



Brighton & Hove Discretionary Grant Programme Translating priorities into Actions

Vision

Brighton & Hove City Council recognises the value* of independent, not-for-profit community and voluntary sector organisations.

** Economic & Social Audit of the CV sector in B&H: Dialogue 50/50 Group*

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”*

** ‘Our Corporate Plan 2008-11’*

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
- (2) Providing excellent cultural opportunities for all
- (3) Making a city where people are safe & feel safe

(4) Reducing inequality by increasing opportunity

Protecting the environment while growing the economy

“Preserving & improving our urban & natural environments, growing our economy & supporting people into work...”

- 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

Providing excellent cultural opportunities for all

“Promoting participation in cultural & sporting activities... expanding ‘life chances’, improving physical / mental health & enabling people to share in the city’s life”

- 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

Making a city where people are safe & feel safe

“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

Reducing inequality by increasing opportunity

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“Giving children the best start in life...providing excellent education for all, improving health working together to target the most vulnerable”

- 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
- Support for residents with physical or mental health difficulties
- Advice services & centres

