

Bude-Stratton Social Action Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Bude-Stratton Social Action Fund?

The Bude-Stratton Social Action Fund is a pot of money. Groups can apply to the Fund for a grant towards their work if they are helping people to deal with the indirect impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic. We intend to distribute all of the money in the Social Action Fund.

2. Which groups can apply to the Bude-Stratton Social Action Fund?

Any organisation or group which is helping people in the wider Bude area to deal with the indirect impacts of the pandemic can apply for a grant. Your group does not have to have a constitution (a document setting out how you are run) to apply for a grant but groups without a constitution and/or a bank account will be limited to a grant of £100. Groups that do have a constitution can apply for larger amounts.

3. What do you mean by ‘indirect impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic’?

Groups can apply for grants which will help them to deliver their work with people who have been indirectly affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. **This does not mean people who are currently suffering with, or recovering from the virus.** It means people that:

- Might not be currently working because of the pandemic
- Might be isolated or lonely as a result of lockdown and social distancing
- Might not have access to technology to allow for home schooling
- Might be suffering from mental health issues as a result of the pandemic

These are examples, and are not the only issues for which we will make a grant. If you are unsure whether your project or service would qualify for a grant you can call 01288 356212 for further information.

4. What do you mean by “the wider Bude area”?

The wider Bude area is the civil parishes of Bude-Stratton (which includes Poughill), Jacobstow, Kilkhampton, Launcells, Marhamchurch, Morwenstow, North Tamerton, Poundstock, St Gennys, Week St Mary and Whitstone. Groups wishing to apply for a grant must deliver their services in one or more of these parishes.

5. How much can we apply for?

If your group does not have a constitution or a bank account, you can apply for up to £100 in grant. If your organisation does have a constitution, a bank account and a committee, directors or trustees there is no upper grant limit but please be mindful that we have a finite amount of money and want to spread it as far as possible.

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6. How do we apply for a grant?

Applications for a grant must be made using our application forms. There are two forms, one for groups that do not have a constitution and another for those that do. Application forms can be downloaded from the following websites: www.budecoastalteam.org.uk
www.bude-stratton.gov.uk

Application forms will also be available for collection from the Neetside Community Centre, but applicants are advised to call in advance of visiting as the Centre has reduced opening hours during lockdown – 01288 353403

Completed application forms should be sent to the following email enquiries@neetside.co.uk or posted to Neetside Community Centre, Leven Road, Bude, EX23 8LB. Completed forms can also be delivered to the Neetside Community Centre in person, but again, please bear in mind the reduced opening hours.

7. What do we need to send with our application form?

If your group does not have a constitution you only need to send us your completed application form unless your project/service involves children or vulnerable adults, in which case you will need to send us your Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Policy.

If your group has a constitution you will need to provide the following together with your completed application form:

- Your latest annual accounts
- Your constitution
- Your Child Protection/Vulnerable Adult policy
- The names of the people on your management committee (Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)

If you do not have any of these documents you will need to explain why.

8. Who decides if we get a grant?

A panel of local people will make decisions on the applications we receive. The panel will include representatives from Bude Coastal Community Team, Neetside Community Centre, Christians Together in Bude & Stratton, Bude-Stratton Town Council and Cornwall Council.

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9. How are decisions on grant applications made?

Priority for awarding grants will be made in the following way:

1. Applications from organisations based in the wider Bude area.
2. Applications from organisations based in Cornwall offering assistance to people living in the wider Bude area.
3. Applications from organisations based outside of Cornwall offering assistance to people living in the wider Bude area.

The panel will also have a scoring system to help it make decisions. This system will take into consideration such things as the number of people likely to benefit from a grant and the financial need of the group making the application.

For projects/services where the Bude-Stratton Social Action Fund is not the sole funder, any grant we award will not be made available until you confirm to us that your other funding is in place.

The panel's decision will be final but we will offer feedback on unsuccessful applications.

10. Are there things that will not be funded?

Yes, the Social Action Fund cannot make grants for the following things:

- Assistance provided to support people with, or recovering from, Coronavirus.
- Assistance that has been given before an application has been considered and approved.
- Individual benefit – individuals cannot apply for a grant for themselves.
- Businesses operating for profit.
- Political organisations.
- Organisations discriminating on the grounds of age, disability, marital status, race, gender, national origins, sexuality or religion.

11. What happens if we are awarded a grant?

Grants must only be used for the purpose for which the application was made. A report outlining how the grant was used must be submitted to the Bude-Stratton Social Action Fund within 2 months of the grant being spent. The grant must be spent within 2 years of its award. Any unspent monies must be returned to the Bude-Stratton Social Action Fund.

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12. Can we apply more than once?

Yes, you can apply more than once to the Social Action Fund, but not until you have submitted your report outlining how your first grant was used and who benefited from it.

13. Where did the Social Action Fund money come from?

The majority of the Social Action Fund was raised by people living locally through a Crowdfunder campaign. Other contributions were made by local Councillors.

14. Can people still donate money to the Social Action Fund?

Yes, although the Social Action Fund Crowdfunder campaign has ended, people can still make donations until the end of February through the Crowdfunder website

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/bude-stratton-social-action-fund>