

VOLUNTEERING WALES – STRATEGIC GRANT ROUND 2021/22

This year's Volunteering Wales grants allocation includes an additional £250,000 for strategic investment. Grants with a value of between £30,000 – £50,000 are available to support organisations to develop their strategic approach to volunteering.

During the pandemic we have seen some excellent examples of the voluntary sector working in partnership with the public and private sectors to meet identified needs at a time of crisis.

The pandemic has also meant that there is a continuing need to develop new partnerships and ways of working with volunteers.

GRANT AIM

This fund will enable a small number of strategic investments (between five and eight) to build on and learn from new or enhanced approaches or initiatives. Enabling the progress that has been made during the pandemic to be further explored and 'hard wired' into ongoing work.

GRANT OBJECTIVES

Unlocking the strategic potential of volunteering over the longer term by:

- Identify the strategic need and explore new volunteering opportunities or remove barriers to volunteering
- Explore partnerships within and between the voluntary, private and public sector
- Support the upscaling of strategic infrastructure and volunteer organisation to embed emerging good practise
- Undertake thorough learning around equality and inclusion in volunteering and how this impacts communities and their engagement
- Strengthen partnerships
- Leverage further investment both financial and non-financial

High quality proposals are welcome for any type of volunteering activity, but particularly from the following areas as priority:

- Equality and diversity
- Climate change
- Health and social care
- Unlocking the potential of private and public sectors
- Young people and education



- Welsh Language and cultural activities

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Ahead of submitting an application, you should speak to a named WCVA member of staff or a named member of the Third Sector Support Team at Welsh Government (see below). This will ensure that your activity is in keeping with the grant aims. As part of the application you will need to give the name of the staff member you liaised with. Applications where no prior contact has been made will not be put forward to the panel.

Please contact a team member you may have previously discussed your project with:

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- Your organisation is focused on taking the next steps with your strategic volunteering activity, looking to build on lessons learned to date to further evaluate and strengthen your approach (eg increasing scale, extending partnerships, clarifying leadership and accountability or building a stronger infrastructure of support).
- Your organisation has an annual income over £250,000 (this can be averaged over the past three years) and the level of grant requested must not comprise more than 20% of your annual income.
- You are an incorporated organisation with at least two years of operation.
- You are able to provide letters of support from potential/existing partners and/or letters of support from relevant leadership/strategic/partnership boards/working groups.
- Applications are welcomed from all sectors.
- Partnership applications are encouraged, but projects do not necessarily need to be collaborative.

- Ability to be delivered in the specified timeline.
- County Voluntary Councils (CVCs) can be named partners in applications, but cannot be the lead applicant.

FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY

To find out more about the grant scheme and how to apply by visiting our [Volunteering Wales grant scheme page](#).

Barchester's Charitable Foundation Grants for small groups or local charities

Summary

Give grants to help reduce isolation and loneliness, promote group activities and generally improve people's independence, mobility and quality of life.

Objectives of Fund

We help people and groups based in England, Scotland and Wales.

Our funding focus is about connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. We support applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged.

We help individuals, but please note that all applications for named individuals must be completed by a third party who knows the individual in a professional or community-based capacity.

We help individuals with:

- Mobility equipment
- Activities
- Vocational courses, if no statutory funding or Student Finance available
- Equipment to help combat isolation
- UK based holidays or a special day out.

We also help small community groups and small local charities. We do not have a formal definition for a small charity, but if a charity has financial reserves in the hundreds of thousands or millions, it is very unlikely that we would be able to help.

We help groups with:

- Activity projects
- Equipment and materials for use by members
- Member transport
- Day trips, outings and group holidays in the UK

Our grants range from £100 up to £5,000, with the average grant in 2020 being approx. £900.

Organisation Types

Community Association or Voluntary Group, Registered Charity, Constituted not for profit groups

Fund award size

Amount (min) £100

Amount (max) £5,000

Type of Fund

Grants

Type of Cost **Capital**

Who can apply

Small community groups and small local charities. We do not have a formal definition for a small charity, but if a charity has financial reserves in the hundreds of thousands or millions, it is very unlikely that we would be able to help.

Restrictions

Grants **will not** be made to community groups and small charities for:

- Core/ running costs and salaries
- Indirect services such as help lines, websites, newsletters, leaflets or research
- Major building projects or large capital projects, including minibuses
- Training of staff and training of volunteers
- Activities for residents in a care home operated by Barchester Healthcare or by any other care home company

How to apply

Apply by completing the application form on the website, or downloading the form and sending it via post:

<https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/apply-group-grant>

An asterisk (*) indicates information that must be supplied for the form to be accepted. The maximum file size for attachments is 5 MB. If you wish to include larger attachments please forward these to **info@bhcfoundation.org.uk** in addition to completing your online application.

Useful links

Application link

<https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/apply-group-grant>