

Listed below are the grants approved in September 2024 to local organisations meeting our funding priorities or those agreed with our fund-holders.

In addition to the below, 8 grants under £1,000 was made which totalled £2,150. Grants totalling £2,500 were awarded to individuals.

Grants Approved September 2024

Grant Recipient	Amount Approved	Summary of Award	Programme Name
Bath City Farm	£1,250	Towards costs of 'Farm Hands', a group for 11-16 year olds living locally to the Farm.	Catalyst Grant
Bath Ethnic Minority Senior Citizens' Association	£7,000	Vaccine Confidence project, targeted at BEMSCA's communities.	Catalyst Grant
Bath Mind	£3,000	To deliver a programme in Bath and North East Somerset to encourage vaccination take-up amongst people with a recognised mental health diagnosis.	Catalyst Grant
Genesis Trust	£5,000	To Incorporate vaccine information and discussion into one-to-one work with people affected by poverty, homelessness, mental ill-health and other disadvantage.	Catalyst Grant
Long Ashton Youth Club	£1,250	Towards the provision of a weekly youth club session for young people in school years 7 and 8.	Catalyst Grant
NAOS	£10,000	Beyond the Border Project: Therapeutic support to young people 17-30 that have a diagnosis of Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder (EUPD), or present with similar behaviours (undiagnosed) including CPTSD.	Catalyst Grant

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South Weston Activity Network (SWAN)	£1,250	Towards a project supporting young adults living in supported housing in South Ward area.	Catalyst Grant
The Hive Community Centre	£1,250	Towards the provision of healthy refreshments at the HCC Youth Project.	Catalyst Grant
1st Impressions (Bath) CIC	£4,080	To establish monthly pop-ups in Twerton and Whiteway to support women with preparing for job interviews, working in partnership with Mercy in Action Food Pantry.	Express Grant
British Bangladeshi Association for North Somerset	£1,000	A contribution to the Diwali celebration banquet - a celebration and sharing of heritage and culture, through cultural activities and dance, music and educational talks.	Express Grant
Clean Slate Training & Employment	£4,695	To run a monthly 2 hour drop in at The Hive in Peasedown St John to offer support around financial resilience to local residents.	Express Grant
Creative Sewing with JoJo. CIC	£3,000	To deliver short courses in creative sewing for people from Black and ethnic minority communities, carers and disabled people.	Express Grant
Easton Christian Family Centre	£5,000	To employ a trainee café manager from the local community which will allow the Baraka Community Cafe to open an extra day each week.	Express Grant
Hartcliffe & Withywood Community Partnership	£5,000	To employ a worker to support youth activities in order to free up the senior worker's time in the lead up to a significant criminal trial.	Express Grant
Inspire Trust	£4,731	Towards an intergenerational movement/dance class and a singing session for isolated and lonely older people in the Thornbury area.	Express Grant

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LIGHTS! LIGHTS! LIGHTS! CIC	£5,000	For six creative wellbeing workshops including provision of hot meals, connecting the Knowle West community to wider Bristol.	Express Grant
Lush Greens	£3,900	To grow and harvest nutritious, fresh, seasonal vegetables for the BS3 Community Foodbank, and collaborate to provide a monthly cooking demonstration, with recipe cards.	Express Grant
May Project Gardens CIC	£4,920	Towards the Hip-Hop Garden, an award winning programme targeted at the empowerment of global majority individuals and communities, through the teaching of growing, cooking, resilience and skills development.	Express Grant
Nailsea Social Shedders	£2,500	To provide a drop-in centre and arts and craft group activities, available once a week from October 2024 through to June 2025.	Express Grant
Oasis Hub South Bristol	£4,760	For the provision of a food pantry offering food at a lower, affordable cost in South Bristol.	Express Grant
Positive Women South West	£2,500	Towards supporting women living with HIV via monthly support groups, telephone support, education, training for professionals, and advocacy.	Express Grant
REBEL GIRLS CLUB	£5,000	For a 5-month Mental Health and Resilience Programme for Women in Bristol.	Express Grant
Refugee Welcome Homes	£5,000	Towards the salary costs for a support worker that will carry out home visits, reference checks, meetings etc. with refugee lodgers and landlords.	Express Grant
Severn Vineyard	£5,000	For the ongoing operational costs of the BS4 Foodbank Outlet, which provides emergency food parcels, plus support and advice, to those living in BS4.	Express Grant

