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Comic Relief Grants Cheshire

A grant making programme managed by Cheshire Community Action

There are still many communities in the UK that suffer from economic and social deprivation and the current economic climate may make this situation worse. This programme aims to empower local people enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community. This can also include “Communities of Interest” which cover a wider geographical area.

While groups will be using a range of activities we specifically want 50% of the available funds to go to sports projects that

- increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation
- help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

The remaining funding will support community groups running projects that

- increase local services,
- builds skills of local people,
- increase community cohesion
- respond to local economic needs.

This work can cover a small geographical area such as a housing estate or village, but we will also consider work covering a slightly larger area such as a town or borough where there is evidence of community involvement.

Who can apply?

- Community Groups
- Resident Associations
- Community Centres
- Social Enterprises/Community Interest Companies
- Credit Unions

Examples of the type of activities we will fund

- Community sport activities
- Furniture Projects
- Projects providing access to benefits advice
- Projects combating fuel poverty
- Community consultation exercises
- Community employment projects
- Food Co-ops
- Running costs; including salaries, core costs and project costs
Committee and volunteer/staff training

Exclusions

The criteria do not include the award of the Grant:

- to individuals;
- to statutory organisations, including schools;
- to fund trips abroad;
- to fund buses, mini buses or other community transport schemes (not including transport costs forming part of a project);
- to fund building costs, including access adaptations to buildings

How much can you apply for?

Grants are up to £10,000, the minimum grant is £1,000.

How do you apply for a grant?

Please download the application form and application guidelines from <http://www.cheshireaction.org.uk>. A hard copy is available by post if preferred.

Once the application form is completed please send it to the address below with the following documents:

- a) a copy of your groups latest accounts
- b) a copy of your groups constitution
- c) Evidence of cost for any items listed in your application (such as quotes or catalogue pages)

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