

# Voluntary and Community Action

## Local Government Grants

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A main source of funding for voluntary organisations and community groups is still the local authority or Council. Different departments within a local authority may each have their own pots of money to allocate in the form of grants or Service Level Agreements. This information sheet lists the local government grants available to voluntary organisations and community groups in Bedfordshire.

### Funding Information Sheets

The Funding Advice Service has produced a series of Funding Information Sheets on:

- the different types of grants available
- good practice when applying for funding
- sustainable fundraising

These are available to download from our website or can be obtained from our office.



### Central Bedfordshire Council

#### Streetcred

Young people aged 13-19 years old who want to be active in their community. The application form must be completed by young people and the project led by young people, with support of adults if required. The panels will prioritise applications from hard to reach groups and those benefiting more young people:

- young disabled people
- young care leavers
- looked after young people
- young offenders
- young carers
- young refugees
- young lesbians and gay men
- young black and minority ethnic people
- travellers
- those in rural areas

However, if you have got a good idea and do not fall into any of these groups you should still apply!

For Youth Opportunities projects



the maximum you can apply for is £10,000.00

For Youth Capital Projects the maximum you can apply for is £40,000.00

All of the rounds are extremely competitive and oversubscribed, so feel free to include more information – photo's, copies of meeting notes / flipcharts, consultations etc.

More information on the fund and application pack can be found on [www.centralbeds.gov.uk](http://www.centralbeds.gov.uk) under Grants and look for Streetcred application form (there are two copies, one with images and one without). You will need to fill in the form whether you are applying for activities or capital funding. If you have questions then please email them to [Denise.Rayner@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Denise.Rayner@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) or phone Denise on 01234 718646. For help with filling in the application form please contact our Funding Adviser, on 01525 850559 or email [funding@action-centralbeds.org.uk](mailto:funding@action-centralbeds.org.uk)



**“SEEK HELP AND GUIDANCE WITH THE COMPLETION OF APPLICATIONS. VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ACTION CAN HELP YOU ANSWER THOSE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS.”**

## Historic Building Grant Aid Scheme

There are over 1,900 listed buildings and structures in Central Bedfordshire, listed for their special architectural and historic interest.

Other buildings or structures, which might be eligible for grant aid in respect of conservation repairs and maintenance, would include: historic buildings within the wider setting of a listed building, garden walls or garden features, Scheduled Monuments, buildings or structures within a Registered Park and Garden, prominent or interesting non-listed historic buildings within a conservation area.

Grant aid is targeted towards conservation repairs to the historic structure or fabric of the historic building or structure involving higher costs due to the stipulation to use certain expensive materials, approaches, techniques or methods and skilled craftsmen.

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## Capital grants for Voluntary and Community Groups

Voluntary and Community Groups and non profit making organisations that are based within Central Bedfordshire can apply for capital grants within the following categories.

### Lifestyle Scheme - Health, Sports Arts and Cultural Projects

This category is aimed at the development, promotion and/or awareness of cultural activities, projects that help to develop children’s playgroup activities, general sporting facilities and projects that encourage people to live healthier and more active life styles.

Successful applicants within this category will be awarded up to 25% of the total project cost. This is subject to a maximum award of £10,000.

### General Community Projects

This category encourages organisations, in cooperation with their Town/Parish Council or Parish Meeting, to develop projects in order to help make their towns and villages safe and pleasant places in

## Dunstable Town Council

Dunstable Town Council has a general fund with a closing date for applications on 30 November each year for grants commencing April of the following year.

This is a small grant scheme for awards from £50 to a maximum of £1,000. The council is interested to know how the grant would assist organisations to support the following objectives:

- to support economic regeneration
- to encourage the opportunity for social development

- to increase environmental awareness and development
- to promote health improvement
- to promote cultural activity or participation
- to promote community safety.

**For more information or an application form contact:  
The Community Development Officer at Dunstable Town Council, Grove House, 76 High Street North, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 1NF. Telephone: 01582 513000.**

which to live.

Successful applicants within this category will be awarded up to 50% of the total project cost. This is subject to a maximum award of £10,000.

What can be funded? The grant scheme is designed to encourage projects in the above categories. It cannot fund revenue costs. It is only able to fund those elements of the project that are capital costs (i.e. expenditure that results in the acquisition, construction or enhancement of a fixed asset).

This can include: buildings, vehicles, furniture and fittings, equipment, ICT equipment, software and licenses, expenditure that substantially lengthens the life of an asset, making a building fit for purpose.

