



Listed below are the most recent grants awarded by SMV's Charity Committee, who review applications and award funding four times each year.

Grant Recipient	Project Description	Amount Awarded	Primary Beneficiary	Date Approved
BeOnBoard	BeOnBoard was established in 2018 to support businesses and organisations to improve the diversity of their governing bodies. During 2021, the group plans to launch and deliver 'Diversity of Thought' to inspire, inform and invigorate the next generation of BAME trustees and school governors. It will also directly engage with organisations to help improve their ability to create inclusive boardrooms to ensure that newly recruited, diverse trustees will thrive. £5,000 would go towards facilitator and speaker fees, IT costs, conferencing/webinar facilities and the further development of this programme.	£5,000	Black and minority ethnic groups	13/04/21
Osprey Outdoors	Based in North Somerset, Osprey Outdoors is a Community Interest Company that provides safe environments for vulnerable adults to access outdoor activities, helping them overcome mental health barriers to their progression. The Covid-19 lockdowns left many previously supported, vulnerable adults in isolation. The charity helps to restore self-esteem, reduces fear of groups and helps prevent further decline in the management of anxiety, depression and other mental health issues. £5,000 will support a series of satellite projects, where tutors can encourage individuals or households into the outdoors, in small groups, close to their homes. For example: local walks, cycling, gardening/allotment work, bushcraft woodland projects and other outdoor activities.	£5,000	Adults	13/04/21
Stepping Out Theatre	Stepping Out Theatre is a small social welfare charity working with people in and around Bristol who have long-term and severe mental health problems, often compounded by physical health problems and alcohol or drug misuse. The charity empowers and motivates people in these marginalised communities to develop the skills and confidence they need to make positive changes in their lives and to improve their mental health. £3,000 will provide a new dedicated online programme of activities.	£3,000	People with mental health difficulties	13/04/21
Our Way Our Say	Based in Weston-Super-Mare, Our Way Our Say endeavours to make a difference to all residents of the deprived area of Southward, to include the elderly, women, children and young people by addressing the disadvantages they face and breaking through the barriers to participation. A grant of £4,880 will allow the charity to set up a weekly dance group for younger children.	£4,880	Local residents	13/04/21
Julian House	Julian House transforms the daily lives and futures of people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in the South West of England. The charity's aim is to provide socially excluded people with the support they need to build independent, sustainable lives for	£5,000	Adults	13/04/21

	themselves and their families. £5,000 will go towards the running costs of the Bristol Employability Through Cycle Skills Project, which supports homeless and socially excluded people in Bristol to gain employability skills and experiences and improves their mental and physical wellbeing.			
Changes Bristol	Changes Bristol is a peer-led mental health charity that provides different types of peer support to people suffering with mental distress in the Bristol area. Changes Bristol was set up in 2003 by people who had lived experience of mental health issues to provide a support network to help people make positive change in their lives and to help themselves. £4000 will go towards a new mental health and wellbeing peer support group for people over 18, located in or near to Fishponds.	£4,000	Adults	13/04/21
Bristol West Indian Phoenix Cricket Club	Phoenix is possibly the oldest cricket club in the BAME community, working to advance cricket, sports and leisure activities amongst the African Caribbean communities living in Bristol. A grant of £3,000 will help to install additional, and repair existing, play equipment in the children's play area and provide safety netting.	£3,000	Black and minority ethnic groups	13/04/21
The Ape Project	Based in St Paul's, APE Project CIC (Art, Play, Environment) was set up in 2007 to deliver outreach play activities for schools, community groups and at events. In 2017 APE Project took on the management and running of St. Pauls' Adventure Playground for under 12s, an iconic cultural feature of the area since the 1970s. Since the adventure playground was taken over the number of registered families attending has grown from 12 to over 700. The group requested a grant of £5,000 for the purchase of a disabled friendly enclosed slide.	£5,000	Black and minority ethnic groups	13/01/21
Misfits Theatre Company	The Misfits Theatre Company is based in Stokes Croft and is a user-led charity established in 2010. It delivers workshops and training for people with a learning difficulty (PWLd) to help them develop skills, improve wellbeing and support independence. Misfits also supports members who wish to perform - delivering 60 performances last year. Misfits requested a grant of £3,517 to support 25 weekly movement sessions for 12-15 PWLD between February and July 2021.	£3,517	People with learning and mental health difficulties	13/01/21
Friends of Grove Park	Friends of Grove Park was founded in 2016 by a group of Weston-Super-Mare residents who were concerned about anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the Grove Park area. The group is run by 25 volunteers and one paid staff member who manages volunteer coordination. Working alongside the Council, Friends of Grove Park aims to promote social and emotional health and wellbeing of local residents, working together to facilitate community cohesion and improving the park for the local community. SMV was asked to match-fund a grant from the Department of Transport Sustainable Travel Access Fund for the purchase of an Ecaro Bike to help increase the effectiveness of the volunteers.	£1,946.40	People with mental health difficulties	13/01/21

