

Staying Included Grant Fund Criteria



Overview

A total grant fund of £12,500 is available from the Better Care Fund to support this programme. With this money we aim to support community group activities for residents in Middlesbrough to help people live healthy and active lives, form new friendships, and retain their independence. Successful projects will link in with colleagues from the Staying Put Agency and will be required to register their service on Middlesbrough Matters as part of their promotion.

Maximum Grant Value

The maximum grant you can apply for is £2,500.

It is expected that this will fund approximately 40-48 weeks of activity. Shorter projects may be accepted in exceptional cases. Longer projects of course will be fine.

What can be funded.

Room hire for Council buildings.

Staffing Costs, including volunteer expenses.

Equipment and materials.

Light refreshment costs such as tea and coffee.

What can't be funded.

Travel expenses for paid staff.

Food or alcoholic beverages.

Things for individual benefit.

Things purchased prior to the grant being approved.

Who can Apply.

Voluntary and Community Sector groups with a recognised set of rules and a bank account in the group's name.

Decision Making

This grant fund is aimed at ensuring appropriate support services are in place within the community for those supported by the Staying Put Agency so requires support from the Business & Development Officer, Prevention, Access and Provider Services. The grants officer will share your request with them prior to it going to panel.

Projects will be assessed by the grants officer who may contact you for more information and a report produced which will be circulated to the grant panel prior to the meeting.

Panel meetings generally occur once a quarter, though sometimes there may be delays if there is difficulty in getting the panel together at certain times of the year. It is recommended that you give plenty of time for your application to be processed and go to panel prior to your project start date or required continuation funding. Please note that this is a competitive process

The panel meeting is a democratic process with each member having an equal vote. There are four potential outcomes: declined, approved, conditional approval, deferred. You will receive notification of the decision by email if declined or approved or contacted by the grants officer in the case of deferred or condition approval.

For more information or to discuss your idea please email communitygrants@middlesbrough.gov.uk or ring 01642 729309