



## **£1.14 million for Buckinghamshire Communities**

The Buckinghamshire Foundation (TBF) has been appointed by the Government to distribute funding to grassroots initiatives in Buckinghamshire.

TBF will now be able to distribute an additional £540,000 directly to community groups over the next three years, using its expertise and knowledge of the local area to identify those small local charitable organisations, best able to use the money to make a real difference.

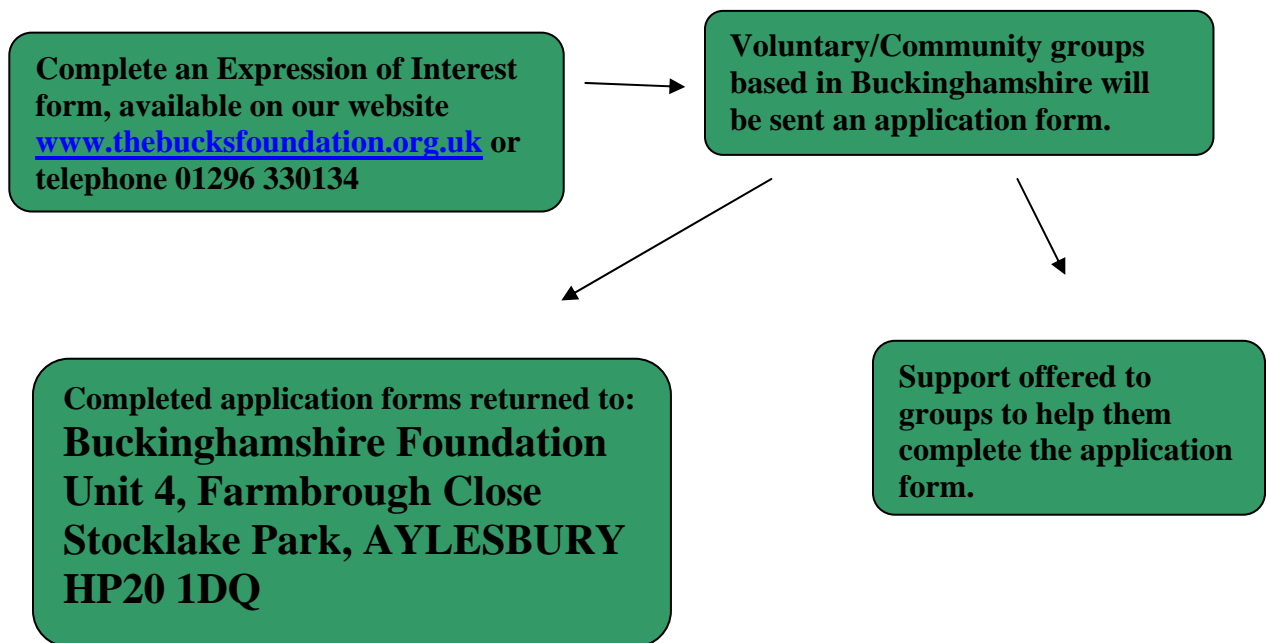
Local community organisations could also stand to benefit from a further £480,000 if local philanthropists and businesses come forward to put up cash to match some of the Government's funds announced today. Under the scheme, local people are being offered the opportunity almost to double the value of their charitable donation through a match funding scheme if they give through TBF's endowment fund, the return from which will then be used to ensure that grants continue to be available once the current round of funding runs out in March 2011.

The Buckinghamshire Foundation has been making grants to community groups in Buckinghamshire since the year 2000 and is an independent registered charity. The Foundation specialises in making awards to small groups in local communities who otherwise might not be able to access funding for their projects.

TBF invites applications to both Grassroots and its own Small Grants funding scheme from local Buckinghamshire groups working within the community.

### **How to apply?**

Whether you are applying for a Grassroots Grant or a TBF Small Grant, the process of application is the same:



## TBF Small Grants

This on-going programme provides grants of up to **£1000**

### Who can apply?

Voluntary and community groups operating within Buckinghamshire

### What kind of projects will be considered?

- to assist the disadvantaged,
- to support community care for the elderly and disabled,
- to tackle isolation
- to invest in young people to encourage education, training and self-development.

**The overall priority is to support organisations and groups whose work is aiming to tackle poverty and social exclusion**



### Grassroots Grant Criteria

#### Who can apply?

- Your group or your activity must be based in Buckinghamshire
- You must be a not-for-profit voluntary or community group that has been operating for not less than **12** months
- Your group must have an evidenced income of **less than £20,000** per annum, taken as an average turnover for the last 3 financial years (or over the life of the group if it is less than 3 years old)

- Your group must be volunteer led
- Your group must have a constitution or set of rules, which includes a list of Trustees/Committee members and their signatures
- Groups and organisations do not have to be registered charities

***Who cannot be funded?***

- Statutory organisations (such as Local Authorities, schools)
- Regional or local offices of a national organisation
- Any party political activity
- Commercial ventures
- Organisations that are for the sole benefit or relief of animals or plants
- Individuals
- Activities where the primary purpose is to promote religious beliefs

***What type of activities will be considered for funding?***

- The purchase of equipment
- The costs of putting on a local event or workshop
- Staff costs to enable the employment of individuals
- Contribution to rent costs (related to activities/service delivery)
- The cost of attending a conference or event
- Training for volunteers
- Additional activities to expand an existing project
- Activities that support community activity
- Activities that meet an identified need in the local community
- Funding to support an organisation to achieve a quality or other standard relevant to their activities

This list is not exhaustive. Small grants are intended to respond to the diverse needs of community organisations and local communities.

**How much can you apply for?**

- Grants are available from **£250 - £5000**

The **maximum amount** your organisation can apply for during the life of the grant scheme (2008 – 2011) is **£5000**. You can either

- Submit one application for the maximum amount or;
- Make multiple applications between 2008-2011 as long as the total awarded is no more than £5000

**Payment of Grassroots Grant**

Your grant can either be paid as

- A single payment or;
- Payments can be spread over the 3-year period