

Funding advice - targeted at the voluntary and community sector

Who do we provide advice on funding to?

- New and existing voluntary/community organisations, and other not for profit groups.
- Parish and town councils on initiatives, which support community well-being and capacity building
- Individuals interested in setting up a community groups and in some circumstances residents in need
- Public sector organisations, subject to the project / activity being of benefit to the local community

Who do we not provide advice of funding to?

- Voluntary organisations who have funding specialists
- Voluntary organisations not based in Herefordshire, other than those from neighbouring areas which can demonstrate significant benefit to Herefordshire residents.
- National / regional voluntary organisations not working with local partners
- Private businesses or individuals (signpost to Marches Growth Hub)

What do we provide advice on?

- Advice on the most suitable grants for your proposed project
- Help and advice to complete application forms
- Support throughout the process including advice on consultation, monitoring and evaluation for projects
- Match funding (where required)
- Partnership links to other organisations where a community of interest exists

What is the minimum criteria for accessing funding advice?

- Projects which support delivery of Herefordshire Council's corporate priorities
- Projects which demonstrate clear local support / engagement indicating local demand and benefit
- You provide services or activities which benefit Herefordshire residents

How we prioritise our support

We aim to support all requests which we receive which fulfil the above criteria. The level of support provided depends on the impact of the project, as demonstrated by the following:

- contribution to Herefordshire Council's corporate plan and current programmes / initiatives, such as Talk Community;

- ability to demonstrate community benefit and sustainability;
- potential to increase community self-help, based on a strengths based approach;
- viability of proposal;

AND

- availability of Herefordshire Council staff resources and capacity
- capacity and capability of the applicant to help themselves
- urgency of need for advice and support