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Shooting Fish Theatre Company	£2,000	For creative outreach and engagement activities in Easton/Whitehall, culminating in a special performance.	Express Grant
Sound Vision CIO	£3,480	Towards an inclusive media-based training programme for school age participants that develops creativity and technical skills.	Express Grant
South Bristol girls rugby	£2,000	Towards new kit for this girls' club in South Bristol.	Express Grant
St Werburgh's City Farm	£4,978	For seasonal celebrations for the farm's volunteer and refugee groups, to welcome, cook together and share culturally appropriate food, growing community connections and understanding.	Express Grant
The Birch Collective	£4,718	For staffing and project costs for 'Camp Birch' and refreshment costs for Fresh Air Thursdays, both supporting 16-25s who are experiencing mental ill health or social isolation.	Express Grant
The Headley Park Community Association	£5,000	To improve their room and install a simple functioning kitchen area to enable the group to generate revenue.	Express Grant
Wellspring Counselling	£900	To provide three group courses for young people called "It's OK not to be OK" designed for 11-18-year-olds to understand their emotions and talk about their feelings.	Express Grant
Race Equality North Somerset	£25,000	To employ a full time Operations Manager for one year to manage the operations of the organisation on a day to day basis and relieve the trustees.	Recovery Strategy (Sector Development)
ABLAZE	£10,000	To enhance the income and supporter base of Ablaze through building on the fundraising and business development strategy, and to enhance the leadership of the charity by investing in management.	Resilience Grant

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ActiveBeing Limited	£8,050	For targeted work on governance, growth of client involvement through a peer volunteering pathway, long term strategic planning and development of diverse income streams.	Resilience Grant
Baby Bank Network	£9,575	To develop, strengthen and adapt working with other community organisations to find new ways to support more families.	Resilience Grant
Beloved	£9,819	To learn more about their users and to better identify the needs they are meeting and the impact they are having.	Resilience Grant
Black Mothers Matter CIC	£9,040	For strategic support to boost resilience, systems, governance and user involvement during a period of significant change and growth for the organisation.	Resilience Grant
Bridging The Gap Together!	£6,260	Additional training for the team in preparation for succession and long-term sustainability of the services and support that they provide to families with neurodivergent members.	Resilience Grant
Bristol City of Sanctuary (BCoS)	£10,000	Towards updating systems, policies, social media and publicity; training staff, trustees and volunteers; and upgrading office equipment and IT.	Resilience Grant
Bristol Dementia Action Alliance	£10,000	Towards a Volunteer Coordinator to recruit volunteers (including people with lived dementia experience) to support the organisation and its activities and extend its reach.	Resilience Grant
Bristol Food Network	£8,900	To develop and begin implementing a strategic plan which delivers on their recently drafted Theory of Change.	Resilience Grant
Bristol Women's Voice	£10,000	Freelance support to help develop training packages and resources, including some online modules and to develop their corporate facing training and consultancy offer.	Resilience Grant

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Centre for Capacity Building & Enterprise Development	£9,360	Towards a Business Development Worker to diversify income streams, develop online courses and collaborate with other organisations.	Resilience Grant
Centre for Studies on Inclusive Education (CSIE)	£10,000	Towards strengthening the organisation to become more resilient and financially sustainable and implement the findings of an external organisational health check.	Resilience Grant
Diverse Artists Network	£9,910	For consultant support to develop strategy, business, fundraising, sponsorship and income generation plans for 3-5 years, and to develop/support the board's skills/engagement to manage a growing network.	Resilience Grant
EcoWild	£8,635	To build stronger governance, team engagement, training and retention, and communicate their impact better.	Resilience Grant
Friends of Hannah More Primary School	£2,860	To develop social media content, work closer with the Somali community, and increase the skill-sets of trustees and volunteers.	Resilience Grant
Hartcliffe City Farm CIC	£9,950	Funding to help establish Hartcliffe City Farm as an independent and sustainable organisation at a critical moment in its development.	Resilience Grant
Home-Start Bristol and South Gloucestershire	£9,862	Upgrading IT/data systems to ensure the organisation is financially and operationally fit and can evidence impact, and to free up staff time for profile raising/service delivery.	Resilience Grant
Housing Matters (formerly CHAS Bristol)	£9,997	To recruit a Business Consultant to create a business plan to inform strategic and operational decisions for the next three years, building resilience.	Resilience Grant

