



Meet The Funder: Heart of Bucks

Agenda



An Introduction to Heart of Bucks



Available Funds



Applications



End of Grant Monitoring



Top Tips




Q&A

What is a Community Foundation?

- ♡ **Grant funder** & independent registered charity
- ♡ Philanthropic advice and support
- ♡ We cover a defined geography (Buckinghamshire)
- ♡ 47 community foundations in the UK network
- ♡ Working with business, charitable trusts, private individuals, and the public sector to support *effective* non-profits in our area.
- ♡ **Run *by* local people – *For* local people**





Heart of Bucks

In Numbers

£10m+

Long term investments

£13.5m

Grants and Loans
awarded since 2000

£2.3m

In funding during
2022/23

£800k+

Grants to individuals in
2022/23

£5000+

Average grant size

716

Projects funded in
2021/22

Our Strategy

Community champion



Raise funds



Meet local needs

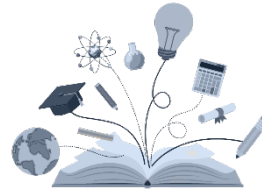


Where does our funding go?

Health & Wellbeing



Education



The Environment



Isolation & Disadvantage



Arts & Culture



Community Cohesion





BUCKINGHAMSHIRE: *Uncovered*

Shining a spotlight on our county of contrast



Bucks Data Exchange

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Bucks Data Exchange

Welcome to the Bucks Data Exchange – an open-access platform containing the latest insights about Buckinghamshire and links to useful external resources. By making high quality data more accessible, we aim to help Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations identify how to have the biggest impact and make better informed decisions.

The Bucks Data Exchange is a one-stop shop for data, insights and statistics about the local area and its population. It is a collaborative platform and project delivered by Leap, The Rothschild Foundation, Buckinghamshire Council, Heart of Bucks, the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, and Buckinghamshire's Local Enterprise Partnership.

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Population

Access data about Buckinghamshire's population density, growth, ethnicity, and more

[Learn More](#)

Place

Find out about carbon emissions, recycling rates, broadband speeds, and more

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Health & Wellbeing

Learn about life expectancy, obesity, rates of smoking, healthy eating, and more

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Financial Insecurity

Learn about pension credit claimants, the proportion of households in food poverty, and more

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Community Safety

Find out more about crime rates, anti-social behaviour, burglary, and more

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Charities & Funding

Access data on the VCSE sector, the number of grants awarded in Buckinghamshire, and more

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Economy

Find out more about the Bucks economy including unemployment, job postings, job density and more

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Service Provision

Learn about the services that support people in Buckinghamshire

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Education

Learn about education, schools and exam results in Buckinghamshire

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Complete Our 3 Minute Survey To Help Inform Our Future

www.bucksdataexchange.org

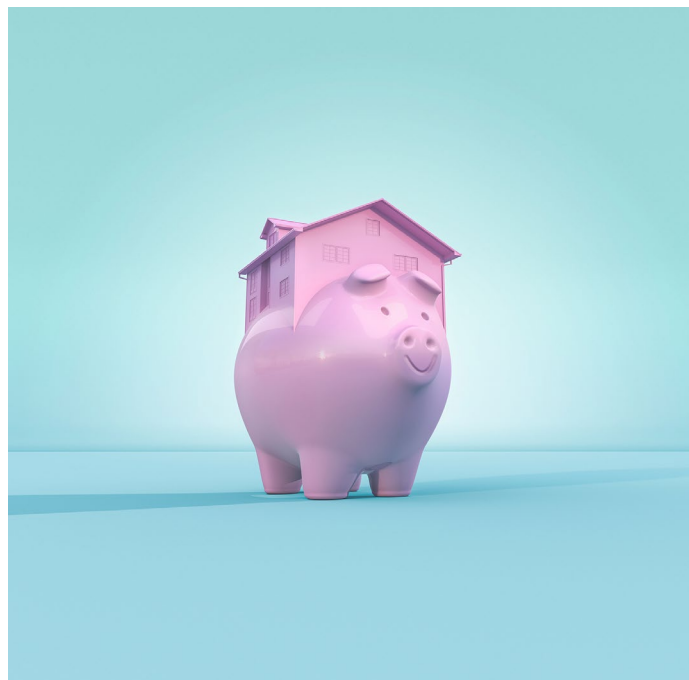


How to Apply

Carolyn Clarke, Head of Operations



Who can apply?



