

## **Funding a project or community group**

A lot of project and group activities need some outside funding. Below are several options that could be explored in order to help fund your endeavours.

### **Local Community**

#### **1. Local people**

From classic fundraising techniques such as fetes, cake sales and sponsored events, to online crowd funding platforms, there are often people who want to support your cause by donating money rather than time. A quick search online can lead to some entertaining ideas. Think outside the box to gain extra exposure or stick to the tried and tested. It really depends on your target audience and type of project that you have chosen.

#### **2. Businesses**

Depending on what you hope to achieve, your project may have positive effect on local business. These businesses may be able to buy or loan equipment or sponsor your activities. This can often be a quick way to get started without needing to fill in funding request forms and/or build comprehensive action plans.

You could try all the supermarkets in your area. They often have small pots of money available for community initiatives. Or, if there a very local one, they may sponsor a small project such as yours because it fits with their Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives and is great PR.

### **Bristol Council**

Bristol often has funding streams available to community groups, such as:

#### **The Bristol Impact Fund**

The Bristol Impact Fund is currently closed but may be available again in the future.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/grants-for-voluntary-and-community-organisations>

### **Arts and culture funding**

Even if there is nothing being offered it may be worth researching what's going on in your area or contacting one of the Community Development Officers to see if they have any advice or know of similar projects in the area.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/get-involved-in-your-community>

### **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

Funds are raised from developers through the CIL and applies to all developments that have been granted planning permission after 1 January 2013. This money is used on infrastructure that supports the growth of Bristol, such as schools and transport improvements. It is well worth working with other groups and people in the area to see how you can create a plan that incorporates multiple projects.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/planning-and-building-regulations/community-infrastructure-levy>

## **Quartet Community Foundation (QCF)**

Quartet Community Foundation (QCF) awards grants to support community-based work that has a charitable purpose. Primarily grants are awarded to organisations based and working in the West of England to benefit local people and where a relatively small amount of funding can make a significant difference. They award grants covering a broad range of issues and welcome applications from both new and established groups.

<https://quartetcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant>

## **The National Lottery**

The National Lottery award money raised by National Lottery players to fund great ideas that help communities to thrive. Groups can apply for funding under £10,000, or over £10,000, depending on what they want to do.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england>

## **Wrap Funding**

The waste and resources action programme have funding opportunities and sometimes these can be for community groups.

<https://www.wrap.org.uk/taxonomy/term/301>

It is always worth doing your own research and talking to others, because as the saying goes “teamwork makes the dream work”. If you find out about any great funding opportunities please pass them on to the Community Engagement team by emailing

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