What the grant will not fund  
Funding for everyday running costs but capital elements of large revenue projects can be considered, acquisition or leasing of land, loan repayments, projects that have a political bias

**Essential Criteria**

All applicants for grant aid will be required to satisfy the following conditions;

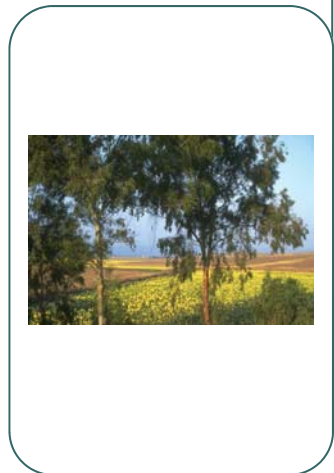
be relevant to one or more of the Council's priorities for 2009/11 which are:

- be able to demonstrate local community need and support
- have a clear financial need
- have a governing document (i.e. a constitution or a set of rules)
- have a bank or building society account in the name of the organisation
- not have already obtained money from any other Central Bedfordshire Council funding source for the capital costs associated with the project being applied for.

All applicants will also need to show that their group/organization has other relevant policies in place.

For more information regarding these schemes and/or to request an application form, then please contact either Sue Barrow, Telephone: 0300 300 4243, email: <http://digbig.com/5babhs> or Joan Allen Telephone: 0300 300 5323, email: <http://digbig.com/5babht> or visit <http://digbig.com/5babhw>

For help with filling in the application form please contact our Funding Adviser, on 01525 850559 or email [funding@action-centralbeds.org.uk](mailto:funding@action-centralbeds.org.uk)



**“SPEAK TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR FUNDING BID OR SPEAK TO OUR FUNDING ADVISER FOR TIPS ON WRITING SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS.”**

**Houghton Regis Town Council**

The grants are to support the work of local organisations and groups who operate for the benefit of Houghton Regis residents. Grants are available for development costs or for setting up a new group, new activities or new projects and maybe available for general running costs at the discretion of the Council.

There is no set limit on how much you can apply for, however Small Project Grants

are up to a maximum of £500 and Large Project Grants are normally between £501 and £1,000. A maximum of 75% of the cost of the project can be applied for.

Please contact the Town Council and request a grant application pack or download an application form from the website <http://www.houghtonregis-tc.org.uk/infopage.asp?infoid=261>

For help with filling in the application form please contact our Funding Adviser, Rizwana on 01525 850559 or email [funding@action-centralbeds.org.uk](mailto:funding@action-centralbeds.org.uk)

## Leighton-Linslade Town Council

Organisations will be considered for a grant from Leighton-Linslade Town Council if they meet the following criteria:

- based in or has a branch in Leighton-Linslade
- the work benefits a number of residents of Leighton-Linslade
- has a clear financial need
- non political and non profit making
- has its own bank account
- has a constitution.

**For further information or an application form contact: Town Clerk, Leighton-Linslade Town Council, The White House, Hockliffe Street, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 1HD, Telephone: 01525 631920.**

### Leighton-Linslade and District Sports Council

The Sports Council has £1,000 to give out to groups each year, usually divided between seven to eight groups (depending on the number of applications). Grants are given out twice a year: January and June. The Council can only accept grant applications from affiliated clubs and members of those clubs. Affiliation fee is £10, due 1 May each year. The grant is designed to assist with and promote the development of sport. Basic qualification must be demonstration of the need and

benefits to community. The Council seek to ensure maximum value for money for the grant made.

**For further information or an application form contact: Sports Council: Mrs W Guy, Telephone: 01525 371534.**

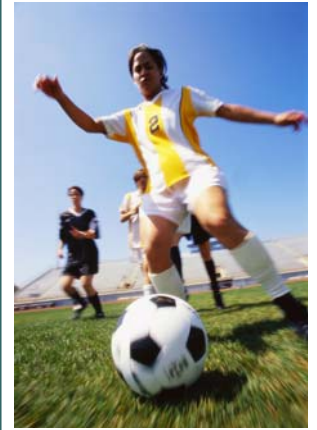
### Leighton-Linslade Arts Forum

The aim of the Arts Forum is to promote and increase participation in arts activities by local people and to enhance the image of the area through the arts. The Forum supports existing arts organisations and encourages local people to be more aware of the opportunities to participate in arts related activities.

The Forum distributes annual grants on behalf of Leighton-Linslade Town Council to arts groups in the town. Grant applicants must be a member of the Arts Forum and their activities should be of benefit to individuals or groups residing in Leighton Buzzard and Linslade and the surrounding district. Membership to the forum is £15 per year.

The Arts Forum will fund any arts related project: music, poetry, theatre. They will not fund running costs. They will fund up to £400 per project and tend to look at applications once a quarter.

**For further information or an application form contact: Arts Forum: Mr N Carnell, Telephone: 01525 217656.**



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## How can our Funding Advice Service help?

We can help you discover which grant making trusts, foundations or funders are the most appropriate for your organisation to approach for funding, help you to fill out the application form or provide help and support with any funding related issues.

Please give us a call on 01525 850559 to arrange a meeting so we can guide you through the maze of funding opportunities available.