

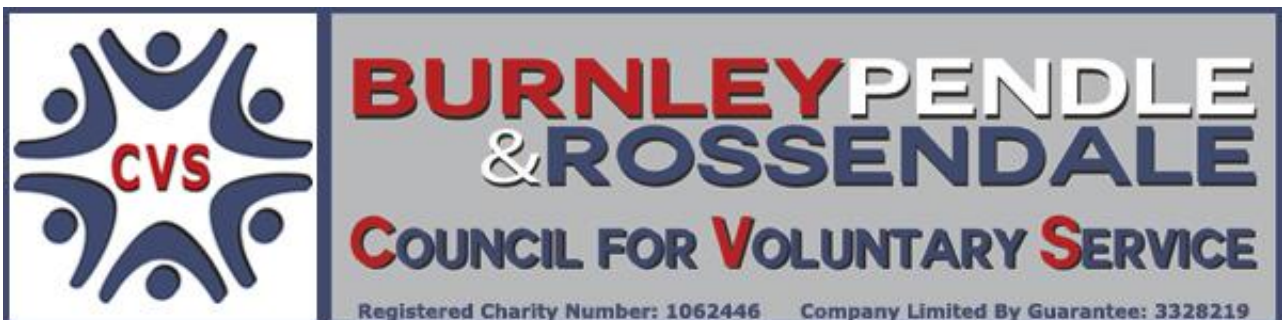


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Small Grants Programme

Application Guidance
2025/6

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Introduction

This Support Pack has been compiled by Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) who have been appointed by Eric Wright Charitable Trust to deliver a community small grants programme. The programme is aimed at local organisations (with an annual turnover of less than £30,000 – within the VCF sector providing activity to address locality community cohesion, reduce social isolation and make a positive difference to the lives and wellbeing of people of all ages.

Aims

Projects should strongly support specific local needs in the following key areas:

- Increasing opportunities to participate in local community action and activity.
- Keeping people well and feeling part of their community.
- Increasing resilience and improving mental wellbeing, enabling individuals and families to cope well, overcome barriers to achieving their potential and increase their skills.
- Support people who are more vulnerable, such as those with long term conditions, who are frail and/or have complex needs.
- Promoting greater partnership working between the community and services, and other VCF organisations
- Reduce social isolation, with a positive impact on health and wellbeing.

Who can apply to the Grant Programme?

The grants are being made available to community projects in Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale. There is a strong focus for small grassroots groups that are providing effective community cohesion programmes.

How much money can groups apply for?

- **There are three tiers to the funding:**
 - **Grassroots grants** – up to £250.00: for un-constituted community groups that are working with the CVS to help achieve their community engagement activities / events.
 - **Community grants** – up to £500.00: for constituted community groups.
 - **Longer-term community grants** – up to £1000: for constituted community groups who are proposing to deliver a project of 12 weeks or longer.
- **Turnover for your organisation should be less than £30,000** – organisations that have a turnover above £30,000 per annum will not be considered.
- **There will be no appeals or deferred applications** – applications will be either successful or unsuccessful. Unsuccessful applications will receive limited feedback. If unsuccessful you may apply again in further rounds (subject to available funds).
- **New groups** This funding proactively encourages small groups or new start up groups to pilot their ideas. As long as you are working with BPRCVS to develop your group you will be eligible to apply.

BPRCVS will help support groups through the application process if required.

All funds awarded must be spent by 30th April 2026.

What can't be funded?

- Activities that promote political and religious messages.
- Activities that commence or equipment purchased prior to confirmation of grant funding approval.
- There is a maximum of 15% spend on capital equipment. Any capital equipment must be 100% related to the delivery of the project. This grant is for delivery community activities / events / services.
- Contribution to core costs / management costs. This small grant programme is for direct community delivery.

For further advice and guidance in completing an application contact Heather Starkie at BPRCVS, heather.starkie@bprcvs.co.uk or telephone 01282 433740 extension 1018

Submitting your application

You can submit your application via email though you will need to post the signed original of the form to Heather Starkie at BPRCVS, 62-64 Yorkshire Street, Burnley BB11 3BT.

Deadlines

There are no deadlines for this funding – awards are made on a first, come, first served basis – when it's gone, it's gone.

For application forms and guidance please visit

<https://bprcvs.co.uk/funding--grants.html>

Procedure for successful applications:

- Written notification of approval is emailed.
- Applicant to read and sign the acceptance of the terms and conditions.
- Applicant to return a signed copy of acceptance to Julie Overson at BPRCVS
- On receipt of the signed acceptance, the payment is processed and sent to the applicant.

Unsuccessful applicants can contact Heather Starkie for feedback and support