

Friars Cliff Resident's Association Small Grants Scheme

Small Grants Scheme Guidelines

Who Can Apply

Our Small Grants Scheme is designed to support the interests and works of our local community. This might include an activity that benefits residents or an individual.

The FCRA allocates up to £1000 per annum. Grants of £250 maximum can be awarded.

Applications are welcomed from permanent residents. The Scheme generally supports young people or local charitable actions for example supporting loneliness. No person is excluded from applying on grounds of age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religious belief, ability or any other personal characteristic.

The Scheme does not support charities that are consistently able to generate operational surpluses or which have built up considerable unrestricted reserves.

School PTAs or Friends Groups are not eligible to apply to the Small Grants Scheme.

What We Fund

We can help purchase important equipment that benefits the area, for example a defibrillator, sporting equipment or travel grants to support young people's personal development. Events or activities that help combat poverty, loneliness or accessibility.

You need to demonstrate that such a grant will make a significant difference to you / the community. If you cannot demonstrate this, your application will be declined. Please note that demonstrating ongoing sustainability is also important, particularly if you have recently lost local authority or other regular funding.

How Much Can You Apply For?

You can apply for up to £250

When Can You Apply?

There are no deadlines for submission. Applications will be received at all times but it may take up to three months to obtain a decision from the committee. **Please apply well in advance of your requirements.**

If applying for funding towards a capital project please apply towards the end of your fundraising campaign, when the majority of funding has been raised and you have an estimated start date for the works. If your application is successful, the pledged grant offer is only valid for 12 months. Please note that the FCRA does not fund feasibility studies.

If an application is approved, you are not eligible to apply to FCRA for 12 months after the approval date. Please note that once you have received a grant you will not be a priority for funding in the following year.

Other Information

If a grant is awarded it can only be used for purchases after the grant is approved. FCRA does not offer retrospective funding.

Multi-year grants will generally not be made.

Please note that we purposely do not have a word limit to allow applicants the space to give us the information necessary to explain the project and the need for funding, but please keep answers relevant, clear and somewhat succinct.

How To Apply

Complete the paper application form attached.

Information/Documents you will need:

- Email address
- Your budget for your activity or project and how this will be spent
- What your overall budget is
- How the FCRA contribution will impact on the activity

Personal Information

FCRA is committed to protecting all personal information you provide to us. We will only use contact information you provide for administration, evaluation and research purposes to facilitate our grant making and to further our activities. Personal contact information will not be made public in anyway.

FCRA Application Form for a Small Grant

Name of Applicant
Name of parent/guardian
Address (you must be primarily resident in the Friars Cliff area)
Phone Number:
Email:
If you are under 16 please ensure you have your parent/guardian's permission <input type="checkbox"/> I am under 16
Parent/Guardian

How much are you seeking? (Maximum is £250)

What is the overall cost of your activity/event?

And where are you seeking funds.

Do you already have these?

Please describe your activity that you are asking for a contribution towards? (150 words)

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How will this application help? (150 words)

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When will the funding be required?

I undertake to provide a short report of 300-500 words that will be used as an article in the Forum magazine and on the FCRA website. Please sign below.

The completed application will be assessed by the FCRA committee (see the website and Forum for meeting dates) and on occasion this will be presented for a vote to the open meeting.

FAQ – these need to be written ready for the website.

1. Geographic area
2. Sustainability
3. Travel
4. Equipment
5. Event or meeting fees for rooms or refreshments
6. Social events for local residents