

Community Boost Grants

Funding pot: £24,000

Size of grants: up to £2,000 per activity (no minimum amount)

Eligibility: Not-for-profit activities to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG)

Application deadline: Friday 16th September 2022 (midday)

Applicants notified and grants paid out: 26th September – 6th October 2022

Purpose

The Community Boost Grants programme is a one-off funding opportunity being administered by Age UK Bristol on behalf of Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care System. The money for this funding has come from the NHS Inequalities Improvement Programme. The grants are intended to **allow local communities to set up their own activities or projects that will benefit people experiencing or at risk of poor health** – whether that is due to long-term health conditions, significant life events, marginalisation or discrimination, stress, lack of financial security, or being unable to access opportunities for exercise or healthy meals.

Although Age UK Bristol, which has previously run similar schemes, is administering the grants, **projects do not need to focus on older people**. We welcome applications for projects aimed at young people, families, or for all ages. We also recognise the wider determinants of health, and will fund activities that focus on improving wellbeing through creative or social opportunities.

Examples of projects we can fund

Cookery classes, shared meals, exercise classes, sewing groups, art classes, social groups, reading groups, ante- or post-natal groups, breastfeeding support, youth clubs

Requirements

- Activity must be able to start no later than October 2022
- Activities must be free or low-cost for participants
- Applicants should consider how the activity can be sustainable long term, beyond the period covered by the funding
- Applicants must be willing to complete a project report for the funder after 6 months (1—3 pages including how many people the project benefited, what people you reached, and the impact it had on their health and wellbeing)

Application

You can download the application form from the Age UK Bristol website [here](#). If you require the form in a different format please email rossettib@ageukbristol.org.uk or call Bianca on 07519 745 927.

Assessment

An intergenerational citizens' panel will decide which application to fund. The assessment criteria the panel will be using is included in the [Guidance Notes](#).