

Welcome

Dorset Council's Organisational Revenue Support Fund

Aim of the Webinar

- Outline the new 'Outcomes Based' Fund
- Explain more about the application process and core funding guidance
- Explain about the timelines
- Answer your questions

Organisational Support Revenue Fund

- Open on **Thursday 29th October 2020**
- Close on **Sunday 29th November 2020**
- The Panel meet mid December
- Applicants will be informed of funding decisions **from 20th December 2020**

Where we are now

Following public consultation **Dorset Council** decided to keep the same level of funding support to our:

Voluntary Community Sector	Museums	Heritage
Community Centres & Village Halls	Arts	Play

The process for the distribution of these funds has been reviewed - we have a new **Outcomes Based** Fund – our first theme is the **Organisational Revenue Support Fund** to replace the former service level agreements, social impact fund and the leisure development fund.

There will be only one round each year and it will grant **one to three year revenue support** agreements to cultural and community organisations who deliver services that support Dorset Council's **five corporate priorities**.

There will be an opportunity for Project Funding in February 2021 which your organisation can apply for, to begin from April 2021

Are we eligible for this fund?

- This new **Organisational Support Revenue Fund** will replace all historic revenue agreements with a brand new application and award process.
- Recipients of a historic funding agreement and other Dorset based Voluntary Community Services & Cultural service Organisations that meet all the criteria can apply to this Fund.

How much can we apply for?

Social, Voluntary & Community Services

Turnover of less than £300,000 pa (up to £500,000 in exceptional cases.)

Can apply for between £5,000 - £10,000 pa (£25,000 per annum for exceptional applications.)

What can we apply for?

The fund can cover the following 'core revenue costs' including:

- Contribution towards rent, rates and utilities
- Salary costs
- Insurance
- Workforce training and volunteer expenses.

All Grants awarded for revenue support will be for 1 to 3 years.

Core Criteria – You must show:

- That your organisation makes a **social impact and improves health and wellbeing** to the community through skills development and engagement opportunities.
- How you use **data collection methods** and be able to evidence that a range of Dorset residents will have participated in your activities
- That you have considered how to assess and address your **environmental impact** - and ideally have developed an environmental policy.

All Organisations who are venue based and rely on their venue to deliver their service must demonstrate at least **5 years tenure**.

YOU MUST: achieve outcomes for local residents aligned to one or more of Dorset Council's Corporate priorities



We will ask you for:

- Two years of **accounts** and copies of your last three **Bank Statements**
- Your **Business Plan** detailing forward plans up to at least 2024
- A strong track **record of fundraising and income generation** over the last three years

A copy of your:

- ✓ **GDPR Policy**
- ✓ **Safeguarding policy**
- ✓ **Equality statement or Policy**
- ✓ **Environmental Policy or Statement,**
- ✓ **Volunteer Policy - organisations offering volunteering opportunities must have a volunteer policy.**
- ✓ **Public Liability Insurance to the value of £5 million**

Protected Characteristics

The Equality Act introduced the term 'protected characteristics' to refer to groups that are protected under the Act, these are:

Age	Disability	Gender Reassignment
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Pregnancy and Maternity	Race
Religion or Belief	Sex	Sexual Orientation

It is important to note that **carers** are also protected through association to any of the above 9 characteristics.

Dorset Council's Local Characteristics

In addition, Dorset Council recognises that there are a range of other groups/people that may face additional disadvantage and discrimination and we consider these when making decisions. They include:

- People who are **rurally isolated**
- People on **low incomes/in poverty**
- **Single parents**
- People with a **military background** and their families
- **Gender Identity**

Additional criteria for Social, Voluntary & Community Services

- Must show **need** for the service
- Need to show how you **address the ongoing needs of vulnerable people** to ensure their health & wellbeing is maintained and to maintain or regain their independence in the community.
- Deliver services aimed at **reducing health inequalities** and those in high risk categories
- Show how your activities **relieve pressure on local statutory services**, particularly emergency or health and social care provision, or add value to their response
- Show how you are addressing **the needs of disadvantaged, underserved and marginalised communities** within the Dorset council area.

What We Will NOT Fund

- **Unincorporated Groups** or **new and emerging groups** (any Organisation not able to produce two years of accounts)
- **Capital items** such as equipment, ongoing repairs, routine maintenance and refurbishments to buildings, community centres or village halls including car parks, MUGA pitches, play areas and landscaping.
- **IT equipment for personal use** (including laptops, phones or iPad)
- **Vehicle costs** including servicing and maintenance
- **Loss of income** from fundraising, trading, charitable donations.
- Core business or activities and services that **outside of the Dorset Council area**

Full list of exclusions available in the guidance

How do we apply?

- Organisations will be required to **apply online** and must demonstrate how they meet the needs of the community and how they can deliver against at least one of Dorset Councils five Corporate priorities.
- Successful applicants will be granted a funding agreement for **one to three years from 1st April 2021**
- Unsuccessful applicants who can meet the eligibility criteria will be able to apply for a smaller one year grant between £1,000 - £10,000 through **Fund 2 Development and Projects Fund** opening 1st February 2021.

Checklist for applicants

- Read the Criteria and Guidance Notes
- Seek Advice on your Application (if required)
- Fill out the Online Application and submit your supporting evidence

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/revenuesupportfund>

Questions?



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For More Information

To ensure you make a strong funding application, free advice can be sought from the following advisors and Dorset support agencies:

Cultural Organisations: **Arts Development Company** (01305 228528)

Community Organisations: **Dorset Community Action** (01305 250921)

For application information contact Dorset Council Officers:

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