

# Bulwell Levelling Up Fund Regeneration Programme

## Bulwell Community Events and Activities Grant 2026-2027

### Introductory Workshop

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Welcome & Introductions –

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## Background

Nottingham City Council are looking to use funding from its Regeneration Programme to improve the range of events and activities to engage the communities of Bulwell. The grant aims to enhance the capacity of local voluntary and community organisations to deliver more inclusive, frequent, and high-quality community engagement and support activities.

This grant provides capital funding to support community engagement and support events across Bulwell and Bulwell Forest wards. Funding will enable small-scale improvements, equipment purchases, and activity infrastructure allowing organisations to deliver more or improved community activities.



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The funding available to organisations through this grant is capital funding.

The minimum amount available per project application is £5,000

The maximum amount available per project application is £14,999

This funding can be used to contribute to:

The funding available to organisations through this grant scheme is **capital** funding\*. This funding can only be used to support improvements to venues, or purchase equipment to deliver events and activities, within the wards of Bulwell and Bulwell Forest. Whilst activities may be open to residents from outside these wards, the majority of participants should live the boundary.

*\*Capital grant funding provides one-off, non-repayable funds to finance fixed assets like equipment, building improvements or infrastructure upgrades*

For purchases between £2,500 - £14,999 three written quotes or prices must be sought from relevant suppliers of goods, works and / or services.

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## Eligible Projects

- Increased number of local people using community venues and spaces
  - More active and vibrant community spaces
  - Greater access to social, cultural, wellbeing and support activities
  - Strengthened Voluntary & Community Sector organisations
  - Improved community resilience and cohesion
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- We particularly encourage projects that aim to engage the most vulnerable in our communities and those which aim to address the exclusion or isolation of residents due to their age, gender, ethnicity, health or sexuality.



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## Examples of eligible projects

- Digital equipment/infrastructure used for community engagement, employment or skills activities
- Minor improvements to public spaces or community venues
- Improved access to, or security for, community venues or spaces
- Large equipment purchases enabling delivery of additional or improved community events



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## **This funding cannot be used to contribute to:**

- Staffing or volunteer costs, including salaries, wages, sessional workers, freelance fees, training or expenses
- Ongoing running costs, such as rent, utilities, insurance, maintenance or consumables
- Reimbursement of goods or services purchased before the date of the grant offer letter
- Financial costs, including bank charges, interest, penalties or loan repayments



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# Capital equipment checklist

Eligible if the item is:

- ✓ Durable and non-consumable

Example: gazebos, folding tables, PA systems, reusable sports equipment

- ✓ A one-off purchase (not hire or rental)

Example: buying a speaker system rather than hiring one for a single event

- ✓ Expected to last more than one year

Example: staging, lighting equipment, storage units

- ✓ Needed to deliver community events or activities in Bulwell

Example: chairs for community events, equipment for outdoor activities

- ✓ Reusable for future community activity

Example: banners, games equipment, portable event infrastructure



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Not eligible if the item is:

✗ Consumable or single-use

Example: food, drink, craft materials, disposable cups or plates

✗ Decoration or materials used once

Example: balloons, banners with single-event dates, table decorations

✗ Staffing or volunteer costs

Example: wages, sessional staff costs, volunteer expenses

✗ Licences, subscriptions or ongoing fees

Example: software subscriptions, music licences, web hosting

✗ General organisational overheads

Example: rent, utilities, insurance unrelated to the funded activity



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## Output and Outcome Indicators

Improvements to community venues or spaces within Bulwell and Bulwell Forest

Volunteers supporting community events or activities at venues or spaces within Bulwell and Bulwell Forest

Community events or activities delivered at venues or spaces within Bulwell and Bulwell Forest

Low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed

Individuals attending community events or activities at venues or spaces within Bulwell and Bulwell Forest

Green or blue space created or improved



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## Timeframes

- Open to applications **until 23:59 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026**
- Notification of bid will be within two week of application deadline and payment made to successful bids within 10 days of a Grant being signed.
- All projects funded through the Scheme **must be** fully completed and all grant funding **spent** by applicants by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.

## Final Decision

- The Executive Member for Strategic Regeneration, Property and Communications will act as the final decision-maker for all grant awards, supported by advice from officers. While applications will be independently assessed and moderated by NCC officers, the scoring process will inform recommendations only. Final approval of all grant awards will rest with the Executive Member, ensuring democratic oversight and alignment with the Council's strategic priorities.



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## Payment of Grant

- Successful applicants will be issued a Grant Agreement. Once this has been countersigned, the payment of the grants will be approved.  
**Payments will be made upon receipt of evidence that invoices for works or equipment have been paid, being sent to NCC.**
- Payment of grant funds to support cash-flow can be considered if it is included as part of the application.



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## Help and Support

- If you would like to discuss the general eligibility of your proposal, prior to submitting an application, please contact the Nottingham City Council's Economic Development Grants Team at [econdev.grants@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:econdev.grants@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

## Frequently Asked Questions

- An FAQ document will be added to the Bulwell Community Events and Activities Grant [webpage](#)



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