



## Bristol Community Festival Grants Eligibility Criteria

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## Background

From 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Bristol City Council will be partnering with organisations across the city to host Bristol Community Festival; a multi day event celebrating those that come together to make positive change in their communities, and connecting and inspiring those that want to get involved. Events will take place at City Hall and in community venues across Bristol. They will be organised by BCC and community groups and voluntary organisations.

We know that there are great examples of community action across the city. This could be groups of neighbours coming together to do something that's important to them, projects led by community and voluntary organisations or projects in collaboration with the city council and other institutions, such as those in parks.

## **If you are not eligible or not awarded funding**

If you don't need or are not awarded funding for your event, or you are not based in or work with people in the [top 30% most deprived areas in Bristol](#) areas or equalities groups, you can still be involved! Please complete [this form](#) to tell us about your event. We are very happy to help promote events that are in the spirit of Bristol Community Festival, even if you are not awarded funding.

## **Grants for events**

We are offering grants of up to £3,000 to resident led groups and voluntary and community organisations to organise their own events during the Bristol Community Festival.

Events must do at least one of the following:

- Celebrate citizen-led activities in Bristol, and the knowledge and experience of those that make them happen.
- Share experiences of citizens making their voices heard or influencing decision making
- Share best practice and learning from projects and activities which were co-designed and co-produced with/by communities.
- Connect citizens with opportunities to come together and make a positive change in their community.
- Inspire, upskill and connect people to enable them to take action on things that are important to them.

## **Types of events**

There are loads of things you can organise an event around, but here are some examples of the types of events you could run to give you an idea.

- An information session about a project that was co-designed or co-produced with residents
- A taster session for a community activity i.e. community cooking, community gardening
- A screening of a film which was made by/with residents
- A live podcast recorded by/with residents
- An art exhibition showcasing work by residents
- Online events such as webinars on Zoom

## **Groups that can apply**

- Resident-led group (at least three residents must make up your group. You can be volunteers and do not need to be part of a formal organisation).
- Unincorporated association

- Community Interest Company (CIC) limited by guarantee
- Community Interest Company (CIC) limited by share (schedule 2 with 100% asset lock)
- Company limited by guarantee
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- Community benefit company registered as an Industrial and Provident Society
- Groups based or working in one or more of top 30% most deprived areas in Bristol. Check [this map](#) to see if your group/organisation is based or works within an eligible area.

## **OR**

- Groups led by or working with one or more of the below equalities groups city-wide
  - Black & Minority Ethnic people
  - Older People
  - Young people (aged 16-25)
  - LGB (Lesbian, Gay Bisexual) people
  - Disabled people
  - Women
  - Transgender people
  - Gypsy Roma traveller people

## **Other details for grant applicants**

- Events should be in a location that makes sense for you and your community and minimises the need for excessive travel. We'd recommend hosting your event in your own neighbourhood, or if you are an equalities organisation/group, in a location which is easily accessed by public transport.
- If you are applying for £1,001-£3,000 we would expect the event to be led by a VCSE organisation, and be co-designed with local residents, involving them in telling their own story and sharing their lived expertise.
- If you are an unconstituted, resident-led group and are successful, your grant will be paid through an online system called [Open Collective](#).
- Before completing your application, please read through our [event guidance](#), which has information about having food at events, outdoor events, working with children and vulnerable adults and children and more.
- Decisions will be made by a panel of voluntary and community representatives and BCC staff.

Successful applicants

- Must agree to share a case study of their event with photos, quotes from attendees and attendance figures. This will be used to form a report showing the overall impact of the festival.
- Must submit receipts and invoices for event costs.
- Will be required to provide evidence of your own Public Liability insurance, or that you are able to use the insurance of the venue you will use. This will protect you if anyone is injured or harmed while at your event.
- Will be required to submit Health & Safety and Safeguarding policies or attend online Bristol City Council training if a group is resident-led/unconstituted.