

Festival of Communities Funding Guidance – Community Organisations

Returning for 2024 is a grant scheme for charities and community organisations/groups to apply for up to £200 to help cover the costs of having you involved in the Festival of Communities. Organisations can submit one application for funding for participation on Saturday 8th June.

Costs can include:

- Volunteer travel expenses
- Contributions to staff time in designing and delivering your activity
- Activity materials and consumables - anything you need to develop and run your activity.
- Decorations to make your activity area look eye-catching and welcoming for visitors. E.g. tablecloths, activity banner, posters, labels, bunting etc.

The deadline for funding applications is end of day on Wednesday 27th March, and applicants will be informed week commencing 22nd April if they have been successful.

Funds will be transferred to organisations after their presence at the Festival of Communities, and by 31st July 2024.

This grant scheme will be competitive, and we are not able to fund all applications we receive. One of the criteria the funding panel will be assessing is value for money, so please only apply for what you need to enable more activities to feature at the Festival.

As a recipient of funding, post-festival we will be asking for organisations and people involved to reflect on their activities and engagement, for example by participating in a group meeting, structured interview, writing a blog post or other opportunity.

Pitch Funding Questions

1. **Please tell us why you/your organisation want to take part in the Festival of Communities, and what you are hoping to achieve for you/your team/your organisation and our local communities.**

For example, this could include developing your team, engaging further with local audiences, gaining insight from residents about your work, a different opportunity to showcase new programmes/projects etc.

2. **Amount requested:**

You can apply for a maximum of £200.

We are unable to fund any activity for more than this.

Please only apply for what you need - this will enable us to fund more exciting activities to take part!

3. **Breakdown of the costing:**

See guidance above on what we are able to fund, and if you have any questions please get in touch with the [Festival team](#).

One of the ways applications will be assessed is how they demonstrate value for money, so please only ask for what you need.