

Listed below are the grants approved in June 2023 to local organisations meeting our own funding priorities or those agreed with our fund-holders.

17 grants under £1000 were made which totalled £9,845.

Grants Approved June 2023

Grant Recipient	Amount Approved	Project Description	Programme Name
Refugees Welcome North Somerset	£10,000	Homework club to support learning of asylum seeking, refugee and migrant children and young people in North Somerset, with a particular focus on those who have fled Ukraine.	British Red Cross Ukraine Support Fund
Age UK Bath & North East Somerset	£18,000	Providing Cost of Living grants to people over retirement age in Bath & North East Somerset.	Catalyst Grant
Age UK Bristol	£12,900	Towards the development of the Bristol Ageing Better Alliance (6 local voluntary organisations) as a vehicle for collaboration, building resilience and influence for the Older People's VCS.	Catalyst Grant
ARA Recovery for All	£32,280	A two-year pilot to introduce Peer Gambling Mentors into HMP Bristol.	Catalyst Grant
Bath & District Citizens Advice	£18,000	To provide grants to B&NES residents to offer direct financial support with cost of living and maintaining a warm home.	Catalyst Grant
Julian House	£18,000	Funding for cost of living and warm home financial support for people sleeping rough, single homeless people and the gypsy, Roma, travelling and boater communities in B&NES.	Catalyst Grant
Southern Brooks Community Partnership	£10,047	To create a welcoming, friendly allotment space where people can relax and thrive, learning about nature, biodiversity, the growing cycle, food production and cooking, in a safe and inclusive way	Catalyst Grant
Southside Family Project	£18,000	To manage hardship grants for vulnerable families and individuals in disadvantaged communities across Bath and	Catalyst Grant

		North East Somerset for Cost of Living and Warm Home Support.	
West of England Rural Network	£18,000	To address Covid-19 and the cost-of-living crisis impacting on the health, wellbeing, and welfare of those living under the radar of services.	Catalyst Grant
1st Impressions (Bath) CIC	£4,200	To further expand services supporting women to prepare and dress for interviews in pop-up boutiques across B&NES and Bristol.	Express Grant
Alive Activities Ltd	£5000	A monthly walking group and social activities for people living with young onset dementia in North Somerset, improving wellbeing, reducing social isolation, and facilitating the creation of peer support networks.	Express Grant
Bath City FC Foundation	£4,435	For 6 months' funding for the Communications Coordinator to increase the group's community engagement.	Express Grant
Bereavement Support Keynsham	£1000	To continue the drop-in bereavement services at least twice a month.	Express Grant
Bridges for Communities	£5000	A contribution towards the costs of the project manager for the RefuLingua project supporting refugees to gain paid work experience teaching their native language.	Express Grant
Bristol Yoga Roots Project	£4,725	To deliver trauma community yoga classes at Aid Box Community, a support and sanctuary centre for refugees and people seeking asylum in Bristol.	Express Grant
Butterflies-Haven	£5000	Funding towards the annual cost of running Butterflies Haven who provide support to children and teenagers who are affected by Autism.	Express Grant
Can't Sit Still	£5000	A weekly creative club for autistic girls and non-binary people aged 11-16 years old in Kingswood.	Express Grant
Educational Action Challenging Homophobia (EACH)	£5000	Towards a helpline for LGBTQ+ young people and to publicise this support in local schools.	Express Grant
Empowering Futures	£5000	For building alterations and to connect essential services for this Care Farm's building in South Gloucestershire, supporting disabled people and people experiencing mental health difficulties.	Express Grant