What can we fund?

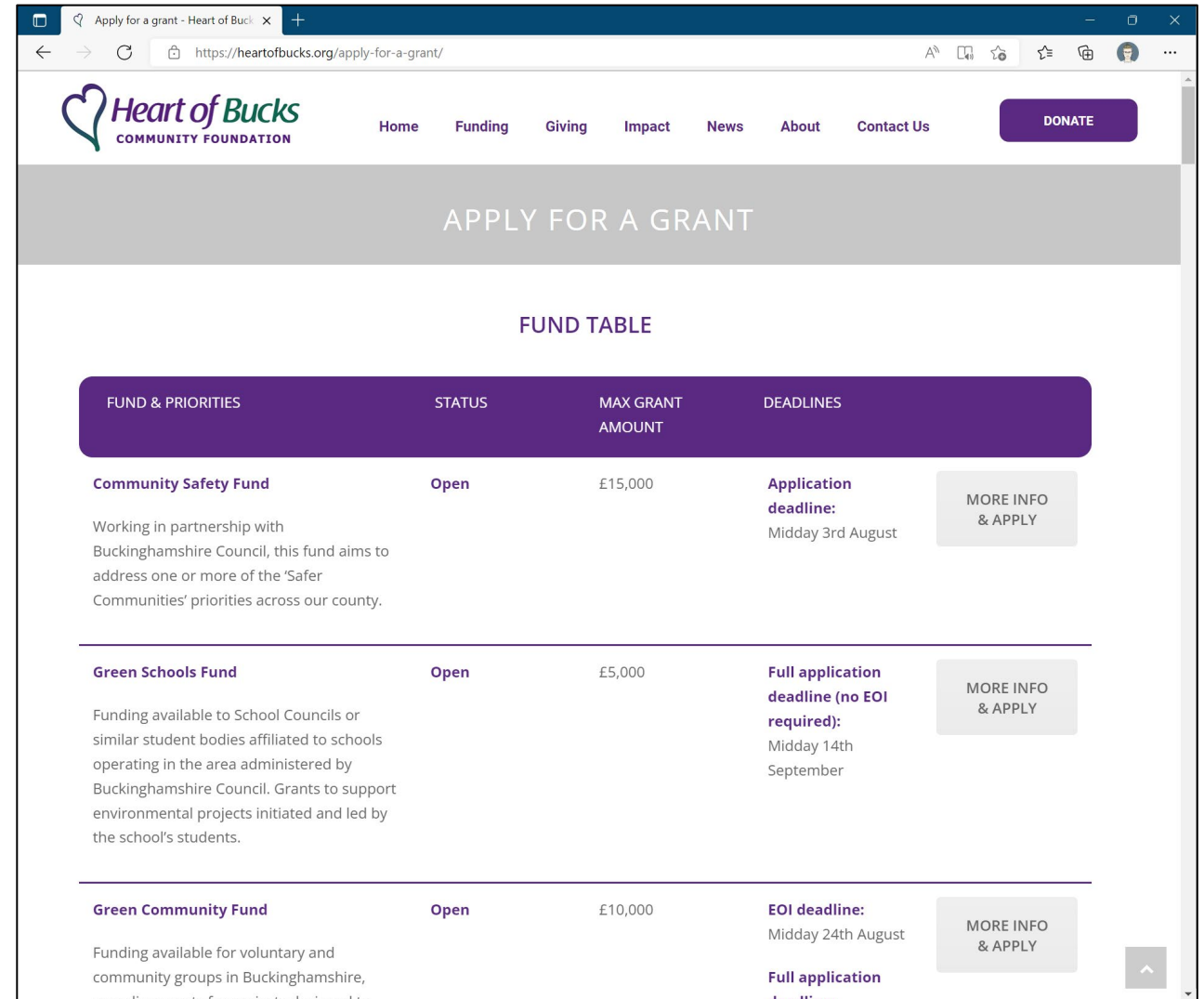


What can't we fund?

