

## Bridgend Funding Group - Guidelines for Applicants

### Background information on youth led grants

The Youth Bridgend Funding Group is made up of a group of young people aged 14 - 25 living in Bridgend County Borough and is funded by Welsh Government and Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA). The panel members are supported by Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO).

The aim of the funding is to help young people aged 14 - 25 to volunteer and to be more involved in community and voluntary organisations in their local community.

The funding was established to achieve a step change in youth volunteering and is for young people aged 14 - 25 in a variety of voluntary and community organisations throughout the UK. The funding's purpose is to identify ways to engage more young people from disadvantaged and under-represented communities.

### Who is eligible for the grant?

Projects must have a community benefit to the communities of Bridgend County Borough. The funding is to support young people aged 14 - 25 to volunteer in a variety of community organisations within Bridgend.

### Funding priorities are as follows:

- Funding is available to voluntary and community organisations that are legally constituted and **want to empower young people to volunteer**;
- Organisations that are committed to listening to and working in partnership with young people;
- Organisations will need to be constituted and have a bank account in the name of the organisation, which requires at least two signatures;
- There is no minimum amount that can be applied for;
- If groups want to apply for the maximum of £2,000 they may be asked to present their ideas to panel members;
- Projects or groups that have applied before can reapply (whether or not they were successful) but their ideas must involve young volunteers.

## Priority areas for funding awards

The Youth Led Grants will be expected to fund projects which contribute towards the seven Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015) goals. (Please note: not all projects will have to deliver against all seven goals)

1. [A Prosperous Wales](#)
2. [A Resilient Wales](#)
3. [A More Equal Wales](#)
4. [A Healthier Wales](#)
5. [A Wales of Cohesive Communities](#)
6. [A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language](#)
7. [A Globally Responsible Wales](#)

[Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 – Commissioner page](#)

[Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 – A guide for young people](#)

The Youth Led Grant panels and the youth led projects they fund will be encouraged to reflect on the five ways of working and to report on positive steps they take towards these.

[The ways of working are:](#)

- **Long-term** - Avoiding short-termism and considering how decisions will impact on the well-being of future as well as current generations.

## How much money can I apply for?

**You can apply for the maximum grant of up to £2,000.** This is the maximum amount of funding you are able to receive from the youth panel in the financial year 2021/22.

## Eligibility

Each project will need to have a lead member over the age of 18 OR be supported by an adult that is part of an **organisation**.

Where **organisations** are funded, they should:

- be legally constituted with a governing document that is signed and adopted
- (the objectives of the project must fit with the constitution);
- be independent of government and private sector;
- have a bank account, in the name of the organisation, which requires at least two signatures.

## Monitoring and evaluation

Youth Led Grant panels and the projects they award funding to are required to report back on the contribution they have made through the funding they have been awarded in relation to the

above priorities and provide receipts. The organisation will also need two case studies from a young person and one from the organisation, giving an overview of how the youth funding has been spent and the difference the funding has made.

There will be two monitoring periods, usually around October to see how the project has progressed and the end of project (by 10 March 2022).

## **How do I get an application form?**

In order to apply for funding you will need to fill out an application form which is available by:

- visiting [www.bavo.org.uk/find-funding](http://www.bavo.org.uk/find-funding)
- calling 01656 810400
- emailing: [volunteering@bavo.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@bavo.org.uk)

The application form should be filled in fully, answering all relevant questions.

Please answer each question carefully as the answers you give could be crucial to your success in receiving funding from us.

The funding applied should state how many young people will engaged as a result of youth led funding, and a break of age range, welsh speakers and young people that are supported with additional needs.

## **Closing date for applications**

**The closing date is 21 July 2021.** All application forms must be emailed to [volunteering@bavo.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@bavo.org.uk) applications after this time will not be considered.

## **What happens next?**

Following the deadline, a youth panel of young people will consider all applications received and decide how best the money should be delegated, if at all.

You will receive a letter within two weeks of receipt of your application, confirming this. You will then be notified within the following two weeks of the decisions made regarding your application and whether or not you are successful.

The panel will consider your applications carefully and there is a possibility that you may not get all the money you originally applied for but under certain circumstances, if the panel deem it necessary to fund your activity/organisation in any way, they may make a conditional offer or fund you a smaller amount than initially requested. Your application will be discussed by the panel and all information will be treated confidentially.

## **Terms and conditions of funding**

If your application is successful, you will be offered a grant subject to accepting the conditions in the offer letter.

You will need to nominate authorised signatories before the grant can be claimed. All funded projects will need to be completed and accounted for by 10 March 2021, with a possible monitoring visit by the Bridgend Funding Group or an evaluation form being completed by the project asking how the funding has helped young people to volunteer in their projects and how many young people are volunteering. You will have to sign a declaration that the grant has been spent as intended.

The funding applied for needs to stipulate how many young people will be involved as volunteers as a result of Bridgend Youth Led funding, this will need to include a breakdown of age range, welsh speakers and young people that have been supported with additional needs.

The funding will also require your project to complete a case study from one of the young volunteers that have been involved. This should also include a photo of young people (please remember to ask their permission to cover GDPR rules) and a small report.

Good Luck!

Bridgend Funding Group (Youth Led Panel)

