



Hall Green NNS Grants Programme

Fact Sheet

Overview

- A total of £125,750 is available through the NNS Hall Green Grants Fund until March 2025. £80,750 for older adults and £45,000 for younger adults with a long-term disability.
- This is funding for projects focused on increasing the number of older adults (50+) and/or disabled adults (adults aged 18-49 with a long-term disability) who are participating in, or supported by, community activities and services in their neighbourhood which achieve one of the following outcomes:

Digital Inclusion	Hoarding
Advice & Support (Including Peer Support)	Partnerships
Affordable Warmth and Fuel Poverty	Transport & Mobility
Arts & Culture	Income Maximisation
Bereavement, Death, and Personal Loss	Support to Under-Represented Groups.
Social Activity & Community Involvement	Supporting Carers
Employment, Volunteering & Skills	Support to Live Independently at Home e.g. gardening, handyperson
- The following definition applies: Disabled adults: adults 18 – 49 years with a long-term disability likely to mean they will have care and support needs in the future – those with a learning disability, physical disability, autism, mental health difficulties, sensory loss, or impairment. It includes those who are likely to have a care or support need in the future as well as people living in a community setting who can access and participate in activities independently or with the support of an informal or paid carer or personal assistant employed via a direct payment.
- Applications can be for can either target beneficiary group (adults over 50 or younger adults with a long-term disability). We can accept applications for projects aimed at both groups – if this is the case you will need to specify the anticipated number of beneficiaries and submit a separate budget breakdown for each group.
- A **Micro grant** is an award of less than £500 and a **Small grant** is an award of between £500 and £10,000. Micro and Small grants will require the completion of an NNS Grants Application Form.
- Grants of up to £500 will require a written submission.
- For grants of over £1,000, GreenSquareAccord will agree an up-front payment based on the proposed activity costs outlined in your application with the remaining funds paid at the mid point on receipt of monitoring and evaluation requirements.
- The maximum amount you can apply for is £10,000 for a project for people aged 50+ or a project for younger adults with a long-term disability. The maximum amount for a joint application (if your project is aimed at both beneficiary groups) is £15,000.



- We will be distributing the funding on a rolling basis until the total available funding has been awarded. We will inform you immediately if there is no more funding available on receipt of your application.
- Activities must take place in the Hall Green constituency which includes the neighbourhoods of Moseley, Balsall Heath, Kings Heath/Brandwood, Hall Green, Sparkbrook and Sparkhill.
- Applications exceeding £500 will be assessed by a Grants Panel by adhering to scoring criteria to ensure fairness and transparency.
- Applications for up to £500 will be decided upon by Hall Green NNS as the Lead Facilitator and by a member of the Social Work Team.
- All activities funded will need to have taken place within 12 months from the date the grant is awarded.
- As part of the funding agreement, all successful applicants must agree to support GreenSquareAccord with the monitoring and evaluation of the funded activities as set out in the 'Monitoring and Evaluation' section.
- Applicants must be able to evidence that they can meet the Hall Green NNS grant requirements. For un-constituted groups please see below.
- Applicants will be required to provide their organisations latest accounts/annual report if they have one and insurance details. If a group or organisation is new, a draft or latest income and expenditure projections will be sufficient. Applicants will need a bank account to receive grant payments.

Un-Constituted Groups

We do not want to exclude grass-roots organisations from this process. If you are un-constituted group, without a bank account we would recommend that you seek a host organisation that can support your grant application or contact us for guidance.

What can the fund pay for?

NNS Hall Green is funded by Birmingham City Council who stipulate that all grants should contribute to the Adult Social Care & Health Prevention First vision which is that *"Citizens lead healthy, happy, independent lives within their own homes and communities"*. With that in mind we are looking to fund:

- Proposals for new community activities open to older people and/or adults with a long-term disability where gaps have been identified in the community. You can apply for up to £10,000 for a period of up to 12 months; however, it is likely that we will award most grants for up to £5,000.
- Proposals that increase or improve the accessibility of existing community activities. You can apply for up to £10,000 for a period of 12 months which address barriers and help older people and/or adults with a long-term disability to make better use of the community offer available to them. Again, most grants are expected to be for up to £5,000.
- Joint applications (for proposals for projects aimed at both older people and younger adults with a long-term disability) can be for up to £15,000 although we anticipate most grants will be for less than this amount.



Grants for capital expenditure

NNS grants cannot be for 100% capital projects; however, where an element of the budget is for capital to enable an activity or service to be delivered, this can be considered. We suggest as a guideline no more than 50% of the proposed budget is to be spent on capital items. The financial contribution of volunteers can be considered in the overall project costs. This should be cost at the current hourly rate for living wage. Capital projects might include digital, purchasing of kitchen equipment, adapting entrance to buildings to enable access to activities/services, purchase of sheds or any other items or equipment to aid accessibility and participation.

Examples of items that can be purchased: -

Marketing costs – marketing and publicity costs such as posters and flyers.

Food related activities – lunch club, baking class, celebrations.

Workshops – gardening, singing, DIY, creative writing, computer classes, skills sharing.

Walking and exercise – dancing, yoga, going to the local park for walks.

Leisure – coffee morning, domino club, arts & crafts club.

Staff costs - including salaries of permanent or fixed term staff, sessional workers & volunteer costs.

Accredited Qualifications – for example, Food Hygiene Certificate, Health & Safety qualification, etc.

Insurance costs for a particular activity – this may be of particular use to un-constituted groups in helping them to set up. Please note this is not funded for constituted groups/organisations.

This fund can also be used to pay for services.

What the fund CANNOT pay for?

- Activities that cannot be completed within 12 months of receiving the funding.
- Activities which have been completed retrospectively.
- Existing activity costs.
- Activities that are not aimed specifically for the people of Hall Green.
- Projects which are purely about research.
- Profit-making or commercial activities.
- Items that mainly benefit an individual, for example equipment that is not shared.
- Personal equipment that is not integral to the delivery of the activity.
- Subscription/Membership costs.
- Contingency costs. e.g. funds to provide a source of income or for fundraising activities.
- Costs of ongoing staff who are not working directly on the project – including salaries of permanent or fixed term staff.
- Core costs of the organisation – (utility bills; rent; management costs etc.) which are not directly related to the project activity.
- Costs incurred in putting the application together.
- VAT that can be recovered
- Purchase of land, property or refurbishment including routine repairs and maintenance.
- Loans and interest payments.
- Purchase of Alcohol or illegal substances.
- Gambling
- Endowments
- Items on behalf of another organisation, group or network.
- Political or religious activities.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Value	Evaluation and monitoring
£1 to £500	Review meeting (with notes/records)



	At least one case study/story.
£500 to £2,000	Review meeting (with notes/records) At least one case study/story Number of citizens supported. Desirable analysis of equalities data from participants Evidence of meeting outcomes against NNS outcomes and gap analysis.
£2,000-£10,000	Review meeting (with notes/records) Quarterly Monitoring Reports Number of citizens supported. Analysis of equalities data from participants Cases studies and stories of difference Record of outputs/delivery Record of impact on citizens' participation (i.e. survey) against specified outcomes

If you need any further guidance on what the fund can be used for please contact our NNS Hall Green Team, on 0781 1168272 or by email to HallGreen.NNSTeam@greensquareaccord.co.uk

Please note all applications will be required to meet the Conditions of Grant Aid which can be downloaded from the Hall Green Communities website:

www.hallgreencommunities.org.uk/hall-green-nns-grants-programme/