

Welcome

Dorset Council's

New

Community and Culture Project Fund

Aim of the presentation

- Explain about the timelines
- Outline of the new Dorset Council Project Fund
- Highlight eligibility
- Explain the funds priorities, highlighting Dorset Council priorities
- How much you can apply for
- What you can and cannot apply for
- Explain about required outcomes
- Explain about protected characteristics
- Explain the application process, funding guidance and what we are looking for in an application
- Answer your questions

Dorset Council Project Fund

- Opens on **Friday 30th April 2021**
- Closes on **Sunday 11th June 2021**
- The Panel meet by **5th July 2021**
- Applicants will be informed of funding decisions **by 15 July 2021**

Where we are now

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

Voluntary Community Sector	Museums	Heritage
Physical Activity	Sport	Arts

Fund 1: In December 20 we awarded our first round of **Organisational revenue support grants** which replaced the former service level agreements.

Fund 2: This new **Project Fund** will replace the former Impact Fund, Social Impact Fund and the Leisure Development Fund. £200,000 will be awarded in two rounds for both cultural and VCS sector over this financial year 2021 – 2022.

Are we eligible for this fund?

- Dorset organisations who are constituted not for profit voluntary community services & cultural organisations that meet all the criteria can apply to this Project fund this **will include Parish Councils**.
- A consortia can apply for this fund with a designated lead partner and written partnership agreement
- Town Councils can only apply as a partner of a consortia
- Hospitals and Hospices cannot apply
- Schools cannot apply
- Please read the full list of eligibility criteria before starting your application

(this will published on the Dorset Council website from mid April prior to its launch on 30 April 21)

How much can we apply for?

Constituted Organisations meeting the criteria can apply for between £1,000 - £5,000 towards their project

Constituted newly set up organisations without one years accounts who meet the criteria can apply for between £1,000 - £1,500

You must have raised at least 20% of total project costs through other fundraising activity.

What can we apply for?

You can apply for up to 80% of the total project costs.

- This can include project management costs up to 10%
- This can include equipment and materials needed for the project
- Activities with **environmental/climate change themes**
- Activities reaching isolated audiences using **digital technology**
- **Events** raising the profile of arts, heritage, sport or environment
- One-off events that promote **equality and social inclusion**.
- Projects promoting **health & wellbeing** through physical activity.
- Projects **addressing disadvantage** in communities
- **Pilot projects** demonstrating new ways to deliver cultural activity or support to communities

What We Will NOT Fund

- **Unconstituted** Groups
- Organisations with a turnover of more than **£500,000**
- **Capital items** such as 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)
- Activities and services that take place **outside of the Dorset Council area**

***Please read the full list of exclusions in the online guidance**

YOUR PROJECT MUST: achieve outcomes for participants aligned to one or more of Dorset Council's Corporate priorities



Core criteria: you will need to show us

- That there is a **need** for your project
- That your project makes a **social impact and improves health and wellbeing** to the community.
- How you will **collect information** to show that a range of Dorset residents will have participated in your activities
- That you have considered your **environmental impact** within your project.
- All venue based organisations who rely on their venue to deliver their project, must demonstrate at least **5 years tenure**.
- That you have secured a **minimum of 20 %** towards the total project costs through your organisations own funds or other grants

You must show how you meet one or more of these **outcomes**

- Improving pathways for **young people** to get into employment
- Promoting **equality** and **social inclusion** through events
- Improving the **health** and **wellbeing** of communities and people particularly vulnerable people
- Helping **disabled people** to live independent lives
- Reaching, empowering and supporting new **diverse, disadvantaged and marginalised communities**.
- Making a positive **environmental Impact**
- Improving lives of those suffering **rural deprivation**
- Overcoming **digital exclusion** in isolated communities or targeted groups and using digital technology to engage more communities
- Developing **new activity** within organisations
- Helping people to feel **more connected to the place in Dorset** where they live
- Raising the profile** of the arts, heritage, sport, environment and climate change themes

Your project may also meet one of these **culture specific** outcomes:

- ❑ Creating memorable experiences which help **enrich, interpret and celebrate** Dorset's coast, towns and countryside
- ❑ Developing high-quality arts, heritage and cultural offer to command **regional, national and international recognition**
- ❑ Demonstrating sustainable cultural tourism, increase **employment** in Dorset's cultural sector, **raise aspirations** and **retain local talent**
- ❑ **Employing** Artists, creatives and freelancers to include them in decision making and to ensure they are **paid properly**

Protected Characteristics

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



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**

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

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/equality-and-diversity/our-equality-duties-under-the-equality-act.aspx

We will ask you to send us:

- A completed **online** application form
- Latest approved or verified **accounts** and copies of your last three **Bank Statements**
- Copies of your organisations **governing document, constitution** or **set of rules**
- A copy of your:
 - ✓ **Safeguarding policy**
 - ✓ **Equality Policy or Statement**
 - ✓ **Public Liability Insurance to the value of £5 million**

The form has a handy checklist to ensure you send us everything we need

How do we apply?

- Organisations will be required to complete an online application form which can be found on the web page on www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk (this will be live from mid-march)
- Guidance notes will be provided **online**
- Successful applicants will be granted an award to carry out their project within **one year**, planning must begin within a month of being awarded.
- A full list of **terms and conditions** will be found on the web page.

What does the assessment panel look for?

- You have raised **20% or more** cash contribution/or applying for other grants
- You meet at least one **Council priority**
- You will deliver activities or services that achieve at least **one** of the **outcomes** listed
- You **comply** with all the eligibility criteria
- Your project demonstrates **value for money**
- You have shown us **there is need** for your project and how your project **will make a difference**

Questions?



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For More Information

If you are not clear about eligibility please contact one of the Officers in advance

For application information contact Dorset Council Officers:

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