Inns Court Community Centre (The Mede)	£4,980	To employ a part-time Family Support Worker to build relationships with local families and to signpost to other support services.	Express Grant
Kingswood History Society	£1,500	Towards the annual outing of this History Society which supports older people in South Gloucestershire.	Express Grant
More Trees for Bath and North East Somerset	£4,552.5	For the set-up and to support the running of 3 school tree nurseries in local schools in Twerton, Whiteway and Radstock and relocate our central hub nursery to Twerton.	Express Grant
Osprey Outdoors Community Interest Company	£4,980	For activity days including conservation, gardening, and bike maintenance for long-term unemployed and those living with mental health problems.	Express Grant
Room 13 Hareclive	£5000	To work with the children involved in the group to co-create a new website as a platform for children's creativity, artwork, and voice in the community.	Express Grant
Seed Sessions	£3000	Towards a 3-month programme of music, counselling sessions and studio time for young men in Bristol.	Express Grant
St Pauls Carnival (CIC) Bristol	£5000	Towards additional activities during the carnival period including the Windrush 75 Human Library, two film screenings and the Elders' Brunch.	Express Grant
Step Together Volunteering	£5000	To expand the team of peer ambassadors within the 'Young People's Brighter Futures' project in Bristol.	Express Grant
The Fishing Project	£3,500	To continue the Pier Education program, supporting young people in South Bristol through the sport of angling.	Express Grant
The Silverlining (Brain Injury) Charity	£5000	Toward the cost of the Bristol and Bath Silverlining hub which aims to rehabilitate and provide volunteering opportunities to all those affected by brain injury.	Express Grant
Time Bank Plus	£5000	To support a community-based weekly Lunch Club, which offers a nutritious home-cooked meal and a stimulating activity programme to older people in the Twerton area.	Express Grant
Trinity Community Arts Ltd	£2,500	"A Locals Guide to St Pauls" - a new place-based arts project that will uncover and celebrate the hidden corners and stories of St Pauls and its African Caribbean communities.	Express Grant
Voluntary Action North Somerset	£4,948	To purchase the Lamplight software to record interactions with clients for the Step Forward program which supports anyone who faces challenges or barriers to access the group's online volunteer centre.	Express Grant

Yate & District Athletic Club	£4,495	For athletics sessions for adults with additional needs in South Gloucestershire, in order to develop self-confidence and improve wellbeing.	Express Grant
Young at H'art	£3000	To provide arts and crafts sessions for older people in Barton Hill, targeting people who may be isolated, bereaved, disabled or on low incomes.	Express Grant
Mind In Somerset	£5000	To provide a weekly "Community Day" and peer support project where residents of North Somerset can seek mental health information and support, for themselves and their families and reduce social isolation.	North Somerset Community Partnership Fund Grant
REAL SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY T/A Proud Bar	£10,000	DISCO is a two-hour session . A safe place for individuals with profound learning disabilities and their carers to have social engagement to support health and well-being.	North Somerset Community Partnership Fund Grant
Springboard Opportunity Group	£15,960	To fund Family Practitioner Support hours for families of children with disabilities aged birth to 5.	North Somerset Community Partnership Fund Grant
Wanted Not Wasted (WOW) C.I.C	£8,359	To continue provide a drop in base from the WOW Shop to deliver groups and one to one support to children aged 5-18 years.	North Somerset Community Partnership Fund Grant
XTND- Improving Futures	£20,000	To enable XTND to continue out of school provision for local children, to make it accessible to those who need it particularly at risk/vulnerable children, low income working families.	North Somerset Community Partnership Fund Grant
Portishead Youth Centre	£5000	Support, chat, socialisation, and activity-based sessions to support senior citizens out of isolation; to help them make new friends, meet with other likeminded people, and develop weekly routines and structure.	North Somerset Older People's Community Grant (St Monica)
Second Step	£6,900	To formalise the structure of the new mental health VCSE alliance for the Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire area	Recovery Strategy
Make a Move	£3000	To work with selected Fosse Way Special School children to improve their mental and physical well-being, confidence, social skills, peer relationships, and educational attainment through music and movement.	Stoke Park Friends' Fund Grant
Individual	£1000	Toward the cost of a holiday for a family that has a family member with learning difficulties.	Stoke Park Friends' Fund Grant
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All-Aboard Watersports	£1,810	For equipment needed to run regular, year-round, water-based litter picking activities to help clear floating rubbish from the water in Bristol harbour.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Ardagh Community Trust	£2000	To purchase and install rainwater capture equipment across the site to reduce the use of mains water for watering the community gardens.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Black2Nature	£1000	To take young people into nature to undertake different activities to teach them the importance of the local environment and for their physical and mental wellbeing.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Brown Rock Community Garden CIC	£2000	To create a rainwater capture system to irrigate Brown Rock Community Garden in Tickenham.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Charlcombe Toad Rescue Group	£1,400	To support the amphibian conservation work of this group of volunteers.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Corston Community Orchard	£1,526	To build a pond to further enhance the biodiversity and beauty of Corston Community Orchard for the benefit of wildlife and local people.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Friends of the Avon New Cut	£1,250	To build wooden planters at Butterfly Junction to plant drought resistant herbs that will enhance the biodiversity and environment near the Avon New Cut.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Grow For Life	£2000	For additional water storage, improved irrigation, pond installation, and purchase of trees, plants, and seeds for the Walled Garden, which is used for social therapeutic horticulture.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Hartcliffe City Farm Ltd	£2000	To create a wildlife pond with local volunteers in the learning and therapy garden, increasing biodiversity, improving wellbeing, and relieving pressure from flooding.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Hazelnut Community Farm	£2000	To develop a seed library containing English heirloom seeds and seeds for vegetables that reflect the diversity in the East Bristol area.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Heart of BS13	£2000	To install guttering, water storage and a pump system to harvest rain water in the market garden at Hartcliffe City Farm.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Horfield Common Community Interest Company	£2000	To run a series of practical workshops to engage local people of all ages in activities which focus on climate change, its solutions and how to reduce its impact, culminating with the painting of a mural.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund

