the first meeting. You don't need to prepare or bring anything with you other than yourself!

Your views and local knowledge are really valuable and that's why we've asked you to take part.

You don't need any experience – people will have all different levels of experience, from different backgrounds, so we ask you to come with an open mind.

#### **About the Community Resilience Fund**

It is a £4million fund to support charities and community groups that are based in and work with the most deprived communities in Bristol.

The aim of the fund is to help them to:

- recover from the pandemic
- increase their sustainability
- continue the vital work they do for the long term

The fund is about helping organisations to be future proof, save or make money, be more accessible and inclusive, and be more environmentally sustainable.

It is a really exciting project because we have never done anything like this before. You will be part of something that is pioneering and is getting different people involved in making decisions. It's a new process so we will all be learning and building a stronger city together.

In this pack, you'll find all the information you need for the decision making process. It will all be covered in the meetings, so don't worry about remembering everything. We hope it's useful to refer to at any point you need.

You can also view all the materials as well as watch videos shown in the meetings online:

Best wishes,  
Ellie Stevens and Robyn Taylor

## About 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.

Organisations can ask for funding to improve:

### Accessibility

Make their facilities more accessible to everyone in the community. **For example**, by putting in ramps, a hearing loop, or an accessible toilet.

### Financial Resilience

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.

### Environmental Sustainability

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.

### Digital infrastructure

Pay for new or improved digital equipment. **For example**, by installing smart technology or a new IT system.

### Equipment:

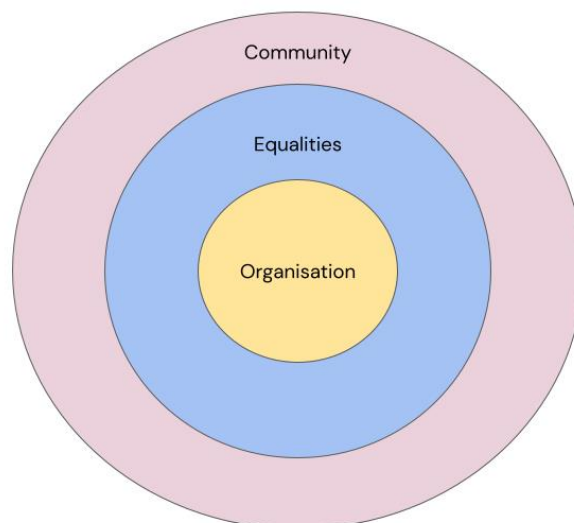
Pay for things they need to run their organisation well. **For example**, by getting audio visual equipment for their facilities.

## How we'll make decisions

- Our approach to decision making will be based on **consensus**
- The aim is for everyone in the group to be in **agreement** on which proposals are selected for funding
- If one person doesn't agree, but the rest of the group do, the decision can be made. This is called **consensus minus one**.
- You will work on small tables. Each table will have a facilitator.
- As a group you will be exploring a series of **key considerations**. Your facilitator will ask **questions** related to the key considerations, to help you **deliberate** and make decisions.

## Key considerations

You'll be thinking about the three layers of impact the proposal could have. First the impact of a project for organisations. Then, the impact on equalities groups. Then the impact on the wider community.



### The things you'll be considering together are:

- Organisational resilience
- Elevating communities experiencing inequalities
- Community context
- Ability to deliver this project
- Value for money

You will be given more information about these considerations throughout the decision making process.



# Local Context

## Who lives in Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston?



21,361 people



3,350 aged 65+  
(15.56%)



4,806 aged 15 or  
under (22.4%)



6.8% are from Black  
Asian and Other  
Minority Ethnic groups



33% live in social  
rented housing



10% were born  
outside the UK



38% are in receipt  
of benefits

## What do people think about living there?



**46.2%** satisfied with their local area  
**Bristol Average: 74.2%**



**17.7%** satisfied Bristol City Council has supported their local community to recover from the Coronavirus pandemic  
**Bristol Average: 32.1%**



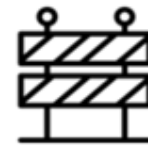
**6.3%** of households used a 'food bank' during the last 12 months  
**Bristol Average: 1.8%**



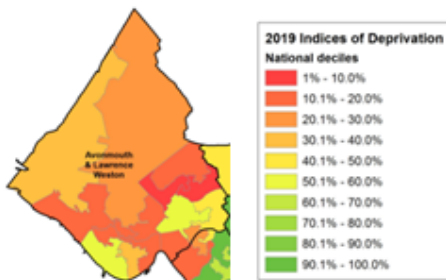
**15.6%** satisfied with activities available for children/young people  
**Bristol Average: 34.3%**



**12.6%** satisfied with leisure facilities/ services  
**Bristol Average: 37.6%**



**2.8%** find accessibility issues stop them from getting involved in their community  
**Bristol Average: 1.9%**

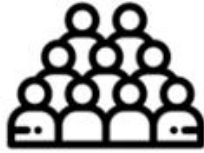


The Indices of Deprivation 2019 looks at each area of England and ranks them based on issues they face. For example, how wealthy an area is, how many people live in social housing, how many people access benefits etc.