Ignite Life	Ignite Life is the sister organisation to a company called Impact Mentoring which is contracted by South Gloucestershire Council and local schools. The charity was registered in 2019 to work with vulnerable young people known to Impact Mentoring, beyond the specific funding remit of their contracts. The group offers mentoring and youth work support to young people who are vulnerable due to adverse childhood experiences or school exclusion. Funding from SMV will go towards employing a fundraising manager, volunteer expenses, purchasing food and paying for FareShare membership.	£3,500	People with mental health difficulties	13/01/21
Genesis Trust, Bath	The Genesis Trust supports homeless and vulnerable individuals and families in crisis and those looking for a new beginning and a better future. The charity develops communities across Bath and North East Somerset that support and encourage people as they seek improved wellbeing and positive change. They support individuals and families who are disadvantaged and vulnerable due to mental health issues, physical and learning disabilities, addiction, low income, homelessness and lack of a support network. Genesis Trust delivers ten inter-linking projects with a small team of mainly part-time staff and around 500 volunteers. Funding will go towards the running costs of the Gateway Centre project, which has a total project cost of £181K. The programme offers refuge for people in crisis, including those who are homeless, in temporary accommodation and vulnerably housed. This will include access to food, showers, washing facilities, clean clothing and practical advice around housing, benefits, and money management.	£5,000	Adults	13/01/21
The Harbour	The Harbour helps to alleviate the debilitating and distressing emotional impact of death, dying and bereavement for people in Bristol and the surrounding areas, supporting people with a terminal diagnosis, their carers, loved ones and people recently bereaved. Free of charge counselling, either face-to-face or through remote platforms, is offered to anyone over 18. Clients receive up to 16 weekly sessions with a qualified specialist counsellor. To ensure that the group is able to reach a more diverse population, the grant will be used to support The Harbour's external communications and to ensure that clinical pathways and services are relevant and accessible to BAME communities and people experiencing deprivation.	£4,100	People with mental health difficulties	13/01/21
Bristol Association for Neighbourhood Daycare (BAND)	Formed in 1978, BAND aims to ensure that childcare in Bristol is of the highest quality by supporting and developing clubs and childcare staff and volunteers. The charity assists groups by giving information, advice and guidance on a range of subjects from financial management to policymaking, offering free training courses and managing a free resource library of toys, books and equipment. BAND has a membership of just under 200 clubs and their work benefits over 10,000 families in Bristol. The pandemic has meant the loss of funding from various trusts and foundations, alongside a decrease in membership numbers and fees. The charity has moved its entire training programme online and all	£1,498.47	Children and young people	13/01/21

	staff are working from home, with three new laptops required to help facilitate this. Funding for additional IT equipment is crucial to support the services offered by BAND, from managing and facilitating the online training programmes to running Zoom meetings with clubs.			
Royal West of England Academy (RWA)	Bristol's oldest art gallery, the RWA, approached SMV to help support a transformational capital project. Funding would be used over a two-year time period and would also support outreach activities.	£50,000	Children and young people	13/01/21
Bristol Outreach for the Street Homeless	There are even more people living on the street now than before the pandemic and the demand for the charity's services is greater than ever. The grant will go towards the purchase of sleeping pods.	£5,000	Homelessness	13/01/21
Sporting Family Change	Sporting Family Change (SFC) works with some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable families across Bath and North East Somerset, many of whom fall into the category of 'Troubled Families' as defined by the Government. One of its core business areas is to provide activities which give families health opportunities through physical education. Since the pandemic started, SFC has been unable to deliver core work as it involves contact sports, using equipment and working in schools, gyms and community venues, all of which have been restricted or prohibited. Funding will go towards staff costs, activity costs and some equipment costs for the supported walking programme, with three ability levels.	£4,960	Lone parents	29/10/20
South Bristol Consortium for Young People	South Bristol Youth (SBY) works hard to ensure that disadvantaged young people have the skills, knowledge, and confidence to reach their potential in life and work. Last year they worked in 33 schools in Bristol and the surrounding area. They deliver programmes to help young people to understand pathways and to successfully access higher education, apprenticeships etc. This grant will provide continuation funding for the Insight to Apprenticeships Programme in Bristol Brunel Academy and City Academy, for 30 BAME year 9 or 10 students from disadvantaged wards.	£5,000	Black and minority ethnic groups	29/10/20
Trauma Recovery Centre	The Trauma Recovery Centre (TRC) exists to help children recover from trauma, defined as an experience which is overwhelming and hinders the child's safety and security. They facilitate recovery for children/young people as they process trauma and support them as they piece their lives back together until a wholeness can be found. The TRC had to close its centre in March due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting lockdown. The funding will help provide individual therapy sessions at the Bath Therapy Centre to children and young people from the Bath and Bristol area who have experienced trauma. The funding will be used towards the ongoing costs of running the centre for six months. Each therapy session costs an average of £50 to provide, so £5,000 will help provide around 100 free therapy sessions.	£5,000	Children and young people	29/10/20

Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation	The Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation is an independent charity that exists to make parks and green spaces better places. Their portfolio covers the whole of Bristol and Bath. The grant will go towards delivering an eight-week pilot of park activities at Netham Park as part of their longer-term plans for permanent Community Park Rangers. The project will bring together disadvantaged groups, local community interest groups and residents in Barton Hill to revitalize neglected green spaces and improve mental wellbeing.	£2,609	Local residents	29/10/20
Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Management (Up Our Street)	Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Management - also known as Up Our Street, is a community engagement organisation. Felix Road Adventure Playground is a community youth and play space and early intervention service. Easton Community Centre is a vibrant community building in this diverse and disadvantaged area of Bristol. The money will go towards running weekly youth sessions for young people aged 11-18 at their Felix Road and Easton Community Centre sites. Sessions will particularly target BAME and Roma young people. The group has a team of experienced and qualified youth workers who will engage some of the hardest to reach young people in this area that have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic.	£5,000	Black and minority ethnic groups	29/10/20
Hartcliffe and Withywood Community Partnership	Hartcliffe and Withywood Community Partnership (HWCP) is a community led organisation that runs a community engagement programme bringing residents and partners together to take action and make local decisions. This funding will allow the group to continue to build on a place-based change programme piloted in 2019/20 to improve outcomes for children and young people in the area.	£25,000	Children and young people	29/10/20
SWALLOW	SWALLOW is a user-led charity providing life changing support to teenagers and adults with learning disabilities throughout Bath and North East Somerset. This grant will be used to fund the Gardening in the Community Work Skills Project, which they are hoping to restart as soon as possible. This project now has an additional benefit of providing support and interaction to some of the most vulnerable members of the local community including the elderly and disabled who may have been shielding during lockdown. Through the Work Skills Scheme SWALLOW provides members with the opportunity to gain horticulture skills suitable for employment. Members learn about plant life cycles, growing calendars, food production and general garden maintenance and every year the Horticulture Group design, plant and sell spring hanging baskets. SWALLOW would now like to expand this scheme by offering their skills and effort to local people who require it, such as elderly or disabled residents who live in their own homes but need help in maintaining their gardens.	£4,975	People with learning difficulties	31/07/20

SSAFA Bristol & South Gloucestershire	This charity supports and assists veterans and their dependent families who are in distress. The grant will be spent on veteran's needs, it will also support caseworker expenses to enable travel to and from a client's home. Veteran families need support with debt, mental health issues and bereavement. Some veterans need help with clothing, food vouchers and signposting. The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in more referrals asking for food, utility bill debts, childcare, isolation and loneliness.	£5,000	Adults	31/07/20
Unique Voice CIC	Unique Voice (UV) is a Community Interest Company that provides theatre performances and activities based around social issues as well as after-school drama groups and holiday activity programmes. Ordinarily, the group would be working with many vulnerable children on their holiday provision over the summer break. However, as this is not possible due to the COVID pandemic, the grant will be used to print, construct, and deliver 330 activity packs across the South of Bristol to targeted children with adverse childhood experiences and lack of parental engagement, tailored to the emotional needs of these children.	£4,971	Children and young people	31/07/20
Babbasa Youth Empowerment Projects CIC	Babbasa is a community-led youth empowerment social enterprise that addresses persistently high levels of black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) youth unemployment, low educational attainment, and declining aspirations in Bristol's inner-city communities. A grant of £5,000 will enable Babbasa, from 1 September – 28 February, to reach, engage and offer support to at least 60 young people from the inner-city wards of Ashley, Easton, and Lawrence Hill (amongst some of the most deprived areas in the country) who are identified as vulnerable or additionally 'at risk' as a result of the personal, economic and social impact of COVID-19. The group will revise and tailor their blend of online and face-to-face group work to develop confidence, resilience and employability skills amongst young people who are at risk of losing hope and purpose; developing mental health difficulties; or becoming dependent on the welfare system.	£5,000	Black and minority ethnic groups	31/07/20
Kippax & Chong CIC	Kippax & Chong (operating under the name of Step and Stone) is a Community Interest Community. They are a Bristol based organisation that delivers activities (teaching people to bake and then selling the bread) at The Park Centre in Knowle, providing employment and training opportunities for individuals with learning disabilities. The group are now making plans to get back into the kitchen supporting and training young people with learning difficulties for future employment. This grant will go towards new equipment.	£3,029	People with learning difficulties	31/07/20
Bath & North East Somerset Carers Centre	This funding will provide 50 older carers with an online break via Zoom groups. Online breaks include mindfulness, yoga, and dance sessions. Some funding will also go towards arts and crafts activity packs so the group can run creative activities online – these packs have given carers 'permission' to take a break, meet other members online offering face-	£5,000	Older carers	31/07/20

