



Brighton & Hove

“At a Glance”

Annual Grants Programme 2009-10

Background

Brighton & Hove City Council's Annual Grants Programme comprises 7 grants schemes open to application each year:

- Grants to Smaller Organisations
- Arts Partnership Awards
- Environmental, Sustainability
- Building Inclusive Organisations
- Community Festivals
- Summer Pride Day Grants
- Hedcock Bequest

The vision for grants

Brighton & Hove City Council recognises the value of independent, not-for-profit community and voluntary sector organisations. The discretionary grants programme demonstrates council commitments around delivery of open & effective leadership by investing in a vibrant third sector to help “citizens become more involved in their communities and participate in regular volunteering”

The team

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Further information, application forms and guidance notes can be downloaded from the council website at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/communitygrants

ANNUAL GRANTS TO SMALLER ORGANISATIONS 2009-10

Total budget:

apprx£125,000

Application Deadlines:

9 January 2009

3 April 2009

3 July 2009

2 October 2009

Annual awards of up to £5,000 for community & voluntary organisations with an annual income of £35,000 or less

Grants to Smaller Organisations will:

“contribute to core costs, the specific costs of a certain activity or the purchase of small items of equipment”.

Eligibility Criteria

The vision for grants means that work of all organisations in receipt of discretionary grant aid will enable residents by promoting and supporting active engagement in community life. In addition there are four eligibility criteria that reflect key aspects of the council's corporate priorities. Successful grant applications must contribute towards at least one of the criteria:

(1) Protecting the environment while growing the economy

- Improving the built or natural environment
- Recycling / re-use projects, green fuel / affordable transport initiatives
- Not-for-profit social / creative enterprise etc
- Developing the skills of residents to enhance their employment prospects eg. volunteer training programmes or helping service users acquire new competencies or knowledge

(2) Providing excellent cultural opportunities for all

- Community arts projects such as audience development workshops or performances
- Community associations, centres & ‘anchors’
- Sports clubs, activity / recreational initiatives or social groups
- Local history & heritage initiatives eg photo /oral archive, community museums / libraries etc

(3) Making a city where people are safe & feel safe

- Responsible parenting, education or crime prevention initiatives
- Provision of diversionary activities for those at risk of offending
- Tackling domestic violence / substance misuse
- Child protection awareness, supporting victims of crime etc

(4) Reducing inequality by increasing opportunity

- Pre-school / out of school activities, education & counselling support for young people
- Social / support groups for communities of interest or identity eg. Black & minority ethnic, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender, younger, older or disabled people etc
- Support for residents with physical or mental health difficulties
- Advice services & centres

ARTS PARTNERSHIP AWARDS 2009-10

Total budget:

apprx£45,000

Application Deadlines:

9 January 2009

3 April 2009

3 July 2009

2 October 2009

Annual grants, usually between £500 to £2,500, for community & voluntary organisations of any size. Awards are made towards community arts activities that are supported by a match funding partner

Arts Partnership Awards will:

“enable a range of arts groups to provide activities that support participation in, and enjoyment of, a high quality cultural events calendar”

Arts Partnership Awards are part of a match funding system to:

“help your organisation secure match funding from agencies such as: Heritage Lottery Fund or Arts Council England”.

The programme

To be eligible for Arts Partnership funding:

- arts organisations must be ‘not-for-profit’ with charitable aims & objectives
- the application must be supported by a match funding partner and awards will usually be between £500 & £2,500 and up to 5-10% of the funding awarded by that partner
- awards are released once the match funding is confirmed

BUILDING INCLUSIVE ORGANISATIONS 2009-10

Total budget:

apprx£40,000

Application Deadlines:

9 January 2009

3 April 2009

3 July 2009

2 October 2009

Annual awards of usually up to £2,500 for community & voluntary organisations to develop internal working patterns that promote equalities issues or projects to improve equalities within other local voluntary or community organisations

The council recognises that Brighton and Hove is made up of many diverse groups of people who make different and valuable contributions to city life. The City Council is committed to a range of actions to remove barriers to participation, so that everyone has the chance to get involved in all aspects of life in the city and to offer their own experience, skills and knowledge.

Grants should help community and voluntary sector groups increase their understanding of equalities and inclusion issues and improve their confidence in working with all members of their communities.

The Programme

The City Council’s Equalities and Inclusion Policy: ‘Working Towards an Equal City’ identifies actions to ensure equality throughout its roles in service delivery, and in partnerships, as employer and as community leader. A wide range of information (including the Reducing Inequality Review) highlights the diversity of the city and the barriers which still need to be removed so that everyone can participate and contribute.

This grants scheme reflects these actions and priority areas by promoting the understanding and implementation of equalities work in community and voluntary sector organisations.

You will need to show how your work contributes to one of the following two simple criteria:

1) Understanding equalities and inclusion in our communities

Thinking about diversity in the communities we work in, understanding the differences between groups and within groups, and valuing the range of what individuals can contribute to groups and their areas.

