**LET’S Do It! Community Fund**

**NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Bury’s *LET’S Do It!* strategy sets out the ambition of a strong, resilient Borough, where inequalities are reduced through building on the strengths in our local communities. To realise this ambition there are seven outcomes which we collectively seek to achieve.

1. Improved quality of life in terms of length of life and good health
2. Improved early years development
3. Improved educational attainment
4. Increased adult skill levels and employability
5. Higher wage rates and business growth that benefits everyone
6. Improvements to our environment by being carbon neutral by 2038
7. Improved digital connectivity

Funding has been made available by Bury Council to that every neighbourhood in the Borough is supported to meet this ambition, particularly as we continue to respond to the impact of the Covid pandemic and economic pressures. This application form invites community groups to think about how they can contribute to these outcomes within the places they are based and with the communities who they represent.

Who can apply?

Applications are welcome from any community group, social enterprise local network or voluntary organisations based in or working with communities within the North neighbourhood of the borough of Bury. This neighbourhood covers the following wards:

* Elton ward
* North Manor ward
* Ramsbottom ward
* Tottington ward

In keeping with the LET’S Do It principles, collaborative bids bringing community organisations and networks together is strongly encouraged. Bury Voluntary and Community Faith Alliance (VCFA) can assist in linking groups seeking to collaborate, as well as provide support on funding and development opportunities. For more information on the Bury VCFA please visit <https://www.buryvcfa.org.uk>  or contact funding@buryvcfa.org.uk

How much can be applied for?

* Each project can apply for up-to a maximum of £2,000.
* A maximum of £2,000 is available to any individual organisation and organisations can only apply for funding in one neighbourhood.
* Bids should detail a profile of expenditure and only claim for what is needed.

What cannot be funded?

* Individuals (applicants must be part of a local community group or voluntary organisation)
* Organisations trading for profit or intending to redistribute grant awards
* Academic or medical research and equipment
* If the primary purpose of the request is to promote religious or political beliefs (however Faith Groups can apply)
* Retrospective grants (i.e. activities that have already taken place or have already been paid for)
* Please note, a separate programme of community arts and culture related grants will be launched in late November 2023 – details will be available at <https://www.buryvcfa.org.uk/> by the end of the month. As such the scope of this round of community funding does not include cultural initiatives, unless specifically a means by which to engage with individuals/ families on a specific priority area

What is the process for applications?

* Applications should be submitted online or completed applications can be submitted to northcommunityhub@bury.gov.uk The deadline for applications is 10am on Monday 11th December 2023.
* Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and scored by Ward Councillors and a funding panel including representatives from public sector partners and the Bury VCFA.
* The intention is for confirmation of successful applications to be announced by Friday 22nd December 2023.
* Two ‘Meet the Funder’ sessions have been arranged should you have any questions you wish to discuss. These will be delivered on Microsoft Teams:
	+ Tuesday 21st November, 12 noon-1pm: [Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3Ameeting_NWU5NDZlNjYtNDA2My00M2NjLTliNzMtMjlhNzhhNTFiYmNm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22b3b731d0-98c0-440b-8765-8d6464a8ed82%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2254a6bb4e-3435-4015-838c-efc1e0e04535%22%7d)
	+ Thursday 30th November, 6pm-7pm: [Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3Ameeting_NDJjNTUzZGMtM2ExNi00NDRjLWJjY2YtYTdlZWRiNDFkMTI5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22b3b731d0-98c0-440b-8765-8d6464a8ed82%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2254a6bb4e-3435-4015-838c-efc1e0e04535%22%7d)

**Please note:** Any successful application will be expected to participate in an evaluation of what has been achieved through their project at the end of the funding period, alongside quarterly reporting on expenditure and activity.

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| **Details of applicant**  |
| Name of (lead) organisation |  |
| Address of (lead) organisation |  |
| Name of project lead |  |
| Contact details of project lead | Email |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Details of any other organisations included within the application |  |
| Please confirm what type of organisation you are? | Un-constituted group |  |
| Constituted voluntary or community organisation |  |
| Registered charity (unincorporated) |  |
| Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) |  |
| Charitable Company |  |
| Community Interest Company (CIC) |  |
| Other (please state) |  |

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| **Activity details**  |
| Name of project/ activity |  |
| Briefly describe your project  *For example, what do you plan to do, where and when will this take place. Please focus on the specific initiative you are seeking funding support for and outline the intended beneficiaries of your project (including how you will monitor impact)* |  |
| Is the activity new, maintaining existing provision or developing a current offer? |  |
| This fund is to support the delivery of community activity in the North neighbourhood of Bury, and in particular focus on the following areas:* Initiatives to connect people into local groups and activities so they can play a full part in local life.
* Activities to reduce social isolation in North Bury and to keep people well this winter.
* Activities which will increase awareness and engagement with dementia support across the neighbourhood
* Local initiatives to support the prevention of cardiovascular disease amongst residents in North Bury.
* Promotion of positive mental wellbeing, particularly amongst young people
* New and innovative ways of engaging with communities within the north of the Borough
* Innovative approaches to increasing volunteering activity and recognition
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| Please outline how your project will directly address these local priorities  |  |
| Please outline which outcomes of the LET’S Do It strategy your project will contribute towards | Quality of life (length of life and good health)  |  |
| School readiness  |  |
| Attainment of young people |  |
| Adult skills and employment |  |
| Wages and business growth  |  |
| Environmental improvements  |  |
| Digital skills, access, and provision |  |
| How will you communicate your activity within the local area and potential beneficiaries? |  |
| **Budget and expenditure*** *The maximum application value for any project or organisation is £2,000*
* *Whilst you can submit multiple applications the maximum value of funding available to any organisation from this fund is £2,000*

*These are maximum values - please only apply for what is needed* |
| Total cost of the project/ activity |  |
| Funding requested from *LET’S Do It!* Community Fund |  |
| Please detail what the Community Fund monies will be spent on*Please be specific, eg if you are applying for room hire costs, include the number of sessions x cost per session.* | Item | Cost |
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| If you will still need additional funding above the grant requested to complete your project, please explain where you will get this from and when, eg other funding sources/ bids. |  |
| **Bank Details***These must be in the name of the group and not an individual with at least two signatories not connected or living at same address. The grant will be paid by BACS into this account if your group is successful.* |
| Group account name |  |
| Account number |  |
| Sort code |  |
| **Governance and Declaration**  |
| Public Liability Insurance | *Please confirm this is in place and value of cover* |
| Risk assessments | *Please confirm this is in place for your activity*  |
| Child Protection Policy/Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy (if applicable) | *Please confirm this is in place for your activity* |
| **Declaration:** By submitting this application you: 1. Declare that the information provided on this grant application is accurate to the best of your knowledge and that you are authorised to submit this application.
2. Understand that you must notify Bury Council of any significant changes to the application and that misleading information can invalidate this application.
3. Confirm that you will make available financial and outcome monitoring for review and evaluation at the request of Bury Council
4. Confirm that you will acknowledge Bury Council as a/the funder of this project.
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