

# Medium Grants Fund 2021-22

Reigate & Banstead  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Banstead | Horley | Redhill | Reigate



# The Medium Grants Fund

- The Medium Grants Fund amounts to £50,000 in total
- For grants to the value of £2,000 to £20,000.
- Open for applications from 6th November to 6th December 2020
- This year we would also welcome applications that are focused on addressing new or increasing needs within local communities as a result of Covid-19.

# Who we will support

- Registered charities and voluntary and community groups who are charitable in purpose in Reigate and Banstead.
- Not for profit organisations such as Community Interest Companies (CICs) with a clear social purpose.
- For any capital applications, the project or activity must be located within the borough of Reigate and Banstead.
- Local faith groups, where the project clearly benefits the wider community.

# Projects we will and will not fund

- Awards **will be** considered for the provision of activities, existing projects and one-off initiatives.
- Only projects with **no maintenance** implications for the Council will be considered.
- We will **not** fund activities that are statutory responsibilities.
- We will **not** normally fund the same applicant organisation more than once in a financial year.
- This year the Council is also interested in applications that are **addressing new or increased needs** within local communities as a **result of the Covid-19 pandemic**.

**Funding must be spent on projects that support one or more of the Council's corporate priorities. (See our Reigate & Banstead 2025: Our five year plan , [https://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/info/20205/plans\\_and\\_policies/280/reigate\\_and\\_banstead\\_2025](https://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/info/20205/plans_and_policies/280/reigate_and_banstead_2025)), specifically:**

- Communities and community safety
- Vulnerable residents
- Leisure and wellbeing
- Towns and villages
- Environmental sustainability

# Applications are more likely to be successful if they can demonstrate all or some of the following

- The involvement of the volunteers from the community in their delivery.
- Accessibility and diversity.
- Sustainability beyond the life of the grant.
- Partnership work with other charitable organisations.
- Planned impact measurement.
- Responsiveness to changing local needs.
- Long term solutions for the people they are helping.
- Evidence of match funding or how the remainder of funding will be realised.

# The process

- Applications must be received by 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to be considered for funding in the following financial year (April 2021- March 2022).
- We will then evaluate the bid against the criteria. Strong applications may be unsuccessful if the Fund is oversubscribed.
- The Head of Community Partnerships will consult with the Executive Member for Community Partnerships to make a final decision.
- The Partnerships Team will be in touch, whether successful or unsuccessful, and feedback given.

# What we will ask for

- Bank account details with two authorised signatories.
- The organisation's 2021/22 operating budget.
- Recent annual accounts (unless a newly formed organisation).
- Three month's bank statements
- Governing documents e.g. constitution.
- Safeguarding and Equality & Diversity policies.
- Evidence of what the spend is to go towards e.g. quotations or estimates. (particularly for capital projects, where permissions will also be necessary )

# Conditions of the award

- Notification will be made in January 2021, for payment during the coming financial year, 2021-22.
- You will be asked for evidence that the money has been spent in the correct way and in the agreed timeframe.
- Successful applicants will be required to acknowledge the Council's funding.
- Details of grants made will periodically be published on the Council website.