



Bridgend Funding Group - Guidelines for Applicants

Background Information on the Gwirvol grants

The Youth Bridgend Funding Group is made up of a group of young people aged 14-25 living in Bridgend and is funded by the Welsh Government and WCVA under Gwirvol. The panel members are supported by Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO). The aim of the funding is to help young people to volunteer aged 14-25 to be more involved in community and voluntary organisations in their local community.

Gwirvol was established to achieve a step change in youth volunteering for young people aged 14-25 in a variety of voluntary and community organisations throughout the UK. Gwirvol'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 the Bridgend County Borough. The funding is to support Young people aged 14 to 25 to volunteer in a variety of community organisation 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 £1000 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.

How much money can I apply for?

The amount of money you are able to apply for is anything up to £1000. This is the maximum amount of funding you are able to receive from the panel.

How do I get an application form?

In order to apply for funding you will need to fill out a funding application form. To receive an application form please contact 01656 660372 or write to Bridgend Funding Group, The Volunteer Centre, 2 Queen Street, Bridgend, CF31 1HX or visit www.bavo.org.uk to access the forms.

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.

Closing Date of Applications

The closing date is Wednesday 14 November 2018. All application forms must be completed and returned to The Volunteer Centre, 2 Queen Street, Bridgend, CF31 1HX before this date. Applications after this time will not be considered. However, there may be opportunity later in the year to reapply for funding from the BFG.

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 the 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 01 March 2019, 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.

Good Luck

Bridgend Funding Group (Youth Led Panel)



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