

ST JOHN'S FOUNDATION ORGANISATION FUNDING PROGRAMME 2019

St John's Organisation Funding Programme provides financial assistance and practical support to a wide range of organisations and groups delivering charitable work for the benefit of people across Bath and North East Somerset. We welcome applications from:

- Registered charities
- Excepted charities
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) which are limited by guarantee
- Constituted community groups which have charitable purposes

Funding for charities and CICs is awarded through our Project, Pilot, Development Core Funding programmes. Funding for community groups is awarded through our Community Awards Programme.

We encourage applications from organisations and groups which are supporting vulnerable, disadvantaged and isolated people and which are helping build resilience within communities.

1. Support for registered and excepted charities

St John's support registered and excepted charities to deliver work which builds resilience in the people, communities and organisations of Bath and the surrounding area. Organisations must be fully registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

St John's offer funding to support the delivery of projects and programmes through our Project and Pilot Project funds. We also offer Core Funding to help charities build internal capacity and infrastructure, and Development Funding to support charities wishing to develop sustainable income streams and business models.

Charities with beneficiaries who are resident within Bath and North East Somerset are eligible to apply for funding. We place no restrictions on the size of your organisation, and we are happy to accept applications from newly-registered charities.

- **Core Funding:** Up to £20,000 per year for a maximum of three years to build infrastructure and internal capacity. Applicants will be seeking support with costs which are not directly related to the delivery of their charitable activities, such as back-office administration, fundraising and communications.
- **Development Funding:** Up to £20,000 to be used within a 12-month period to explore and develop sustainable income streams and business models. Applicants will be seeking support with consultancy and planning costs, new equipment and other services that will allow them to identify and start new projects.
- **Pilot Project Funding:** Up to £20,000 to be used within a 12-month period to launch new initiatives. Applicants will be seeking funding to test new delivery models, or to extend existing projects into new locations within Bath and North East Somerset.
- **Project Funding:** Up to £40,000 per year for a maximum of three years to deliver projects and programmes. Applicants will be seeking funding to deliver services directly to their beneficiaries, such as staff salaries, venue hire and equipment costs.

2. Support for Community Interest Companies

For 2019 we have expanded our Development Funding Programme to Community Interest Companies (CICs). To be eligible for support, CICs must be registered with Companies House as Community Interest Companies limited by guarantee.

Applicants will be seeking one-off awards which will assist with start-up costs, or the expansion of their current work. We do expect CICs to cover their own overheads through trading, so we are unable to consider applications for general running costs, or for funding which makes the company's services free to its customers.

3. Support for community groups

Through our Community Awards Programme we award funding of up to £2,000 to community groups which have charitable purposes. We are happy to consider applications from established groups, or from groups which are newly-formed.

To be eligible for support, your group must be set up as an unincorporated association with:

- A constitution
- A board of at least three trustees, or a management committee with at least three members
- A bank account in the name of your organisation with at least two signatories who are not related to one another

4. Application deadlines

For Development, Pilot and Project Funding, our application deadlines are:

- Friday 25th January
- Thursday 18th April
- Friday 16th August
- Monday 28th October

For Core Funding, our application deadline is

- Wednesday 31st July

Applicants to all of the above programmes should submit their applications by 5pm.

Our Community Awards Programme is open on a rolling basis. Community groups are welcome to apply at any time before the final Organisation Funding Programme deadline of Monday 28th October.

We aim to respond to applicants within one month of each deadline. Any changes to our deadlines will be posted on our website.

5. Our funding priorities

We are interested in supporting organisations and individuals to address issues around our six key social issues of health and wellbeing, isolation, employment and low skills, poverty, housing and relationships. To achieve this, we direct our funding into five areas:

- **Access to Opportunities:** Activities which give people of all ages the chance to achieve their aspirations. Your application will focus on giving isolated and disadvantaged groups access to opportunities around training, education and recreation which they would otherwise be denied.
- **Community Engagement:** Activities which put people and communities first by building strong and lasting support networks throughout our local area. Your application will focus on connecting and supporting people, whether through the delivery of projects or the provision of high-quality community hubs and spaces.
- **Crisis Intervention:** Activities which help the most vulnerable and at-risk people in our local communities. Your application will focus on providing immediate support for people in crisis facing issues around substance abuse, domestic violence and abuse, homelessness and mental health.
- **Housing and Finance:** Activities which help people manage their personal finances and live independently in safe, secure housing. Your application will focus on delivering clear and positive outcomes for vulnerable people, supporting them to build their independence and resilience.
- **Wellbeing:** Activities which improve the long-term physical and mental health and wellbeing of individuals and groups in Bath and the surrounding area. Your application will focus on the long-term impact your work will have for the physical and mental wellbeing of your target beneficiaries.

6. What St John's will not fund

St John's are only able to offer funding to:

- [Registered charities](#)
- [Excepted charities](#)
- [Community Interest Companies limited by guarantee](#)
- [Constituted community groups which have charitable purposes](#)

We are open to funding any type of work which makes a significant positive impact on the people and communities of Bath and North East Somerset in line with our funding priorities. However, we will not consider funding:

- Projects run for the benefit of animals which do not aim to provide volunteering, employment or educational opportunities to disadvantaged or vulnerable people
- Political groups or campaigns
- The promotion of any religion, or the improvement of any spaces used solely for religious worship

7. Further support for applicants

Please visit <https://stjohns.force.com/sjbcommunitieslogin> to register as a user of our funding portal. Once your registration is complete, you will be able to login and access our guidance notes for applicants documents, which takes you step by step through our various application forms.

If you would like to talk to a member of our team about your organisation or group, the work you do or any aspect of our Funding Programme, please contact John Thornfield, Funding and Impact Officer, by email at john.thornfield@stjohnsbath.org.uk or by telephone on 01225 486427.