

BCP Council Family Hub Community Grant

The BCP Council Family Hub Community Grant scheme is designed to support the local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to run transformational projects and activities for young people and their families. All activities and projects should be guided by the needs of local people and connected to at least one Family Hub or the wider Family Hub network in the BCP council area.

We are looking for new or existing organisations who would like to create or expand their offer for young people and their families and help them to connect into the growing offer around Family Hubs in BCP. The grant may enable existing groups to fill a gap such as expanding times or accessibility, or reaching out to a wider range of parents who are not currently accessing their local family hub.

More specifically, we want projects that.

- **Deliver outcomes** for young people and/or their families that can be evidenced to support the Local Outcomes Framework
- **Improve access for** young people and/or their families and increase the diversity for those who access Family Hubs.
- **Increase the connectivity** of voluntary groups and local family hubs to help young people and their families.
- Help young people and/or their families to **build relationships** with a wide range of support services, local people, and their communities.

Some examples of potential projects or activities we would consider include:

- Activities for primary aged children
- Debt, welfare, and cost of living advice for young people and their families
- Domestic abuse support for families and young people
- Early language and the home learning environment
- Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) and financial support (Tax-Free Childcare, Universal Credit childcare)
- Infant Feeding Support
- Mental health services advice
- Nutrition and weight management
- Oral health improvement
- Parenting Support
- Trial new models of engagement or activities within a hub location.
- Activities which are held in evenings and weekends.
- Specific support for SEND children and their families.

Projects which can be evidenced to support the council's *Family Outcomes Framework* will be more likely to be successful. Projects that cater for children and young people with SEND, those aimed at supporting older children and teenagers, and programmes that are aimed at improving mental health and wellbeing are also more likely to be successful.

You should also familiarise yourself with *Annex F: Family Hub Service Expectations Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme guide*, to help you write your bid.

BCP Council Family Hub Community Grant guidance

The BCP Council Family Hub Community Grant awards will range from £500 up to £5,000 per project or activities. The maximum per project is £5,000 but groups can apply separately for different projects.

The community grant will be paid to successful organisations by the 31st of March 2024.

The activity/project must have commenced by 30th September 2024. This will give all successful bids six months to engage and develop their offering with their local family hub and their communities.

The project must have been delivered by 31st March 2025.

All successful applicants will be invited to a mandatory induction session at their respective BCP Council Family Hub. Engagement and support from your organisation in the family hubs is important and therefore it is a requirement your organisation attends the session.

All organisations will need to be Level 2 safeguarding compliant from the commencement of their project, your Family Hub will be able to support you with this.

Organisations can only apply for once per project/service they deliver. However, we will encourage organisations to make multiple bids if they provide different services across geographical areas.

The Decision Process

Applications will be reviewed by a panel consisting of a cross section of BCP Council, Public Health, and NHS colleagues.

Applicants will be notified about the outcome of their application at the earliest available opportunity.

Who Can Apply?

Applications for grant funding are open to a wide network of registered community-based organisations who may be; childminders, early years settings, voluntary organisations, schools, colleges, youth, or community clubs, wrap around care providers, creative or performing art providers and any other community provider who can meet the requirements of the grant.

BCP Council acknowledge that there may be some children who require specialist support. BCP Council seek and invite applications from organisations that specialise in providing activities for children and young people with the most challenging needs.

Other requirements:

- Be constituted/have a written set of rules that constitute what they do (governing document).
- Deliver activities in the BCP Council area.
- Have or be developing experience of support for young people and families.
- Public Liability Insurance (£5,000,000 minimum)
- Employer's Liability Insurance (£10,000,000 minimum)
- Professional Indemnity Insurance (£2,000,000 minimum)
- Risk Assessments for the activities.

- Organisations will have Enhanced DBS checks for all staff and volunteers before the project commences.
- Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy for organisation
- BACS information for the organisation

Key dates

Organisations submit applications: 26nd February 2024

Panel evaluation: 28th February 2024

Applicants notified: From 28th February 2024

Funding paid to successful applications: From 1st March.

Further enquiries

Please send completed application forms or other enquiries to Jack Blankley (jack.blankley@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Frequently Asked Questions

What do you mean by a young person? BCP Council defines a young person as anyone aged between 0–19. This increases to anyone aged up to 25 who requires special educational needs and/or has any disability (SEND).

What if I am not part of a registered charity/constituted group? We understand that there are members of the community who are passionate about young people who may not be a member of a local charity or constituted group. If this is the case, please get in touch with us and we will advise you on registered local organisations who may be able to help your application.

How we will evaluate your application

- 1) What is the main aim of your service/project and how will you achieve it? (30%)
- 2) How do you know your project is needed? (20%)
- 3) How will the service/project reach young people and their families, and what experience does your organisation have that makes you the best placed to deliver the service/project? (10%)
- 4) Will you be working in partnership with local organisations with the project? (10%)
- 5) How will you monitor the progress and measure the success of the project? (10%)
- 6) How What would your safeguarding process be if one of the participants asks to disclose sensitive information about themselves to a member of your staff during a session run as part of this Family Hub programme? (10%)
- 7) We will also monitor your application to ensure it is value for money (10%)

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2	The response is relevant to the question / criteria and provides some indication of the bidder's approach. However, in one or more aspects it is lacking in specific detail or evidence, and thus falls short of providing an adequate level of assurance
1	The response is of some basic relevance to the question / criteria, but is so brief, or so lacking in information, that it fails to provide even an adequate outline of the bidder's approach
0	No response is provided, or the response is of no relevance to the question / criteria