

Barrier Buster Fund

About the Funds:

We know that Community groups, Social Enterprises, CIC'S and Charities are often the backbone of community life – and make the most difference to people. The Barrier Buster fund is available to the following groups in Doncaster who are supporting people or communities during Corona Virus pandemic:

- Not-for profit voluntary or community organisations
- Registered charities
- Faith-based organisations
- Not-for profit companies, community interest companies or social enterprises

We want to hear about how your organisation is supporting people to improve their health and wellbeing, and/or that of the local community throughout these unprecedented times. The fund is designed to help tackle specific barriers your organisation has in delivering these activities in response to the affect Corona Virus has had throughout Doncaster.

Some example of eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Tackling mental health problems through physical activity e.g. yoga, walking groups etc.
- Diversifying services to accommodate new restrictions
- Community projects with a health and wellbeing focus

We will fund the following activities:

- Training costs
- Equipment
- Other capital costs e.g. marketing – specify in application

Or you can apply for a specific amount to fund the running of an activity for the benefit of a specified number of clients

- For example £xxx will fund xxx amount of people in Bentley to access a telephone befriending service.

The Barrier

Often during difficult times community based organisations and groups are inundated due an increase in demand for their services. These groups are often reliant on grants to support the fantastic work they do and have a multitude of barriers to overcome. We want to hear how by accessing the Barrier Buster Fund your organisation can help more people in response to the Corona Virus pandemic, and also as we go forward into the recovery stages.

Well Doncaster is currently running the Community Wealth Builder Project which provides a range support to all types of social enterprise across Doncaster. You will be contacted by a member of team about the project as a prerequisite of submitting an application. Support is funded and aims to help develop local communities through the work social enterprises do.

How much is the grant?

You can apply for a maximum of **£500**, and there is no minimum amount. Only one grant per organisation.

Individuals and Un-constituted groups

Monies from the fund will only be paid into a business bank not be paid directly to individuals or un-constituted groups. Individuals or groups who are un-constituted and/or do not have a bank account are advised to contact your local Well Doncaster Officer, in the first instance, before completing the application form. They will discuss your idea with you and provide support.

We are unable to fund ideas that are:

- Activities promoting religious beliefs.
- Political activities.
- Goods or services that have already been purchased or ordered.
- Activities outside of the Borough of Doncaster.
- On-going organisational running costs.
- Trips and holidays.
- Costs that are already included within and funded by an existing grant or contract.
- School activities that are included within the curriculum (activities led by schools that engage the community will be eligible/considered).
- Endowments / loan repayments.
- Items that can only benefit an individual.

Evaluation and celebrating success

We want to help raise the profile of the great work that is taking place throughout Doncaster's Communities. To help us do that, all successful applicants must be willing to share a case study and a short questionnaire with Doncaster Council within 6 months of receipt of funding.

When is the deadline to submit applications?

You can submit your application at any time, there is no deadline. Please submit all applications to welldoncaster@doncaster.gov.uk

What happens when you submit your application?

- You will receive an acknowledgement letter or email which will have your unique reference number on it within 48 hours of submitting your application.
- You **may** be contacted by the Community Wealth Builder Team to discuss your application in more detail.
- Applications will be assessed within 5-10 working days. Decisions will be made on the strength of the application according to the aims of the Barrier Buster Fund.
- When a decision has been made you will be notified in writing or via email. You will be contacted to arrange receipt of the grant.
- By accepting receipt of the fund you must be willing to engage with the Community Wealth Builder Project and return any paperwork required.
- Your local Well Doncaster Officer can provide support – keep in touch with them to let them know how you are doing.
- The grant must be used and a case study submitted within 6 months of receipt of the grant.

Unsuccessful applications

The decision is final and there is no right of appeal. However, unsuccessful applicants will be referred to their local Well Doncaster Officer for support, and they are able to re-apply based on the support and advice they are given.

Apply / How to find out more:

Applications should be clearly marked Barrier Buster Fund and emailed to welldoncaster@doncaster.gov.uk or posted to Public Health, Well Doncaster, Floor 4, Civic Office, Waterdale, Doncaster, DN1 3BU

For more information and for support to develop your idea, please contact your Well Doncaster Officer or the Community Wealth Builder Team.

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