



Ipswich Borough Council Community Grants 2027 to 2030

Applicant Guidance

The Community Grants Scheme provides funding to support the core costs of voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) organisations that benefit Ipswich residents. Grants are available from £5,000 and are intended to help organisations continue delivering their services and activities.

The total grant fund available for 2027-28, 2028-29 and 2029-30 is £156,140 each year.

Applications are welcomed from both organisations that have previously received funding and those applying for the first time and be assessed against the same criteria, supporting a fair, transparent and inclusive approach to funding allocation.

We recognise the ongoing challenges faced by the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector and remain committed to supporting valued organisations like yours and sustainability in the sector.

As such, we are pleased to confirm that successful applicants will be awarded a grant for **a three year term from April 2027 to March 2030.**

Community Grant Priorities

Your organisation must contribute towards at least one of the following priorities:

- Supporting residents during the Cost of Living Crisis
- Supporting vulnerable residents
- Supporting health improvement

All priorities are considered equally important.

Applications must be for core costs

Examples of eligible core costs include:

- Staff costs
- Premises costs (rent and utilities)
- Insurance
- Volunteer expenses
- Administration and governance costs
- Essential operational expenses

Due diligence requirements

Please **ensure** you provide the following along with your application to grants@ipswich.gov.uk :

- A governing document or constitution
- Recent accounts or financial statements
- Proof of bank account details
- Relevant safeguarding policies (where applicable)
- Relevant insurance documentation (where applicable)

Applications will be assessed against:

- Alignment with the grant priorities
- Benefit to Ipswich residents
- Financial need
- Value for money
- Organisational sustainability
- Ability to demonstrate outcomes and impact

Successful organisations will be required to enter into a Funding Agreement and complete monitoring during the grant period.

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact: grants@ipswich.gov.uk