



Department for Environment and Community Services

Three Year Grants 2018/2021

South Gloucestershire Council provides a diverse range of services itself but also recognises that an independent, sustainable and diverse voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector has a valued role in the lives of its residents and communities.

We view the VCSE sector as an essential part of a safer and stronger community, with the ability to raise important issues and provide opportunities on behalf of and for the benefit of individuals and communities.

Expressions of interest are being sought from VCSE organisations in South Gloucestershire to provide services and/or activities that will help us to continue to support our communities.

The Three Year Grant budget is subject to the continuing availability of Council funding and will be confirmed each year when the Council sets its budget. The first year's funding 2018/19 will be confirmed in February 2018 for 2018/19 and annually thereafter for the term of three years.

Submissions from a collaboration or other types of partnership or sub-contracting arrangements will be considered if appropriately constituted for any of the work areas. Therefore, potential organisations wishing to work in this manner should satisfy us that a written agreement is in place, although the arrangement does not in itself have to be a separately constituted body. A lead organisation should be agreed, giving a single point of contact for monitoring, negotiation and communication purposes.

Expression of interest for Equality support

Expressions of interest for this work area are being sought from organisations that can provide services and activities that will support the needs of our communities with protected characteristics (as defined by the Equality Act 2010). This also includes a hate crime service for individuals with a protected characteristic. Funding allocated to this work area is in the range of £80,000.

Submissions for advocacy should detail how it will be representative of our communities with protected characteristics, giving a voice and a means to influence on issues that are important) i.e. health, specifically the impact on mental well-being, isolation and exclusion, barriers to services and employment). Services for individuals with protected characteristics are not supported under this grant.

Submissions for a hate crime service should detail how it will support individuals at risk of, or the perception of, threats and physical harm. Case work is applicable to hate crime services only.

Knowledge and understanding of the specific needs of communities and individuals with protected characteristics at a local and national level should be used to determine the initiatives to be employed in support of these areas of need.

The outline proposal should show how the activity will be delivered and explain how it will be effective, cost efficient, innovative in its methods of delivery appropriate to our communities or individuals with protected characteristics.

As the delivery of work will be under negotiated terms, interested organisations must demonstrate how their proposed services or activities will meet the agreed outcomes which are:

Advocacy

- to support groups operating by and on behalf of people with protected characteristics to represent their views;
- to support the integration of people with protected characteristics into the wider community.

Hate Crime Services

- to raise awareness of the nature and extent of hate crime;
- to support victims of hate crime with protected characteristics (case work);
- to increase the understanding and importance of reporting incidences of hate crime.

The cost of the proposal must be given within the submission and a more detailed budget may be requested during the negotiation. This must be based upon full cost recovery principles.

We recognise the importance of sustainability within the sector and we encourage organisations to seek alternative means of support to reduce reliance or dependency on Council funding; or any other single source of funding. Therefore, this fund can be used to leverage additional resources which will be of benefit to the community and the submission. Additional resources can be in the form of benefits from other projects delivered by the organisation, or an organisations own activities to increase its sustainability, volunteering or additional funding from other funding streams. However, there must be no duplication of use of these.

The submission must also set out the organisation's track record and experience of the management of contracts of comparable scale and financial value.

Targets will be negotiated during the assessment stage of the process. These performance indicators will demonstrate how the proposal will be measured and achieve the given outcomes across the funding term.

Strategic documents

Under the theme Our Place, the Sustainable Community Strategy identifies that a thriving community and voluntary sector help to strengthen community cohesion establishing and encouraging a sense of local pride.

The Council Plan 2016/2020, under the heading of Place, also states that one of its key priorities is "to have a voluntary and community sector which contributes to local communities by stimulating the sector and strengthening resilience and robustness". It

emphasises the need for strong, resilient and cohesive communities to which voluntary and community sector projects are a contributing factor.

The aims and objectives of these key strategic documents influence this process; and are available from the [Three Year Grants](#) webpage.

Selection process

As the Three Year Grant process is not a procurement process, the basis for decision making and the award of this grant will be through a negotiated process.

Submissions will be evaluated, recommendations made and grants awarded on the basis that the organisation's services will benefit the community and achieve the Council's outcomes.

All completed Expression of Interest Forms should be completed electronically and submitted to grants@southglos.gov.uk in accordance with the given deadlines.

This document should be read in conjunction with the document entitled [Three Year Guidance](#). All documents can be requested via email grants@southglos.gov.uk