



Brighton & Hove Discretionary Grant Programme 2013-16 Three-Year Strategic & Annual Grants (inc. 2012-13) Vision, Criteria & Practical Examples

Vision

The new vision for Brighton & Hove City Council is about:

“Supporting a thriving third sector that promotes engagement and equality by encouraging cohesive communities to have active voices”

The vision is directly derived from “Our Corporate Plan 2011-15” & “Creating a City of Opportunities: a sustainable community strategy for Brighton & Hove” and recognises the third sector’s capacity to design & deliver high quality services efficiently & effectively.

- *Economic & Social Audit of the CV sector in B&H: 2008*

As such it embeds **value for money** at the earliest stage of grant giving. In addition the vision encompasses key cross-cutting themes for council around promotion of **citizen participation** through **active volunteering**

- *“Joining the Dots” a Triple Impact Strategy 2010-15*

The vision is defined by established & emerging priorities in terms of **engagement & equality**.

- *“BHCC Equality & Social Inclusion Policy 2012” early draft*
- *“Community Engagement Framework” 2009*

The vision complements the work of the City Engagement Partnership (SCP) and the Community Development Strategy for Brighton & Hove (emerging) and therefore ensures new discretionary grant eligibility criteria reflect **city outcomes, corporate priorities** and our **intelligent commissioning** approach.

Thus the work / activities of all grant recipients will address council’s corporate plan whilst generating data of direct relevance to our commissioners.

Similarly the criteria will help those grant recipients generate matching data to maximise any future commissioning opportunities whilst maintaining the accessibility & openness for which our grants service is acknowledged.

Eligibility Criteria & Practical Examples

Successful grant applications must contribute towards at least one of the four criteria:

(1) Strengthening Communities and Involving People

Tackling Inequality, Working to Create a Fairer City & Engaging more Groups across the City

- Pre-school / out of school activities, adventure pursuits for teenagers, health 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
- Community associations, centres & 'anchors'
- Advice services & centres

(2) Improving Well-Being & Promoting Learning

Culture & Leisure Opportunities for All, Promoting Healthy Lifestyles & Supporting Vulnerable People

- Community arts projects such as audience development workshops or performances
- Sports clubs, activity / recreational initiatives or social groups
- Local history & heritage initiatives eg photo /oral archive, community museums / libraries etc
- Not-for-profit social / creative enterprise etc
- Support for residents with physical or mental health difficulties
- Developing the skills of residents to enhance their employment prospects eg. volunteer training programmes or helping service users acquire new competencies or knowledge

(3) Reducing Crime and Improving Safety

Encouraging 'responsibility'... delivering effective & accessible early interventions... involving communities in reducing crime & antisocial behaviour

- 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) Enhancing the Environment

Creating a more Sustainable City, Living within Environmental Limits & Promoting Sustainable Transport

- Improving the built or natural environment
- Recycling / re-use projects, green fuel / affordable transport initiatives
- Conservation, tree planting & seed banks, community gardens
- Raising awareness about local and healthy food
- Not-for-profit social / environmental enterprise etc