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Inns Court Community Centre (The Mede)	£10,000	To employ a Development Officer to work with the Council, to rebuild the Board, secure a building CAT and maximise income generation, making ICCFC more sustainable.	Resilience Grant
Mind Your Music	£10,000	Towards a new training programme and equipment to enable the group to deliver their work more efficiently and cope with a large increase in people accessing their services.	Resilience Grant
Mothers For Mothers	£8,100	To improve data capture, enhance safeguarding and equalities work, and improve partnerships, systems and strategic planning processes.	Resilience Grant
Nextgen Circle CIC	£5,000	To create opportunities for the organisation to develop its business processes and plans, networking and finances and to strengthen the abilities of its leadership.	Resilience Grant
Oasis Community Hub South Bristol	£7,417	To use data and feedback from service users to form direction and strategy, developing leadership through understanding impact, challenges, threats and opportunities and form a partnership based model of development.	Resilience Grant
Re:Work	£9,900	Towards capacity building for the extension of services and support and development of the Board to prepare for imminent development opportunities locally.	Resilience Grant
Self Injury Support	£10,000	Towards staff costs to implement a new communications strategy.	Resilience Grant
Share Bristol CIC	£10,000	A part-time Development Manager role with responsibility for increasing resilience as the organisation grows and increases its reach.	Resilience Grant
Soundwell Music Therapy Trust	£4,385	Towards improving the organisation's resilience in 3 areas: board development, the development of an ex-client consultant group, and to improve the capabilities of their referral system.	Resilience Grant
The Birch Collective	£9,950	For a business development role, two whole-team strategic objective days, website development and youth participation development.	Resilience Grant

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Viv Gordon Company CIC	£10,000	Towards enhancing their governance and representation, strategic business planning, and preparing for transitioning to charitable status.	Resilience Grant
VOICES	£10,000	Towards new computer software and updating the website, supporting their growth and development, including communication.	Resilience Grant
Brandon Trust	£999	To refurbish the Farm's Quiet Room and provide sensory resources. The room is used by people with learning disabilities who need a quiet space to regulate or recover from a seizure.	Stoke Park Friends' Fund Grant
SWALLOW	£1,320	To support people with learning disabilities to compete in the 'Somerset Ability Counts' Football League.	Stoke Park Friends' Fund Grant
ActiveBeing Limited	£4,920	To provide women in the Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston area with therapeutic and creative opportunities to improve health and wellbeing through engagement in nature-based, one-to-one and group activities.	Wessex Water Avonmouth Fund Grant
Avonmouth Community Centre Association	£3,500	A contribution toward extra resources and the annual running costs of an After School Youth Play Club.	Wessex Water Avonmouth Fund Grant
Bristol North West Foodbank	£3,400	Toward the Homebank service in the Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston area that provides emergency household goods to families and individuals facing hardship such as domestic violence, re-homing and general poverty.	Wessex Water Avonmouth Fund Grant
Community Church @ Lawrence Weston	£3,458	Toward the staffing costs for 'Boing! Lawrence Weston', a brand new soft play family support centre for parents/carers and families of 0-5-year-olds.	Wessex Water Avonmouth Fund Grant
Home-Start Bristol and South Gloucestershire	£9,722	For the Mums in Mind group at Long Cross Children's Centre, a 10-week peer support group to improve mental health and well-being for women with children under two who are feeling anxious and isolated.	Wessex Water Avonmouth Fund Grant

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Lawrence Weston Community Farm	£5,000	Toward the Young Volunteers project that provides 6-month weekend placements for local 12-18 year olds from disadvantaged areas of north-west Bristol so they can benefit from working on the farm.	Wessex Water Avonmouth Fund Grant
Shirehampton Methodist Church	£5,000	Toward the core running costs of the Shirehampton Well-being and Job, Training and Employment Hub.	Wessex Water Avonmouth Fund Grant

Donor-directed and Donor-advised grants (£1,000 and above) approved in September 2024

Grant Recipient	Amount Approved
Learning Partnership West CIC	£60,000
UK Youth	£185,000
The Access to Justice Foundation (Bristol Legal Walk)	£1,000
London Legal Support Trust (Reading Legal Walk)	£1,000
Breaking Barriers	£9,500
The Zacchaeus 2000 Trust	£8,000
Gympanzees	£1,190