



## **Bromsgrove District Council Equality Small Grants 2026-27 Summary Report**

Bromsgrove District Council Equality Small Grants Scheme, administrated by the Performance and Improvement Team, is in its 12<sup>th</sup> year of providing grants.

The 2026-27 grant scheme launched on 1 April 2026 and was open for 4 weeks till 30 April 2026 with projects to be delivered between 1 June 2026 to 31 March 2027. 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 2026-27**

- A total of **27** grant applications were received.
- A total of **11** organisations/groups successfully received a grant
- A total of **5** were new organisations/groups applying for the first time
- From the total budget of £10,000, the amount awarded was £9,900.

### **Overall summary of the BDC Small Grant Scheme 2015/16 to 2026/27**

- There have been **14** rounds of grants since 2015/16
- A total of **£109,353.46** has been awarded over the 15 rounds.
- A total of **100** voluntary and community groups has 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 across Bromsgrove District.

Appendix 1 - The table outlines the successful projects who have received a BDC Equality Small Grant in 2026-27

**Appendix 1 - Successful Projects who have received a BDC Equality Small Grant 2026-27**

Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount Awarded	Protected Characteristics
<b>3rd Bromsgrove Scout Group (1183797)</b>	Wellbeing Space equipment and furniture for young people with SEND	To create a dedicated wellbeing space within the 3rd Bromsgrove Scout Group hut, providing sensory equipment and appropriate furniture to support young people aged 6–14 with SEND. The initiative aims to improve inclusion, wellbeing and participation by offering a calm, accessible environment where up to 70 young people can regulate, socialise and engage more fully in Scout activities, helping to reduce isolation and improve overall experience.	£500	Age and Disability
<b>artSENcrafts Community Interest Company (15181737)</b>	Creative Wellbeing Workshops for children with disabilities	This project will deliver inclusive creative wellbeing workshops for children with disabilities, providing a safe, sensory-friendly space to explore arts, crafts and music. The sessions aim to improve wellbeing, build confidence and reduce isolation, while offering families a supportive environment and increasing access to inclusive community activities.	£1000	Age and Disability
<b>Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcome Refugees (1213401)</b>	English Teaching and Social Opportunities for Refugees	This project will provide weekly English lessons with a social element for refugee families, helping participants improve language skills, build confidence in everyday life and employment, and reduce isolation by creating opportunities to connect and feel part of the local community.	£1000	Race
<b>Bromsgrove Carnival Committee</b>	Bromsgrove Carnival 2026	This support elements of the Bromsgrove Carnival 2026, a free, inclusive community festival bringing thousands of residents together through a weekend of entertainment including a parade, live music, performances, stalls and an outdoor cinema. The event aims to celebrate local culture, support charities and businesses, and strengthen community cohesion while ensuring accessible, high-quality activities for people of all backgrounds.	£1000	All

<b>Catshill Baptist Church (1134872)</b>	Catshill Baptist Foodbank & White Goods Scheme	This project will support the continued delivery of a foodbank and white goods scheme, providing emergency food, essential household items and practical support to individuals and families facing crisis. It aims to alleviate food and household poverty, improve wellbeing, and help vulnerable residents across the district move towards greater stability and resilience.	£1000	All
<b>Hagley Ramblers Scout Group (504641)</b>	Upgrade ageing camping equipment	This project will upgrade essential camping equipment for Hagley Ramblers Scout Group, enabling young people aged 4–18 from diverse backgrounds to continue accessing safe, affordable outdoor activities. It aims to increase participation in camping experiences, build resilience and life skills, and ensure inclusive opportunities for all members.	£750	Age
<b>Headway Worcestershire (702490)</b>	Supporting Community Access and Inclusion for Adults with Acquired Brain Injury in Bromsgrove	This project will deliver supported community activities and trips for adults with acquired brain injury, helping participants reconnect with their local area, build confidence and independence, and reduce isolation through safe, structured social opportunities.	£1000	Disability
<b>Love Growth Network CIC (16449876)</b>	International Women's Day Community Celebration	This project will deliver an International Women's Day community event in Bromsgrove, bringing women from diverse backgrounds together through creative and wellbeing activities. It aims to promote equality, reduce isolation, and strengthen community connections by providing a safe, inclusive space for women to share experiences, build confidence and support one another.	£1000	Gender

<b>Primrose Hospice (700272)</b>	Addressing inequality in childhood bereavement	This project will provide specialist bereavement support for children and young people aged 4–18, offering one-to-one and group sessions to help them cope with grief, build resilience and improve emotional wellbeing. It aims to address inequalities in access to support and ensure vulnerable young people receive the professional help they need to navigate loss and maintain positive life outcomes.	£1000	Age
<b>R.U.N Our Space CIC (16490894)</b>	The R.U.N Our Space CIC Collective Training Pilot	This project will deliver a training pilot to support Black women in Bromsgrove to become paid professional trainers, developing a collective model and digital toolkit. It aims to address inequality by valuing lived experience, increasing representation, and creating pathways for Black women to lead and deliver high-impact training across the public sector.	£1000	Race and Gender
<b>The Bromsgrove Youth and Community Hub (1190592)</b>	Over 50's Youth Club	This project will support the development of an intergenerational “Over 50's Youth Club,” bringing together older residents and young people through regular activities led by youth participants. It aims to reduce isolation, build community connections, and provide opportunities for young people to develop skills, confidence and vocational experience while enhancing the wellbeing of older attendees.	£650	Age