

Bromsgrove District Council Equality Small Grants 2025-26 Summary Report

Bromsgrove District Council Equality Small Grants Scheme, administrated by the Policy Team, is in its 11th year of providing grants.

The 2025-26 grant scheme launched on 5 March 2025 and was open for 4 weeks till 2 April 2025 with projects to be delivered between 1 June 2025 to 31 March 2026. The limit for grants was £1000 per project application for smaller voluntary, charitable or community organisations/groups that operate in Bromsgrove District. The maximum grant pot remained at £10,000.

Each application goes through the initial screening process, checking its eligibility. Applications that pass will be assessed against a set of criteria and given a score. The independent scores are averaged and ranked from highest to lowest score. Grants will be allocated until the maximum amount available has been reached.

Summary for BDC Equality Small Grants Scheme 2025-26

- A total of **33** grant applications were received.
- A total of **12** organisations/groups successfully received a grant
- A total of **4** were new organisations/groups applying for the first time
- From the total budget of £10,000, the amount awarded was £10,000.

Overall summary of the BDC Small Grant Scheme 2015/16 to 2024/25

- There have been **14** rounds of grants since 2015/16
- A total of **£99,453.46** has been awarded over the 14 rounds.
- A total of **94** voluntary and community groups have received a grant since 2015/16
- Over the years projects have helped support older people, young people, men, women, people with a disability, members of the LGBT community and different race and religious groups.

Appendix 1 - The table outlines the successful projects who have received a BDC Equality Small Grant in 2025-26

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Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount Awarded	Protected Characteristics
Alvechurch Communities Together (1154840)	Blooming Together - Nurturing Nature for Seniors	A group trip for up to 30 seniors from Alvechurch and local areas (within the Bromsgrove Parish) to Winterbourne House and Gardens, Birmingham.	£977.50	Age and Disability
Alvechurch Community Larder	Active Eld ers	Working with Age UK to deliver exercise classes for older people and using the opportunity to signpost to other agencies/organisations that would be able to offer support in a range of ways.	£675	Age
BARN (1122980)	VCS Equalities Support Programme	To deliver a training programme addressing Equality and Diversity-related issues (building on feedback from last year's training programme), to ensure a VCS better prepared to respond to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion issues and opportunities.	£1000	All
Boundless - Artful Wellbeing CIC (16221287)	For Making's Sake	For Making's Sake' is a pilot arts and wellbeing club, designed specifically to provide adults with learning disability a safe, and inclusive creative space. Participants will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of arts and crafts activities, including printmaking, collage, painting, drawing, clay work, book making, stamping, and nature-inspired art. Running 1.5hr session, one day a week for 40 weeks, this grant would purchase all the materials required to run our pilot project for 40 weeks.	£1000	Disability

Bromsgrove Carnival Committee	Bromsgrove Carnival 2025	To support the delivery of the 2025 Bromsgrove Carnival on Sat 12 July.	£1000	All
The Bromsgrove Youth and Community Hub (1190592)	Unstoppables	The Unstoppables project was set up as a youth provision for young people in the local area who have SEND needs and has been running for two years. Over the past six month we have seen a growing need for this provision, with referrals increasing. With the move to or new building we are now able to expand from being delivered once a month, to twice a month. This increase in provision will enable us not to have to put a waiting list in place and will support families locally with a youth provision that is targeted for this specific group of young people.	£1000	Age and Disability
Fairfield Village Community Association	Wednesday Social	The aim of the Wednesday Social is to provide well-being activities that enhances community cohesion and reduces loneliness & social isolation for the residents of Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge.	£300	All
Friends of Meadows First School (1038010)	Anti-Racism Education Project	To ensure all children can experience guided activities and discussion to enhance belonging, identity and raise awareness of racism. To facilitate learning activities that focus on understanding the history of racism, discrimination, and the importance of equality and social justice and to encourage students to think critically about these issues and change mindsets.	£900	Age and Race
Headway Worcestershire (702490)	Bromsgrove Boost: Recharging Lives Together	To enable 16 acquired brain injury (ABI) clients from Bromsgrove District, to take part in several Aztec Adventurer activities from the centre in Upton Warren to address the social isolation and reduced quality of life often experienced whilst recovering from ABIs.	£880	Age and Disability

Hollywood Christian Life Centre (1146306)	Children's & Youth Community Outreach Programme	Contribution towards the purchase a large 'pop up' gazebo that allows us to set up an outside space to be able to offer activities (games, crafts etc) during the summer in the areas where people live.	£371.50	Age
Primrose Hospice (700272)	Childhood bereavement and effects on short- and long-term mental health	Funding to provide emotional and social bereavement support for children / young people, coping with the actual, or impending death of a family member, or other significant others i.e. stepparents/grandparents, in their life.	£996	Age
St Chad's Church, Rubery	Art Wellbeing sessions at St Chads	Currently running a weekly, term-time only session each Friday at St Chad's church for people aged 18+. This would be extended during the school summer holiday, providing an art well-being session, facilitated by a qualified art therapist, to children and young people as well, providing age-suitable projects, to prevent parents needing to find childcare while they attend their session.	£900	All