	to-face breaks. As well as being older themselves they are also caring for someone in their household that has a caring need and may be shielding at this time.			
Oasis-Talk CIC	Oasis-Talk provides psychological therapies to people in Bristol and South Gloucestershire. Counselling therapy for anyone below the age of 50, with an annual income of less than £16,000 in Bristol, Bath & South Gloucestershire will be available via an initial 30-minute phone call. This will help them with coronavirus anxiety or offer an assessment of emotional need.	£2,500	Disadvantaged / low income	31/07/20
Incredible Kids	The group provides an inclusive play centre running play and support sessions for children and young people between the ages of 0 and 25 with additional needs and disabilities, and their families. This grant will be spent on costs for delivering a year-round programme of inclusive play and support. Sessions are subsidised or free to families.	£2,500	Children and young people	31/07/20
The Park Centre	The Park is a community centre, sports centre, business support centre for 40 social enterprises and small community charities, and a post-16 college for young people with multiple barriers to learning and achieving. This grant would buy five iPads and provide a transport fund to ensure that students can get into college, enabling them to 'catch up' over the summer.	£2,750	Disadvantaged / low income / children and young people	31/07/20
The Young Carers Development Trust	The Young Carers Development Trust aims to inspire young carers in the South West to improve their life chances by offering them sustained and targeted support over a period of four years to support development and increase employment prospects through enabling learning opportunities. Funding will enable the group to identify and offer support to a further six young carers in the area. The approach is to work with local young carers services to identify young carers with real potential who are unlikely to succeed without targeted support.	£3,750	Carers: children and young people	31/07/20
Clevedon YMCA	Clevedon YMCA was established to provide recreational and leisure facilities to the people of Clevedon and the surrounding area, especially young people. Clevedon YMCA seeks to alleviate poverty, hardship, and distress amongst people of all ages. Clevedon YMCA will spend this grant on providing mentoring and small group activities to young men aged 11 to 18 who are either referred by a third party, themselves or their families for mentoring. The aim of the mentoring will be to improve the ability on each individual to look after their own and their friends' mental health in a positive way and to encourage boys and young men who lack confidence to take part in small group activities and become part of the wider Clevedon YMCA community.	£5,000	Children and young people	31/07/20
Cintre	Cintre is a registered charity that supports vulnerable adults with mental health	£2,760	People with learning difficulties	31/07/20

	and learning difficulties. The purpose of the grant will be to fund the Armchair Artists group under the Stay Connected; Stay Healthy initiative. Centre will create art boxes which will contain all the materials required for a month, one group per week. The activities will be planned for the month and there will be easy read, instructional guides so that the service users can follow these independently from the safety of their home.			
Ablaze	Ablaze exists to tackle inequality of opportunity for young people in the West of England. Ablaze utilises and develops the skills and commitment of business partners and volunteers to support young people in school. 100% of this grant will go to staff costs to support the redevelopment of the website to allow for the programmes they offer to be supported online. This will create a member-only area for content and a secure platform through which to communicate.	£1,000	Children and young people	31/07/20
Caring in Bristol	Caring in Bristol is a charity working to support homeless and vulnerable people in Bristol. This grant will go towards a new food service, 'Cheers Drive', providing nutritious food for people experiencing homelessness within the community - delivering three meals a day for up to 600 homeless people who have been moved into new temporary accommodation across the city. They will be working with partners from local independent restaurants offering contracts to prepare these meals.	£1,000	Homeless people	31/07/20
Friends of Eastville Park	The Friends of Eastville Park (FOEP) is a group of local residents who care about the park and wish to ensure that it remains an amazing place for the community. The grant will go towards the cost of replacing the existing old, ill-fitting, and draughty windows in the Nissen Hut in Eastville Park.	£1,000	Older people	31/07/20
Black and Green Ambassadors for Bristol	Over three years, Ujima Radio CIC and Bristol Green Capital Partnership CIC will recruit, mentor and support nine emerging leaders - the Black & Green Ambassadors - to work between different, diverse communities, businesses, and other organisations on issues of environmental sustainability, equality, diversity and inclusion.	£6,000	Black and minority ethnic groups	31/07/20
Healthy Holidays	The programme aims to support those children and families most in need across Bristol with meals throughout the school holidays. The funding will not only provide much-needed meals but additional educational resources on healthy eating, plus a series of cooking events. All the activities delivered are focused on supporting families to improve their health and wellbeing.	£6,000	Families	31/07/20
Mothers for Mothers	Mothers for Mothers is a female-led, Bristol-based charity that supports mothers of children up to the age of three. The funding will partly fund peer support groups which provide a safe place for mothers to talk about how they feel with others who understand and to connect with women having similar experiences. The charity has moved from face-to-face work to telephone/video support and increased its social media presence within a closed client group, posting more frequently, offering support.	£5,000	Families	24/04/20

