

Small Groups in Dudley - Information Sheet



Funding for Black Minority Ethnic groups and activities

Key Funders

Awards for All

The Big Lottery administers 'Awards for All' a grants programme where voluntary organisations and community groups can access grants up to £10,000. Projects must either: extend access and participation, increase skill and creativity or improve the quality of life. Application forms can be obtained from Awards for All, 8th Floor, Edmund House, 12-22 Newhall Street, Birmingham, B3 3NL. Telephone: 0121 200 3500. Website: www.awardsforall.org.uk.

Grassroots Grants

Managed by Birmingham Community Foundation, grants are aimed at small groups with turnover/income less than £20000 per year. To be eligible for a grant, your work must benefit your local community and meet one of these objectives:

- Encourage community responsibility
- Develop community capacity
- Be unable to access other forms of funding
- Do not duplicate other work being done within the area

Funding is available for purchasing equipment and expanding existing activities, including staff/event costs. Groups can apply for between £250 and £5000 on an application available from Birmingham Community Foundation, Nechells Baths, Nechells Park Road, Birmingham, B7 5PD. Tel: 0121 3225560. Email: team@bhamfoundation.co.uk. Website: www.bhamfoundation.co.uk.

Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing

Grants are available in between £300 - £1500 that provides support to vulnerable members of the community, promotes people's independence, social inclusion, supports carers and addresses the broader aspects of health improvement. For more information contact Doreen Hughes on 01384 816162 or Marilyn Hudson on 01384 815145.

Reaching Communities

The Big Lottery administers a grants programme 'Reaching Communities' where registered charities can access grants from £10,000 - £500,000. The aims of the fund are to:

- give people better chances in life with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- create stronger communities, with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems
- improve rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy, and;
- support healthier and more active people and communities.

For more information telephone 0845 4102030. Website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities.

Geoff Hill Charitable Trust

The Geoff Hill Charitable Trust is a local trust set up to fund general activities run by local groups situated in Dudley Borough. Groups can obtain an application form from the Geoff Hill Charitable Trust, 7 High Street, Amblecote, Stourbridge, DY8 4DE.

Dudley Area Committees

Dudley Council's Area Committees each have a budget for allocation on capital schemes within their areas. Voluntary organisations and community groups are welcome to apply for funding from their relevant Area Committee for or towards the costs of capital expenditure. Groups can obtain application forms from Democratic Services, Directorate of Law and Property, Dudley MBC, the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley, DY1 1HF. Telephone: 01384 815240/1/2.

This information sheet outlines some of the main funders in the areas of activities for BME groups. Information about other possible funders can be accessed through FunderFinder and Grantfinder at Dudley CVS. If you are a small group (income up to £15000) and would like support in identifying other funders please contact Becky Pickin, Small Groups Development Officer on 01384 267431. Email: smallgroups@dudleycvs.org.uk.