

## Gloucester Integrated Locality Partnership (ILP)

### Active Communities Fund

#### What is the Gloucester ILP Active Communities Fund?

The fund has been established by the Gloucester ILP, in partnership with the Gloucester VCS Forum, using Strengthening Local Communities Funding to enable voluntary and community groups in Gloucester City to help deliver projects/activities that support the priorities set out by the Gloucester ILP and deliver real benefits to communities and individuals within Gloucester.

We also know that there are corresponding pressures on the organisations that support our communities including health, public and community-based organisations.

#### What the Gloucester ILP Active Communities Fund can support:

All applications must address at least one of the following themes:

1. Encouraging greater community use of outdoor & indoor community spaces
2. Supporting people to have access to an affordable and healthy, balanced diet
3. Helping to reduce loneliness and isolation by supporting people to feel more connected to their communities
4. Supporting activities that improve an individual's mental wellbeing
5. Encourage people to engage in activities that improve their health and wellbeing, particularly those people facing health inequalities

We do not want to be overly-prescriptive in the types of health and wellbeing projects we would like to see come forward. But examples of the type of project that we would support include the following:

- Opportunities for people to be more physically active
- Opportunities for people to improve their mental wellbeing
- Opportunities for people to be more creative and/or culturally engaged
- Opportunities for people to develop new skills
- Opportunities for people to volunteer
- Opportunities to build links to the wider sustainability agenda

#### Key Factors:

- Does the project meet one or more of the five themes set out above?
- Is the project based on evidence that it is needed and you have explained what that evidence is?
- Does the project work hand in hand with the beneficiaries, understanding their needs and working with them to co-create the interventions?

- Does the project deliver real benefits to communities and individuals in Gloucester?
- Is the project inclusive, compassionate, and strengths-based?
- Is the project sustainable beyond the end of the grant funding (whether the project itself is sustained or simply the benefits)?
- Is the project community-based enabling beneficiaries to build longer-term relationships with local providers and therefore more sustainable in the longer run?
- Does the project represent good value for money?

### **Who can apply?**

The fund is open to any formally constituted VCSE organisations, with a UK-based bank account in the name of your organisation, including voluntary and community sector groups, social enterprises etc.

### **How much can be applied for?**

The maximum budget to be allocated per project will be £5,000.

### **What we will not fund:**

- Activities that take place or any expenditure incurred or committed before we confirm our grant (including deposits)
- Projects that are being delivered outside Gloucester
- Loans or interest payments
- Political or religious activities
- Projects where it is considered that assistance may have been received from a third party for their own commercial benefit
- Projects or activities that the public sector has a legal obligation to provide
- VAT that you can recover

### **Timescales**

**Fund Launch:** 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Closing date for applications:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

**Panel Meets: week commencing:** 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### **How to apply:**

Please request an application form using the details below.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept applications from individuals - all applications must come from an organisation.

**Please contact Amy Stokes: [office@redwellcentre.co.uk](mailto:office@redwellcentre.co.uk) or call: 01452 381070.**