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| **Supporting Unity and Inclusion**A small grants opportunity to promote community harmony **Please return completed form to** **lovewhereyoulive@barnsley.gov.uk****Purpose of the Supporting Unity and Inclusion Grant**The Supporting Unity and Inclusion grant aims to fund small projects and events that enhance unity and inclusion across the Barnsley borough. These projects will aim to overcome barriers and improve access and opportunities by actively engaging with diverse groups and individuals, fostering greater representation and a stronger sense of belonging within your community.This grant is designed for the voluntary and community sector, encouraging organisations already active in this area to apply. The goal is to support small-scale projects or events that bring people together to celebrate unity and inclusion, particularly focussed on supporting vulnerable communities from the groups listed in the community cohesion section below.**Grant Details*** **Competitive Process**: This is a competitive grant process. Successful applicants will receive email confirmation and an evaluation and monitoring form. There may be only one application per organisation in one year. Additional applications for the same group will be rejected.
* **Funding**: The maximum funding per group/organisation is £5,000, per year. Collaborative applications are accepted, with each organisation within the collaboration eligible to apply for up to £5,000 each.
* **Project length:** Organisations can apply for either one off, one year or two-year funding. If you apply for two-year funding, the maximum amount per year will be £5,000. The second year of funding will be release after a first-year monitoring and evaluation report is received. The application should make reference to how the project will be sustained following completion of the grant received.
* **Community Cohesion**: Activities must show support and inclusion of ethnic minority communities to address community tensions, including Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities; refugees and asylum seekers; Black, Asian, and other minority ethnic communities. Projects addressing Islamophobia are also eligible. The application must make reference to **how** you will engage with your target audience.
* **Community Integration**: Events and activities that bring together people from different communities to foster a wider sense of community and belonging. Proposals should consider how their activities support integration, tackle loneliness and isolation, identify common interests, dispel myths, and celebrate local culture and heritage.

We encourage applications that unite communities who might not typically interact.Examples include:* Bringing together various resilient community groups and new arrivals into Barnsley with long-term residents through shared food, music, stories and positive contributions.
* Celebrate similarities and differences in various traditions and cultures
* Exploring Barnsley's rich history and celebrating it with diverse community members.

Projects may include but are exclusive to:* Social, cultural, craft, or creative events.
* Sporting activities.

These activities should include meaningful interactions, such as sharing traditions, life experiences, food, music, and skills, or discovering commonalities. Innovation is encouraged, but existing projects that can be extended, developed, or improved are also welcome to apply.**Vision**All partners, working under the grant will respect each other and work towards the common vision of: **Barnsley - The Place of Possibilities**.The Barnsley 2030 plan outlines four key priorities, these are:* **Healthy Barnsley**
* **Growing Barnsley**
* **Learning Barnsley**
* **Sustainable Barnsley**

**Evaluation, monitoring and conditions:**There is an expectation that you will provide an evaluation, following the conclusion of the project. For projects funded across 2-years, evaluation of the first year must be received before release of further monies. Please do note that upon receipt of funds allocated, these need to be spent, in full, within 6-months.If your group has been awarded a grant across 2-years, please be aware that these will be processed as two separate annual payments. The second instalment will be released following submission and receipt of the requested monitoring form. If you have previously had a Better Barnsley Bonds /Pride Of Place /Ward Alliance grant, please return your monitoring form before applying for funding for future projects. This will help us understand the impact of our funding and improve our support for future projects.**Application Deadlines:**Please find below details of the application submission deadlines. Applications are welcomed throughout and will be reviewed at the next highlighted deadline date.* Tuesday 3rd June 2025
* Friday 4th July 2025
* Friday 8th August 2025
* Friday 29th August 2025
* Friday 17th October 2025
* Thursday 6th November 2025
* Friday 21st November 2025

***Please find application form overleaf*****Application Form**

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| **Organisation Information** |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Contact Number:** |  |
| **Email Address:** |  |
| **Organisation name:**  |  |
| **Company/Charity No. (if applicable)** |  |
| **Group/Organisation Address** **including Post Code:** |  |
| **A board or committee of at least 3 unrelated people registered on Companies House/Charity Commission etc.?**  | YES NO |
| **Financial Information** |
| **Total Funding Requested (£)***Please note that the maximum amount you can apply for through the Unity and Inclusion Fund is £5,000, per year. Please specify below if you would like to be considered for funding across 2 years (e.g. £10,000, split over 2-years)* |  |
| **Would you like to apply for funding across 2 years?** |  |
| **Bank Account Name***(This must be a group, charity or CIC)* |  |
| **I can confirm that there are 2 separate signatories for the bank account**  | YES NO |
| **Application Information** |
| **Governing Documents:**The group have a governing document such as a constitution or memorandum of association. | YES NO |
| The group have a safeguarding policy.***This will be requested upon successful notice of grant award*** | YES NO |
| The group have an equality opportunities policy.***This will be requested upon successful notice of grant award*** | YES NO |
| The group have an equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) policy***This will be requested upon successful notice of grant award*** | YES NO |
| **Reason for Application:**Please include what the project will deliver, when it is planned to be held, who will be involved in it, how many people you are hoping to work with, what the positive impact of the project will be and how long will the event/project be for? |  |
| **Breakdown of Costs:**Please provide a **detailed** breakdown of all costs and describe how/when the funding will be spent.*Nb: Upon receipt of the grant, monies must be spent with 6-months* |  |
| **Please give details of how you plan to financially sustain your project in the future**How do you plan to sustain the project after the funding period ends?What long-term impact do you anticipate this project will have on the community? |  |
| **Partnerships, collaborations and target groups:**What is your target audience and **how** will you engage with this group, community, demographic etc. Are you collaborating with any other organisations or groups for this project?If so, please provide additional information about these partnerships.*e.g. Partner name, company name, charity registration number, nature of partnership, split of monies?* |  |
| **Risk Management:**What potential risks or challenges do you foresee in the implementation of this project?How do you plan to mitigate these risks? |  |
| **Previous Funding**Have you received any previous funding from BMBC? If so, please stateHas monitoring been returned for previous funding?What lessons did you learn from your previous project and how will you apply them to this project? |  |
| **Monitoring and Evaluation:**How will you monitor the progress of the project?What evaluation methods will you use to measure the success of the project?How will you gather feedback from the community about the project? |  |
| **Date funds required:** |  |
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