

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

17 grants under £1000 were made which totalled £7,988.

Grants Approved December 2023

Grant Recipient	Amount Approved	Project Description	Programme Name
Bath Community Kitchen	£5000	For work tackling food waste and poverty, providing 20 free meal events (feeding 800 people) in disadvantaged areas of Bath, using surplus food from local suppliers.	Bath & West Community Energy Programme
Bath Share & Repair	£3,755	To take the group's 'How To Reduce Waste' project into rural schools in locations where the group provide Repair Cafes.	Bath & West Community Energy Programme
Bishop Sutton Village Hall	£2,100	Toward installing a Hive remote thermostat system in the hall to provide more control over the hall's heating system and the ability to reduce energy use.	Bath & West Community Energy Programme
Cycle Chippenham	£5000	For a topographical survey and legal order that will enable the creation of a cut-through cycle path, which will form a part of a cycleway of around 1.8km.	Bath & West Community Energy Programme
Farmborough Village Hall	£4,500	To install battery storage to ensure the hall can make the best use of the electricity they generate from our solar panels.	Bath & West Community Energy Programme
Friends of Marksbury School PTA	£4,900	Towards a new low-carbon air-to-air heating system and an energy education programme.	Bath & West Community Energy Programme
Genesis Trust	£4,500	Toward energy-saving items for people affected by poverty and disadvantage to be distributed by Bath Foodbank and Life Projects.	Bath & West Community Energy Programme
More Trees for Bath and North East Somerset	£5000	To insulate the group's new Hub in Twerton, which will become the HQ and provide space for tree seed processing, workspace, training, networking for staff and volunteers, and education activities.	Bath & West Community Energy Programme

Transition Bath	£5000	Toward the cost of a freelance worker involved in project development and volunteer recruitment and coordination.	Bath & West Community Energy Programme
First Steps (Bath)	£1000	To provide opportunities for children with special education needs to explore sensory activities and equipment, helping them manage emotions and prompt learning and development.	Bath Half Marathon Fund
Three Ways School	£1000	To fund additional training and provision of sporting activities for those with higher levels of needs in the school, with Watsu Training and provision of specialist inclusive dance sessions.	Bath Half Marathon Fund
Avonmouth Community Centre Association	£10,000	Towards staff costs equivalent to one day a week over 12 months that will develop links between organisations, and individuals and add new activities that supports the mental health and wellbeing of residents. This will include supporting people to access 1 to 1 support being provided by The Richmond Fellowship and activities being run by Changes Bristol.	Bristol City Council - Cost of Living: Mental Health and Wellbeing
Eastside Community Trust	£10,000	Towards staff costs equivalent to one day a week over 12 months that will develop links between organisations, and individuals and add new activities that supports the mental health and wellbeing of residents. This will include supporting people to access 1 to 1 support being provided by The Richmond Fellowship and activities being run by Changes Bristol.	Bristol City Council - Cost of Living: Mental Health and Wellbeing
Hartcliffe & Withywood Community Partnership	£10,000	Towards staff costs equivalent to one day a week over 12 months that will develop links between organisations, and individuals and add new activities that supports the mental health and wellbeing of residents. This will include supporting people to access 1 to 1 support being provided by The Richmond Fellowship and activities being run by Changes Bristol.	Bristol City Council - Cost of Living: Mental Health and Wellbeing
Babbasa	£20,000	OurCity2030 Inclusion Forums for employers, educators, and community stakeholders to foster stronger collaborations and learnings to drive inclusive best practice and equitable access to progression support for underrepresented young people.	Catalyst Grant
Gympanzees	£4000	For specialist play and fitness activities alongside specialist equipment for children and young people with disabilities and their families.	Catalyst Grant

Nova Sports and Coaching	£1,604	Towards creating more opportunities for adults with poor mental health and who are experiencing social isolation to meet up to talk about their mental health.	Catalyst Grant
Oasis Hub Bath	£2000	To provide wrap-around support and advice for the group's current pantry members in Southdown and the city centre in Bath.	Catalyst Grant
Time Bank Plus	£2000	For the community-based weekly Lunch Club, which offers a nutritious home-cooked meal and an activity programme for older people in the Twerton area of Bath.	Catalyst Grant
West of England Rural Network	£2000	To provide small grants for community-based groups providing direct support for over 800 people in need of warmth, Wi-Fi access, food, companionship, and respite during the winter months.	Catalyst Grant
ActiveBeing Limited	£4,800	To provide one-to-one therapeutic support for women whose mental health is being adversely affected through programmes which are based in nature.	Express Grant
Age UK Bristol	£4,990	To train and support volunteers to deliver Tai Chi in community settings across Bristol.	Express Grant
Arkbound Foundation	£3,600	For a one-to-one mentoring project for those who want to take writing to the publishing level, benefitting disadvantaged groups underrepresented in publishing.	Express Grant
Brigstowe Project	£5000	For the Migrant and Asylum Support Service, giving advice to people subject to immigration control who are living with HIV.	Express Grant
Bristol Horn Youth Concern (BHYC)	£5000	To provide activities including sports and cooking sessions to their 200 young services users who do not qualify for free school meals.	Express Grant
Chiltern Music Therapy	£5000	The continuation of "Sing To Beat Parkinson's", a specialist music therapy group in Bath directly benefiting up to 25 individuals with Parkinson's disease, and their loved ones and carers.	Express Grant
Churchill Music!	£1,200	For the weekly Sing for Fun sessions for the community.	Express Grant
Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation	£4,998	To offer a free Walking Cricket hub in Easton for older adults aged 50 and over that encourages active lifestyles, improved mental wellbeing, and supports solutions to social isolation.	Express Grant