Meadow Vale Community Association	£1,970	For a Community Gardening Project which will create new wildflower and food production raised beds at Meadow Vale Community Centre.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Somer Valley Health and Restoration Project (SVHaRP)	£2000	To add a pond, land drains and fruit trees to this community garden in Midsomer Norton.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
St. John's School Association	£1000	Towards establishing a Forest School within the grounds of this school in Keynsham.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Step Together Volunteering	£2000	Towards the group's allotment project in Bishopsworth, a safe space to support 16–25-year-olds with multiple complex needs.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Sustainable Thornbury	£2000	Towards replanting a wildflower meadow, planting more trees and litter picking at the stream at Thornbury Community Orchard.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Tucking Mill Toad Patrol	£1,200	Towards equipment for this Toad Patrol Group, which recover and relocate to safety the amphibians which use the roads during their migratory season.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund
Upper Frome Friends Group	£1,890	Towards equipment and waterside safety training to support safe volunteer working at the river Frome in the Yate area.	Wessex Water Environmental Fund

Donor-directed and Donor-advised grants approved in June 2023

Grant Recipient	Amount Approved
Anchor Society	£1000
Arnos Vale Cemetery Trust	£28,034.28
Arnos Vale Cemetery Trust	£42,435.95
Bristol Citizens Advice Bureau	£8,700
Bristol North West Foodbank	£1,500
Bristol Somali Resource Centre	£3,525

Centre For Sustainable Energy	£7,500
Christians Against Poverty	£2,625
Citizens Advice Bridport and District	£2,750
Citizens Advice Central Dorset	£4,550
Citizens Advice Mendip	£6,875
Citizens Advice Sedgemoor	£4,550
Citizens Advice South Somerset	£21,450
Citizens Advice Taunton	£3000
Citizens Advice West Somerset	£4,200
Citizens UK	£1000
Dolphin Society	£1000
Explore	£3,500
FACE (Foundation for Active Community Engagement)	£1,500
Faithworks Wessex	£3000
Feeding Bristol	£1,250
Grace Advocacy	£1000
Grateful Society	£1000
London Legal Support Trust	£1000

Margaret Pyke Trust	£2000
Melksham CMA	£1,100
Money Advice Trust	£5000
North Bristol Advice Centre	£2,100
South and East Bristol Foodbank	£3,900
South Gloucestershire Citizens Advice Bureau	£4,500
South Westminster Legal Advice Centre	£1000
Talking Money	£4,875
Weston-Super-Mare Foodbank	£1000
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Young Bristol	£50,958.97