The deeper the colour red is on the map and the lower the %, the more deprived an area is.

# Local Context for Equalities Groups

## Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people in Bristol



**16%** of people in Bristol are from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups



There are **287** ethnicities in Bristol

## What do people think about living in Bristol?



**75.9%** satisfied with their local area  
Bristol Average: 74.2%



**26.2%** satisfied Bristol City Council has supported their local community to recover from the Coronavirus pandemic  
Bristol Average: 32.1%



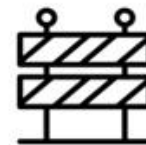
**2.1%** of households used a 'food bank' during the last 12 months  
Bristol Average: 1.8%



**24.2%** satisfied with activities available for children/young people  
Bristol Average: 34.3%



**35.6%** satisfied with leisure facilities/ services  
Bristol Average: 37.6%



**2.5%** find accessibility issues stop them from getting involved in their community  
Bristol Average: 1.9%

## Disabled people in Bristol



**9.3%** of people in Bristol identify as disabled

## What do people think about living in Bristol?



**62.3%** satisfied with their local area  
Bristol Average: 74.2%



**30.8%** satisfied Bristol City Council has supported their local community to recover from the Coronavirus pandemic  
Bristol Average: 32.1%



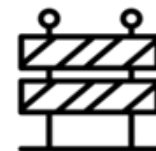
**4.3%** of households used a 'food bank' during the last 12 months  
Bristol Average: 1.8%



**21%** satisfied with activities available for children/young people  
Bristol Average: 34.3%



**24.4%** satisfied with leisure facilities/services  
Bristol Average: 37.6%



**16.3%** find accessibility issues stop them from getting involved in their community  
Bristol Average: 1.9%

## Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people in Bristol



It's estimated that **10.6%** of the population identifies as Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual



**5,023** people live in a same sex couple (1.3% of population 16+)

## What do people think about living in Bristol?



**75.9%** satisfied with their local area  
Bristol Average: 74.2%



**26.2%** satisfied Bristol City Council has supported their local community to recover from the Coronavirus pandemic  
Bristol Average: 32.1%



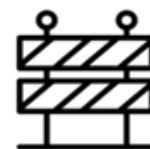
**2.1%** of households used a 'food bank' during the last 12 months  
Bristol Average: 1.8%



**24.2%** satisfied with activities available for children/young people  
Bristol Average: 34.3%



**35.6%** satisfied with leisure facilities/services  
Bristol Average: 37.6%



**2.5%** find accessibility issues stop them from getting involved in their community  
Bristol Average: 1.9%

## Older people in Bristol



**22%** of people in Bristol are over 55

## What do people think about living in Bristol?



**75%** satisfied with their local area

Bristol Average: 74.2%



**16%** satisfied Bristol City Council has supported their local community to recover from the Coronavirus pandemic

Bristol Average: 32.1%



**1.2%** of households used a 'food bank' during the last 12 months

Bristol Average: 1.8%



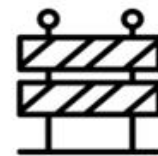
**31.6%** satisfied with activities available for children/young people

Bristol Average: 34.3%



**35.1%** satisfied with leisure facilities/services

Bristol Average: 37.6%



**3.6%** find accessibility issues stop them from getting involved in their community

Bristol Average: 1.9%

## Women in Bristol



**50.4%** of people in Bristol are women

## What do people think about living in Bristol?



**75.2%** satisfied with their local area

Bristol Average: 74.2%



**16.3%** satisfied Bristol City Council has supported their local community to recover from the Coronavirus pandemic

Bristol Average: 32.1%



**2%** of households used a 'food bank' during the last 12 months

Bristol Average: 1.8%



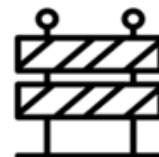
**34.9%** satisfied with activities available for children/young people

Bristol Average: 34.3%



**38%** satisfied with leisure facilities/services

Bristol Average: 37.6%



**2.3%** find accessibility issues stop them from getting involved in their community

Bristol Average: 1.9%

## Young people in Bristol



**15%** of people in Bristol are aged 16-24

## What do people think about living in Bristol?



**79.5%** satisfied with their local area

Bristol Average: 74.2%



**23.1%** satisfied Bristol City Council has supported their local community to recover from the Coronavirus pandemic

Bristol Average: 32.1%



**2.4%** of households used a 'food bank' during the last 12 months

Bristol Average: 1.8%



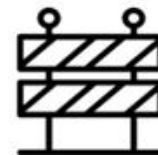
**35.3%** satisfied with activities available for children/young people

Bristol Average: 34.3%



**38.6%** satisfied with leisure facilities/services

Bristol Average: 37.6%



**1%** find accessibility issues stop them from getting involved in their community

Bristol Average: 1.9%