

BEDS-SPREAD

September 2007



Local Authority Funding Extra

BEDFORD BOROUGH

Grant Funding from Bedford Borough Council for 2008/9

*For voluntary, community and charitable
organisations including sports and arts groups*

Applications for funding are invited from voluntary, community and charitable organisations, including sports and arts groups for 2008/9.

Application forms and guidance notes will be available in due course via our website at www.bedford.gov.uk or can be requested by telephone from the **Community Welfare Team** on (01234) 227351, 221929 or 227488.

Application packs can also be requested by email at ahoyle@bedford.gov.uk or rdenton@bedford.gov.uk or by post from: **The Community Welfare Team, Room B210, Bedford Borough Council, Town Hall, St. Paul's Square, Bedford, MK40 1SJ.**

The deadline for receipt of completed application forms and the necessary enclosures is noon on **Monday 19th November 2007.**

Applicants should note that the amount available for grant funding for 2008/9 is subject to the Council's budget-setting process.



Community & Voluntary Service

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Cauldwell And Kingsbrook Urban Community Council

Grants of up to **£500** for community groups working in the **Bedford wards of Cauldwell and Kingsbrook** are now available.

Contact: **Peter Storey, Committee Services, Bedfordshire County Council, County Hall, Bedford, MK42 9AP.** Tel: **01234 228905** for an application form before **31st October 2007** - deadline for return of applications is **30th November 2007.**

Other Grant Funding from Bedford Borough Council

- **Community Chest Fund** - up to **£500**
- **Community Support Fund** - up to **£1000**
- **House of Industry Estate Fund** - up to **£10,000** (Revenue) or **£15,000** (Capital)

Full details, along with guidance notes and application forms, can be found at:

www.bedford.gov.uk/Default.aspx/Web/GrantsforFinancialAssistance

Contact: **Sue Mealor.** Tel: **01234 227380.**
Email: smealor@bedford.gov.uk. The Community Welfare Team, Bedford Borough Council, Town Hall, St. Paul's Square, Bedford

Serving the Voluntary and Community Sector in Mid and North Bedfordshire

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MID BEDFORDSHIRE

Mid Beds District Council welcomes applications from voluntary groups and non-profit-making organisations for **capital projects** that fall within the following categories:

- **Health/Sport**
- **Arts and Cultural Projects**
- **Village Investment Partnership Programme (VIPPs)**
- **Community Projects Programme (CPPs)**

Health/Sport

For capital projects that help to develop children's playgroup activities, general sporting facilities or projects aimed at encouraging people to live healthier and more active lifestyles. Examples might be the improvement of sports facilities or the purchase of large items of sporting equipment.

Amount of grant aid available: successful applications within this category will be awarded up to 25% of the total project cost. This is subject to a maximum award of **£15,000**.

Arts & Cultural Projects

This category is aimed at helping groups in the development, promotion and/or the awareness of dance, music, theatre, literature, choral and arts activities within Mid Bedfordshire.

Amount of grant aid available: successful applications within this category will be awarded up to 25% of the total project cost. This is subject to a maximum award of **£15,000**.

Village Investment Partnership Programme (VIPPs) & Community Projects Programme (CPPs)

These categories are to encourage organisations, in co-operation with their Town/Parish Council or Parish Meeting, to help make their towns and villages safe and pleasant places in which to live. The VIPPs category is for towns/villages with a population of up to 2,500. The CPPs category is for towns/villages with a population of over 2,500. These projects should seek to benefit and/or provide greater access to community facilities, general amenities and the environment.

Applications relating to projects concerned with the improvement of community safety are especially welcome. All applications for VIPPs/CPPs grants must have the support of the relevant Town or Parish Council or Parish Meeting. Applicants are also required to request financial support for the project from their local Town or Parish Council and to include the result of this application on the application form. Lack of financial support from the local Town or Parish Council may result in a refusal by this authority to award grant aid unless there is an acceptable reason for this.

Amount of grant aid available: successful applications within this category will be awarded up to 50% of the total project cost. This is subject to a maximum award of **£15,000**.

Contact: **Sue Barrow**, PA to Director of Community Services & Grants Officer, Community Services, Mid Beds District Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Beds, SG17 5TQ. Tel: **01462 611243**. Email: susan.barrow@midbeds.gov.uk. Website: www.midbeds.gov.uk

OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDING

Further tips for accessing funding from local councils:

- Approach your local **Town or Parish Council** and enquire if they provide grant funding for local voluntary and community groups in their area. **CVS Mid and North Beds** can provide you with contact details for your local Town and Parish Council.
- Approach your local **Councillor**, as from time to time, they are allocated funding to distribute to local voluntary and community groups in their area. **CVS Mid and North Beds** can provide you with contact details for your local councillors.

Contact **Maxine Hayes** or **Jane Owen** for up to date details of local authority funding on **01234 354366**