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The Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation is part of a national programme supporting youth projects focused on campaigning, fundraising and volunteering, and enabling participants to make a positive difference to their communities.

London Luton Airport are acting as match funders and awarding grants on behalf of the #iwill Fund.

Here at BLCF we have £30,000 to award to projects!

The #iwill Fund is made possible thanks to £40 million joint investment from The National Lottery Community Fund and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to support young people to access high quality social action opportunities.

The #iwill Fund brings together a group of organisations who all contribute funding to embed meaningful social action into the lives of young people.

Grants

Grants are between £1,000 and £5,000 and in some cases £10,000

Projects can be up to a year in duration

Groups should deliver social action opportunities for young people age 10 -20 years old, or 25 for disabled people.

Who is eligible to apply for funding?

The #iwill Fund is open to registered charities, constituted community groups, social enterprises and CICs in England. National organisations with local branches (with its own management committee and bank account) can apply. New organisations that can demonstrate they are financially robust can also apply.

Will groups that have previously received #iwill funding be eligible to apply again?

Yes – groups that have received funding can apply again, providing they are not currently in receipt of an #iwill grant.

What can #iwill fund?

- Staff costs – Budget for staffing, including full-time staff, part time staff and other related expenses
- Development and capacity building costs – Budget to help build capacity and sustainability of organisation e.g. staff/volunteer training, external consultancy fees.
- Volunteer costs – Budget for reimbursements of expenses, e.g. telephone calls, travel and meals.
- Activity costs – Budget for resources to facilitate a project / activity that fall outside capital, volunteer or staffing costs, e.g. catering, insurance.
- This fund aims to develop opportunities rather than fund the provision of existing youth work. We are looking to fund organisations that support young people to thrive and where the involvement of young people in social action will improve the outcomes of the organisation.
- Skills development projects, which help young people be 'social action-ready' are as valuable as existing project delivery itself.

What #iwill can't fund

- Statutory services
- Activities promoting party political activity
- Capital costs / large equipment costs – small scale equipment, such as tools are acceptable up to 10% of the requested grant
- Individual sponsorship
- Activities generating private profit
- Faith groups are welcome to apply but activities which evangelise or proselytise religious beliefs will not be eligible. Projects that only work with one faith are also not eligible.

Are there any special conditions?

Applicants must indicate how many young people they plan to work with over the course of the funded project and arrange for their young people to fill in a standard fund questionnaire available on Survey Monkey on completion of their funded project.