



The fourth round of the County Council grants will be launched on

Monday, September 14th, 2009

Find out more online:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/voluntary

We are giving grants to support voluntary and community sector organisations in Worcestershire whose activities contribute towards identified outcomes for the community.

The County Council's Voluntary and Community Sector grants run twice a year in Spring and Autumn. To find out more please visit the website:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/voluntary

This website contains all the information you need to apply in any of our grant rounds including the application forms and supporting guidance to help you complete your application.

If your organisations activities do not meet the priorities of the grants in the current round please remember to check again in the next round as grants change each time. In addition you can contact the following services to help identify additional funding sources.

Worcestershire Infrastructure Consortium

Please contact Cathy Clement: 01905 798207 or email cathy@wcvys.co.uk or alternatively....

Peter McKenzie-Shaw, Funding and Resource Manager, Worcestershire Partnership: 01905 728738 or email pmackenzie-shaw@worcestershire.gov.uk

Round 4 Grants

In round 4 we are offering Community Grants for one year or one-off activity.

- **First Base Community Arts**

Grants to help voluntary and community sector organisations to show how the arts can have a positive impact by bringing communities together and for communities to take an active and participatory role in the arts.

Previous examples of this grant are:

A playgroup used county council funding towards the creation of a 'nature-art' play area in the grounds of the local community centre.

A community based group were awarded funding to contribute to the costs of a series of concerts for the community celebrating the 150th centenary of the birth of A.E Houseman.

- **Celebrating Diversity Grants**

Grants to help voluntary and community sector organisations celebrate diversity through raising knowledge and understanding and encouraging interaction e.g. a celebration day in the community.

Previous examples of this grant are:

An organisation used county council funding to hold an open day to celebrate the diversity of Deafness and British Sign Language showcasing the history and culture of Deaf People.

An organisation used a county council grant to fund a one off community event called 'food around the world'. This event embraced a variety of different cultures in the community through activities around food and also music.

- **Supporting Community Based Activities for Older People**

Grants to help voluntary and community sector organisations to provide activities to help meet the needs of older people in the county.

Previous examples of this grant are:

A county council grant contributed to the funding of a community venture which encourages social interaction via a café area, provision of a local shopping facility and promotion of volunteering opportunities. Key benefits are: community inclusion, innovation and sustainability.

A county council grant is being used to pay for a fitness instructor to provide exercise sessions at a weekly social meeting place for older people (from Worcester and surrounding districts) Key benefits are: reduced social isolation, use of local facilities, intergenerational potential of venue.

For more detailed information on each of these grants please see the supporting guidance available on the web pages

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/voluntary

or request a copy from

sjones12@worcestershire.gov.uk

01905 766855



Support and advice for your application...

In addition to the information included further detail is available in the supporting guidance of the application paperwork it is recommended that you read this carefully before completing your application.

In addition if you would like to find out more about the grants available you can book a place on one of the information sessions taking place in the county by contacting:

Stephanie Jones, Voluntary and Community Sector Unit Administrator on **01905 766885** or email **sjones12@worcestershire.gov.uk**

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, September 28th	11:00am –1.30pm	Worcester Guild Hall
Wednesday, September 30th	9.30am –11.30am	Evesham Town Hall
Friday, October 2nd	9.30am –11.30am	Redditch Town Hall

How to submit your application...

From the 14th September you can access all the details for Round 4 of the grants by logging on to www.worcestershire.gov.uk/voluntary or you can request an application pack by calling 01905 766885, or email sjones12@worcestershire.gov.uk

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, October 30th at 4pm

Completed applications can either be delivered by hand to Main Reception at County Hall, or posted via recorded delivery in advance of the deadline to the address shown below:

Community Grant Application, VCS Unit, Community Leadership, Worcestershire County Council, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester WR5 2NP

If you hand deliver your application please ask reception staff to date and time stamp your envelope and collect a copy for your own records.