Go Again Wellbeing CIO	£5000	For a weekly football group for people experiencing severe and enduring mental illness.	Express Grant
Nailsea Tithe Barn Trust	£5000	Toward the Memories at the Barn project that supports people with dementia and their carers to live well and cope with the enormous challenges which living with dementia presents.	Express Grant
Preventative and Restorative Counselling Services (PARCS) CIC	£5000	To fund counselling services for young people at risk from gang and knife culture and for vulnerable adults in St Pauls.	Express Grant
Queer Hiking Bristol	£5000	To cover project management costs, up-skill leaders in first aid, buy first aid kits and contribute towards public liability insurance to ensure the group's sustainability.	Express Grant
Refugees Welcome North Somerset	£5000	For a specialist housing advice worker to support people with newly granted refugee status find safe and secure accommodation.	Express Grant
Somerdale Shed and Community Garden	£2,117	For the electrical installation of an efficient and safe heating system to enable Shed activities to continue through the winter.	Express Grant
South Bristol Advice Services	£5000	To build within the group's office two new soundproof pods and upgrade the two existing pods to provide more confidential interview space for the group's work.	Express Grant
The Rebel With A Cause CIC	£1,660	To continue the #UjimaKeepTheBeat (#UKTB) campaign work dealing with blood and organ donation among ethnic minorities.	Express Grant
We Get It	£4,980	To continue the group's key ongoing support events in 2024 that benefit individuals affected by cancer.	Express Grant
Your Park Bristol & Bath	£3000	To progress work started developing community-led park assessments for disabled people and carers, transforming access to urban parks.	Express Grant
Yatton Youth Club	£1,500	For sports equipment for the senior youth club and to hire a sports coach once a week for the year.	High Sheriff of Somerset Charitable Grant
Bath City Football Club Foundation	£1,500	For one-to-one mentoring support for pupils that are either excluded, close to exclusion or not attending school on a regular basis.	High Sheriff of Somerset Neighbourhood Policing Grant
Alive Activities Ltd	£19,980	To improve the wellbeing of disadvantaged older adults through 'Wellbeing in Nature' sessions and build the capacity/sustainability of Stanley's Garden - an accessible, volunteer-managed, dementia-friendly, community wellbeing garden in Worle.	North Somerset Community Partnership Fund Grant

Community Scrapstore North Somerset	£20,000	Continuing to support our community by developing and growing the Community Scrapstore, ensuring we are the catalyst for change in North Somerset in regard to reuse of resources.	North Somerset Community Partnership Fund Grant
Sporting Weston F.C.	£3,719	Project Changing Rooms. The changing rooms are unsafe and unhygienic. We are seeking money towards the total cost to deep clean, paint, replace windows & toilet facilities.	North Somerset Community Partnership Fund Grant
Theatre Orchard Project	£12,357	To build regular creative arts provision for disabled young people in WSM/North Somerset, that supports mental health, builds peer connections, and integrates positive representation and participation into community/cultural events.	North Somerset Community Partnership Fund Grant
Voluntary Action North Somerset	£20,000	For VANS, this role allows us to support young people in developing skills, gaining confidence, achieving their goals, and empowering them to improve their well-being and health.	North Somerset Community Partnership Fund Grant
We Are Aware CIC	£12,000	To further develop our mental health peer support sessions to access more individuals And also develop them in more diverse ways	North Somerset Community Partnership Fund Grant
Age UK Somerset	£5000	Working with local partners and the community, we want to significantly increase the amount of walking and wellbeing of individuals age 55+ in North Somerset	North Somerset Older People's Community Grant (St Monica)
Alive Activities Ltd	£9,980	Community-based 'Wellbeing in Nature' sessions for older people recently diagnosed with dementia and their carers, aimed at reducing social isolation and improving their quality of life.	North Somerset Older People's Community Grant (St Monica)
Weston Super Mare Pilot Gig Club CIO	£5000	This development project provides opportunity for physical activity a social engagement sessions for 55+ members of the community. through group light river rowing in a large stable Cornish Rowing Gig	North Somerset Older People's Community Grant (St Monica)
1625 Independent People	£15,600	We will work with young people (YP) aged 16-25 in Bristol and South Gloucestershire to deliver a programme of education and awareness raising around Technology Facilitated Abuse (TFA).	Preventing Victims Fund
Missing Link	£19,500	Co-design, delivery, evaluation of Consent and Healthy Relationships workshops in secondary schools, co-delivered by facilitator and ISVA (to handle any disclosures and signposting) with Operation Bluestone representative (myth busting, signposting).	Preventing Victims Fund