Bristol Drugs Project	Funding towards online sessions including two virtual community sessions per week: the Recovery Orchestra - virtual jamming and playing together; and Creative Expression – a fusion of songs, games and activities led by the Choir/Drama group leaders. Also, the funds will be used to support the phased return of three artistic groups: orchestra, choir and drama, when current restrictions are lifted. In total this will support an active cohort of 83 registered members across the city.	£4,974	Alcohol / drug addiction	24/04/20
The Green House	The charity provides free specialist counselling to those affected by sexual abuse and rape, a service provided to both adults and child victims. Funding will go towards the cost of equipping a new counselling room at the purpose-built therapy centre in St Agnes Lodge, St Pauls.	£1,400	People with mental health difficulties	31/01/20
Womankind	This funding will be used to establish a Befriending project in Bristol targeting BAME women and survivors of sexual violence, following the success of a similar project in South Gloucestershire. The 'befrienders' will be volunteers recruited from the community, who will support a victim's recovery for up to a year.	£5,000	Black and minority ethnic women	31/01/20
Strawberry Line Café	This grant will be used at the Strawberry Line Café Cycle Hire in Yatton (a not-for-profit social enterprise) to employ a person with learning disabilities as the Cycle Hire Assistant, with required support and coordination, for 35 weeks, as well as the production of a 90-second promotional trailer for cycle hire.	£4,678	People with learning difficulties	31/01/20
Vitality Bristol CIC	Funding will support the 5 th community micro-festival at Malcolm X Centre as well as various workshops for residents of Ashley, Easton and St Pauls, with a focus on well-being. The initiative aims to emphasize social cohesion and tackle poor eating habits and alcohol consumption.	£2,750	Local residents	31/01/20
Talking Money	This charity provides financial advice via phone, email and face-to-face. This grant will go towards the 'Meet the Need' project, which delivers financial advice to communities of high deprivation in Bristol, by helping to fund an existing Advice Caseworker post.	£5,000	Disadvantaged / low income	31/01/20
Changing Tunes	This national charity aids the rehabilitation of prisoners and ex-prisoners through music and performance. This grant will cover 12 months of music rehabilitation, by funding a resident musician at St Mungo's Recovery College for approx. 16 ex-prisoners who are or have been homeless.	£5,000	Ex-offenders and prisoners	31/01/20
Curzon Clevedon Community Centre for the Arts	Provides children's workshops, family friendly activities and Front Room Cinema to care homes. An appeal was launched in 2019 to fund major roof restoration for the whole cinema building.	£5,000	Local residents	31/01/20
St Paul's Carnival CIC	The grant will help fund the Carnival Fringe project which aims to provide events and activities leading up to Carnival from 22 Jun-4 Jul, to increase understanding, celebrate diversity and bring communities together, as well as engaging a wider Bristol audience in a Carnival 'brand' rather than just a one-off event. The 2020 theme of Legacy will	£10,000	Black and minority ethnic groups	31/01/20

	celebrate the Windrush generation in Bristol through four focuses: the sharing of stories by community elders, costume-making, school activities and a Lawrence Hoo art installation in St Paul's.			
Bristol Education Partnership	This grant will be used to fund Teacherfest 2020, a new initiative for this summer, aiming to provide inspirational professional development opportunities for teachers in the BEP partner schools and beyond. The festival will include lecture-style events, workshops and seminars, encouraging the sharing of ideas in order to improve outcomes for all children, as well as showing appreciation to Bristol teachers, contributing to both retention and recruitment.	£5,000	Children and young people	31/01/20