- Opportunities for volunteers (eg: older or younger people, or people with learning disabilities) to address particular training needs
- Access to specific training initiatives, eg: sign language classes, domestic violence awareness, child protection
- Buying in training on specific issues ... or funding to run training for other groups
- Delivery of targeted recruitment campaigns to encourage volunteers from communities of interest (eg: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender — LGBT - people)
- Developing joint projects with other groups working with different communities

2) Encouraging mainstreaming

Increasing skills and confidence so staff, volunteers and members work positively to remove barriers that stop people taking part, can understand and apply their responsibilities and the law, and are able to share skills and approaches.

- Promoting the of participation of staff, volunteers and group members in the mainstreaming of inclusion
- Conferences, debates and workshops to exchange models of good practice
- In-house workshops or training on a particular theme (eg: awareness of mental health issues or looking at ethnic/cultural diversity)
- Purchase of practical or professional information about diversity and equality
- Consultancy work to revise and improve policies and procedures and increase understanding of their practical implementation
- Training and development to address new responsibilities in law (eg: age legislation)

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY 2009-10

Total budget:
approx £40,000

Application Deadlines:

9 January 2009

3 April 2009

3 July 2009

2 October 2009

Annual awards of up to £2,500 for community & voluntary organisations of any size working to improve the local environment

"Environmental sustainability involves ensuring well-being and quality of life for everyone, now and for generations to come, by meeting environmental needs" (adapted from: 'A Better Quality of Life - a Strategy for Sustainable Development in the UK').

The programme

The City Council has established a sustainability strategy for Brighton and Hove based on a series of action plans designed to improve the environment and quality of life for everyone. These have been simplified into the criteria listed as the six headings below. You will need to show how your service supports one of these six criteria

You may request funding towards the core costs of your organisation's work or delivery of a specific project.

1. Reduce carbon dioxide emissions

eg. awareness campaigns, sustainable energy generation, energy efficiency audits, action plans & projects

2. Improve the natural environment and promote access to and understanding of biodiversity.

eg. conservation, tree planting & seed banks, community gardens, neighbourhood graffiti or litter removal initiatives

3. Improve access to 'basic elements of life' ... including food & water

eg. water efficiency projects, Raising awareness about local and healthy food, urban agriculture & food production systems that conserve and enhance the environment

4. Reduce, re-use and recycle more waste

eg. neighbourhood waste-reduction campaigns, composting initiatives, white goods, office furniture & ICT recycling projects

5. Reduce pollution & promote sustainable transport

eg. green fuel initiatives, car or mini-bus sharing schemes, walking & cycling promotion

6. Community training and capacity building

eg. establishing neighbourhood sustainability sub-groups, development support for sustainability representatives, environmental project management / community leadership training

COMMUNITY FESTIVALS 2009-10

Total budget:

apprx £20,000

Application Deadlines:

9 January 2009

3 April 2009

3 July 2009

2 October 2009

Annual grants of up to £1,500 to fund festivals in local neighbourhoods or that celebrate the diversity of local communities of interest & identity

The council has prioritised "provision of excellent cultural opportunities for all". Grants to Community Festivals will support events that promote participation in cultural activities, expanding 'life chances', improving health & enabling people to share in the city's life.

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Examples of local neighbourhood festivals that have received a grant in recent years include:

- Local neighbourhood festivals such as Brunswick Community Festival and Friends of William Clarke Park.
- Festivals that celebrate the diversity of local communities of interest & identity such as International Women's Day and Chinese New Year

Applications may be submitted by organisations that specifically manage the delivery of a local festival, for example a Community Festival Group, or by organisations that manage the delivery of other services as well as a festival, such as a Community Association or Residents Society.

Please note that Grants to Community Festivals will not be awarded to occasional 'events' such as musical performances or art exhibits.

Pride 'beside the seaside' Day Grants 2009

Activities on the Parade or in Preston Park in August 2009

Total Budget:

apprx £6,000

Application Deadline:

15 June 2009

These are grants for community & voluntary organisations delivering activities as part of Summer Pride, the city's annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender festival. Grants are usually under £500, however requests for up to £1,000 will be considered if a clear explanation of need is provided.

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Grants will only be awarded for an activity, including preparation for an activity, on Pride Day. Activities can be on the Parade or in Preston Park and must be of a community or educational benefit.

THE HEDGCOCK BEQUEST 2009-10

Total budget:
Up to £26,000

Application Deadlines:

9 January 2009

3 April 2009

3 July 2009

2 October 2009

Annual grants of usually less than £1,000 to organisations with an annual income of generally under £25,000 and all organisations must be working for the wider benefit of residents of Brighton and Hove.

In exceptional cases, where significant local benefit can be demonstrated, grants may be awarded to larger organisations following pre-application discussions with the Annual Grants Programme Officer.

The Hedgcock Bequest is:

“A charitable trust fund set up by the will of Philip Hedgcock (1903) and to be used for any charitable purposes, objects or institutions selected by the Council. The Bequest is invested and currently yields an annual income of about £20,000 dependent on market conditions.”

The Programme

- There is no formal application form
- Grants cannot be used to support or promote a particular political party, cause, religious agenda or other similar non-charitable activity
- Examples of some of that organisations to have received funding from the Hedgcock Bequest include: crèches and playgroups, dance and theatre groups, sports for young people and older people's lunch clubs

Guidance Notes are available on request from the Unit or the City Council's website.