Southside Family Project	£16,000	Development and pilot of new Healthy Relationships Workshops for primary schools, co-developed and led by workers with lived experience, to build children's skills, confidence and understanding of non-violent resistance techniques.	Preventing Victims Fund
Mencap Keynsham & District	£3000	Toward activity costs for the Go Explore Club, a social club for individuals with learning disabilities.	Stoke Park Friends' Fund Grant
Kippax & Chong CIC (t/a Step and Stone)	£7,952.16	To make the Step and Stone bakery more accessible, which will include new equipment, staff training and research projects analysing the most accessible conditions for trainees.	Wesleyan Foundation Large Grants
Square Food Foundation	£9,134.97	'Cooking Connections': A cooking programme to improve mental health and physical wellbeing and reduce food poverty and inequality in adults with learning disabilities and/or mental health challenges	Wesleyan Foundation Large Grants
Age UK Bath & North East Somerset	£2000	Towards the running costs of the Information and Advice service, offering support to older people experiencing financial hardship.	Wessex Water Community Fund
Aid Box Community	£4000	Running costs to deal with an increase in demand, staff costs and to purchase additional essential items.	Wessex Water Community Fund
Bath Community Kitchen	£2,400	8 half-day cookery workshops and 4 free community meals in disadvantaged areas of Bath during 2024.	Wessex Water Community Fund
Brigstowe Project	£2000	To provide 1:1 advice and support for people living with HIV including refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers.	Wessex Water Community Fund
Bristol After Stroke	£2000	To provide weekly support groups to stroke survivors to help them pursue physical and cognitive rehabilitation and enable them to rebuild social networks.	Wessex Water Community Fund
Bristol Autism Support	£4000	For coffee mornings, drop-ins, and training courses for parents/carers of children with autism.	Wessex Water Community Fund
Bristol Refugee Rights	£4000	For the Early Years Project, providing a range of services for members with children, including a creche, food support, applying for nursery and other specialist advice.	Wessex Water Community Fund
Emmaus Bristol	£2000	To increase their Support Team capacity to help meet the increased support need of the residents.	Wessex Water Community Fund
Friends of Jubilee Pool	£4000	For core costs at Bristol's first community-run pool and gym, benefitting at least 3,500 local people.	Wessex Water Community Fund

Hawkspring	£4000	Towards the group's whole family services, supporting recovery clients, children and families affected by addiction and domestic violence, through one-to-one sessions, groups, and workshops.	Wessex Water Community Fund
Housing Matters (formerly CHAS Bristol)	£4000	Towards an outreach project preventing communities in areas of multiple deprivation from falling into crisis, homelessness, and debt through early intervention.	Wessex Water Community Fund
Project Mama	£4000	Funding for Project MAMA's drop-in group, MAMAHub, which builds stronger communities by supporting migrant displaced mothers in vulnerable circumstances to live more connected and empowered lives.	Wessex Water Community Fund
Rock Community Centre	£4000	Towards the running costs of this community centre in Lawrence Weston, which have risen significantly in the last year.	Wessex Water Community Fund
Young Bristol	£2000	To provide weekly youth and play provision in partnership with the Ardagh for young people in Horfield with the 'Youth Club on Wheels'.	Wessex Water Community Fund

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

Grant Recipient	Amount Approved
Bristol Children's Hospital Lights: Sponsor a Star!	£1000
British Red Cross - (Israel and Occupied Palestine Territory Appeal)	£5000
Cafe Conscious	£2000
Caring in Bristol	£1000
Court de Wyck Church of England Primary School	£2,400
Grove Junior School	£2000
Hannah More Primary School	£2,400
inHope	£1000

Kingshill Church School	£2,400
South Bristol Youth	£2000
Sporting Family Change	£1,998
St Francis' Catholic Primary School	£2000
Tobacco Factory Arts Trust	£2000
We The Curious (formerly At Bristol)	£5000
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Winford Church of England Primary School	£2000
Wraxall CofE Primary School	£2000