**Funding opportunities through the Stronger Communities Team**

**Barnsley Council**

**Guidance for applicants**

1. **COVID Resilience Funding**
2. **Mental Health Funding – crisis alternative solutions**
3. **Sustainability and Business Planning Funding**
4. **Health Inequalities and Mental Health funding**
5. **Children’s Respiratory Funding**

**All funding streams:**

All five of the funding opportunities are only for Voluntary and Community Sector organisations in Barnsley to apply for. If you are wanting to apply for the funding either look on our web page or contact your relevant Area Council Manager for an application form, there is only one application for all five funding streams – add in link.

The grant programmes are being supported and funded by Barnsley Council and Barnsley CCG but distributed by the Stronger Communities Team.

1. **COVID Resilience Funding**

This funding is for voluntary and community sector groups and organisations who have been adversely affected because of the COVID-19 pandemic and are facing financial difficulty can now apply for financial support from the Council.

This funding is to support groups/organisations who are facing financial difficulties due to the pandemic. This could be because you have been unable to fundraise, you have been unable to raise any income through membership or through being unable to rent out your space. You need to be able to articulate this is as part of your application along with what you are needing the funding for. As the recovery roadmap is progressing you will need to demonstrate how this funding compliments the recovery work of your organisation/group and that the funding requested supports this journey.

1. **Mental Health Funding – crisis alternative solutions**

This funding is to support groups/organisations who support people to improve their emotional health and wellbeing. The spirit of the funding is to look at early intervention and prevention and to assist in supporting people to feel well in Barnsley and prevent crisis. The groups/organisations who apply need to be able to articulate their project and how it will achieve and demonstrate these outcomes. If there are other emotional health and wellbeing projects that could contribute to preventing someone going into crisis those applications will also be considered.

1. **Sustainability and Business Planning Funding**

This funding is to support groups/organisations who need some support around business planning and becoming sustainable. This could be because you have had to change the delivery of your organisation due to the pandemic or change the way you deliver your services to accommodate an online presence and you might need some funding to support you to do this.

1. **Health Inequalities and Mental Health Funding**

This funding is to support groups/organisations to either undertake research into diverse communities (homeless community, migrant community etc) to further understand their needs in relation to providing successful communications and messaging in relation to the offer of support or to deliver a communications campaign/project to improve the knowledge of diverse communities into where to access help and support at this time of year. Or to deliver both research and communications messages to specific diverse communities who will often experience negatively from a health inequalities perspective.

1. **Children’s Respiratory Funding**

This funding will fund VCSE organisations to provide extra support for children, families, and children’s respiratory and acute services during winter 2021 into spring 2022, and to raise awareness of management of respiratory infections in young children (particularly those up to the age of two) within communities that experience the greatest health inequalities.

It is for groups/organisations who are already providing services/support to parents and carers of young children, which could be extended to give extra support to those in need.

The aim is to:

* Raise awareness with parents of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and in particular the symptoms of bronchiolitis in young children and what actions should be taken.
* Inform parents when to be concerned about the symptoms of bronchiolitis and signpost and support them to access NHS services.

Information will be provided to support the group/organisation to ensure appropriate information is being provided to parents.

**Expectations for all five grant programmes:**

For all three grants there is an overall expectation that you will have looked at all funding opportunities available to your group/organisation and that you are willing to become a member of Barnsley CVS if you are not already. You will be expected to complete an evaluation of your project along with monitoring of the funding. The applicant will be notified if the application has been successful or not in writing.

Nothing can be supported if it is retrospective, you need to clearly articulate that the funding you are requesting is to pay for something new or to help you cover the costs of your rent/utilities. A payment won’t be issued if the work/project has already happened.

If your application is approved, we will contact you via email asking for a copy bank statement from the Organisation that has applied and further details if required. Payment will be issued to the stated bank account.

If you are unsuccessful you will be notified by email.