

Small Grants Scheme: Funding Information

Somerset Diverse Communities is a project aiming to bring people from diverse backgrounds together. It hopes to support and build relationships with groups and organisations who are supporting or working with black and minority ethnic (BME) communities in Somerset. We want to celebrate and share the diversity in the county; bringing people together, developing skills and building long term relationships.

We have a small amount of funding available which can be requested through the 'Request for Funding' application form. **A maximum of £300 per application is allowed. Please read the following information carefully before completing the 'Request for Funding' form.**

Who can apply?

Any community groups, charities, organisations and agencies which support or directly work with BME communities in Taunton Deane, Mendip, Sedgemoor and West Somerset can apply; anyone from faith groups to informal meet-ups or community groups to structured projects. You do not need to be a formal or registered group to apply for funding.

For groups based in South Somerset, the district council has a community grants scheme. Information can be found on their website and an application pack requested on 01935 462462. Beccy (contact details at the bottom of page 2) can also help with ideas and applications for groups based in South Somerset. Please feel free to contact her to discuss ideas or advice!

How can the funding be used?

The funding must be used for **non-profit making purposes which benefit BME communities in Somerset**. A few examples: community events, running costs to support a community group, group training sessions to build skills, materials for community activities, promotion of the group. We can also fund essential staff costs for direct delivery time of activities only (not management, admin or planning time).

Due to the nature of the small grants scheme, preference will be given to small projects where the funding can make a big difference. We also especially welcome applications which build community cohesion and/or empower people to develop and feel confident in the wider community.

We aim to be flexible in regards to what we can fund so if you have a good idea then have a chat to Beccy to see if we could consider funding it!



How the funding cannot be used:

- For profit making purposes (when the profit is not reinvested in the group)
- To benefit solely an individual
- Staff costs relating to admin, management or planning
- For activities which have already happened or materials which have already been bought.

A few important things:

The funding must be spent and feedback given to CCS by Monday 17th December 2018. Any activities (if relevant to the funding given) must also have happened by this date. When the funding has been spent, you will need to send a short summary of how the funding helped with 2 photos showing how the funding was spent.

If you do not use the funding as explained in your 'Request for Funding' form, we have the right to take back the funding. If you need to discuss changing how the funding will be spent, please contact Beccy.

If you need any help or would like to have a chat about the above information, please contact Beccy on: beccy@somersetccc.org.uk or 07377 363165.



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