

Berinsfield Health and Wellbeing Grant Scheme

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Question	Answer
Who is administering the grant?	Berinsfield Parish Council will administer the grant scheme on behalf of South Oxfordshire District Council. It is funded by Oxfordshire County Council.
How long is the grant funding provided for?	The funding will be valid for a duration of 12 months from the date that the grant is awarded. Organisations should make a presumption that funding will not normally continue beyond the payment from the Berinsfield Health and Wellbeing Grants Scheme.
What can I use the grant funding for?	<p>Grant funds must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - only be used for projects, services and activities for residents living in the Berinsfield village - only be used for projects, services and activities that are sustainable and can continue after the funding has ended - support at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing health and wellbeing. specifically tackling outlined health inequalities • Greater partnership working between locals and community groups and organisations • New and exciting physical and mental health and wellbeing initiatives, including how to eat healthily • Empowering Berinsfield to create a strong social network and prevent its people feeling isolated. • Enabling locals to lower fuel bills without sacrificing their health and wellbeing • Improving information on and access to education, employment, and upskilling • Making the built environment more attractive • Strengthening transport networks and encouraging people to walk, cycle and use public transport
Can I see some examples of what the funding could be used for?	<p>Funding could be used to design and implement new projects and initiatives, and/or to increase the reach of an existing project or activity. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary costs relating to the services/activities being supported including training staff in new skills. • Transport costs (such as mileage expenses) where they are clearly required as part of the objectives of the organisation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional fees directly linked to collaborative working with others or starting or extending a service. • Marketing and publicity for new/extended services such as a community newsletter, walking or cycling routes/trails, community website or digital archive (but not ongoing publishing, maintenance or hosting costs). • Volunteer training or support costs that would enable more volunteers help or take on more responsibilities within an organisation. • Room booking and hire/logistical costs such for events and festivals.
<p>What do I need in order to apply?</p>	<p>To be considered for grant funding, applicants must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a basic budget for the project, outlining all costs. 2. Be a constituted group with a management group of 3 plus people (these must not be related) or a Registered Charity and Limited Company or a Community Interest Company 3. Hold their own bank account (in the name of the organisation) with two unrelated signatories. 4. Have appropriate organisational policies and processes in place such as for data protection with compliance with all GDPR regulations/legislation, health and safety, safeguarding, DBS checks, and equality and diversity covering the organisation and activity. Provide evidence of appropriate levels of relevant insurance which need to be in place to cover the activity being funded.
<p>I haven't received a community grant from the Berinsfield Parish Council before, which documents should I provide?</p>	<p>Please provide a copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a recent bank statement in the name of the organisation applying (no more than two months old). • your governing document (like a constitution, set of rules, articles of association etc) that demonstrates you are a 'not for profit' organisation and the project you are applying for matches the organisation objectives. • your organisation's detailed financial records e.g. income/expenditure/reserves for the most recent complete financial year – or projections for new organisations.
<p>If my organisation received Minimal Financial Assistance (MFA) in the elapsed part of the current financial year and in the two financial years immediately preceding the current financial year, what information should I provide?</p>	<p>If you have been awarded MFA within this financial year or the previous two financial years, you will need to provide the following information for each MFA award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of assistance • Date received • Organisation providing the assistance • Nature of the assistance
<p>Can I apply on behalf of another organisation?</p>	<p>You must have the full permission of the lead organisation to make an application on its behalf. The email address and phone number that you register with will be used to contact you.</p>

When will grant decisions be made and awarded?	Grants will be awarded six weeks after the scheme closes, by January 2025 at the latest.
How will eligibility for a grant be decided?	Please find information on the scoring system here .
If I am awarded grant funding, will I need to show evidence of how it has made a difference?	As a condition of receiving grant funding, you are required to complete a short evaluation form. Applicants are expected to provide written evidence of what funding has been spent on and the benefit it has brought, including copies of invoices and receipts, plus attendance numbers, photos, press clippings, etc. where applicable.