Eligibility for Funding

Funds Available

All the funds we currently have available are listed on the fund table on our website at: www.heartofbucks.org/apply-for-a-grant



The screenshot shows the 'Heart of Bucks COMMUNITY FOUNDATION' website. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Funding, Giving, Impact, News, About, and Contact Us, along with a DONATE button. The main heading is 'APPLY FOR A GRANT'. Below this is the 'FUND TABLE' which lists three funds with their respective details and application deadlines.

FUND & PRIORITIES	STATUS	MAX GRANT AMOUNT	DEADLINES	
Community Safety Fund Working in partnership with Buckinghamshire Council, this fund aims to address one or more of the 'Safer Communities' priorities across our county.	Open	£15,000	Application deadline: Midday 3rd August	MORE INFO & APPLY
Green Schools Fund Funding available to School Councils or similar student bodies affiliated to schools operating in the area administered by Buckinghamshire Council. Grants to support environmental projects initiated and led by the school's students.	Open	£5,000	Full application deadline (no EOI required): Midday 14th September	MORE INFO & APPLY
Green Community Fund Funding available for voluntary and community groups in Buckinghamshire, providing grants for projects designed to	Open	£10,000	EOI deadline: Midday 24th August Full application deadline:	MORE INFO & APPLY

Funds Available

Our fund table will sometimes also include information on funds being delivered by **friends of Heart Of Bucks** or other Community Foundations

Rectory Foundation

Open

£5,000

Funding opportunities from our friends at the Rectory Foundation for projects that meet the foundation's vision of 'thriving people and places in our local communities'.

End of June (for projects starting in September) or by the end of December (for projects starting in March).

[MORE INFO](#)

Separate from our grants, there is a section of our website dedicated to **our loans programme** which awards loans of up to £25,000 over 5 years.

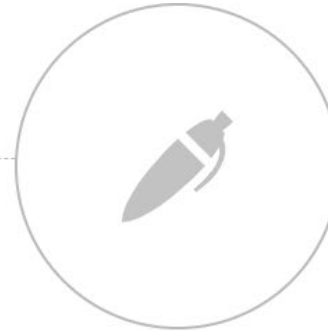
If you want to know more about our loans programme, visit:
www.heartofbucks.org/loans

Application Process



STEP 1

Find out if your organisation can apply for grant funding by checking through our eligibility information and funding requirements.



STEP 2

Complete an expression of interest form or direct application, depending on the fund. This can be found linked at the bottom of each fund page and tells us about your project and how much you would like to apply for.



STEP 3

If you completed an expression of interest and your project is suitable for one of our open funds, we will send you a link to a full application. This asks for more detail about your project, including a budget breakdown.

Application Process



STEP 4

We'll get your application ready to be considered by our independent grants panel and may ask you for more information or evidence to ensure the panel have all they need to make an informed decision.



STEP 5

Following the panel, we aim to give you a decision within two months of the full application deadline. If your application is approved we will arrange for it to be paid to you, or if it is unsuccessful we will explain the reason why.




STEP 6

We'll be in touch once your project has finished to request an end of grant monitoring report. This helps us and you to measure the impact of your project and is a key condition of your grant award.




Top Tips for applying




Make sure you have read and fully understand the criteria and only apply if you genuinely meet it.




Be the first to know about new opportunities by joining our new WhatsApp group!




Make sure all the essential project information (i.e. what, who, how and where) is clear and included within the body of your application.




Be realistic about what you will be able to deliver and the impact and reach of your project.



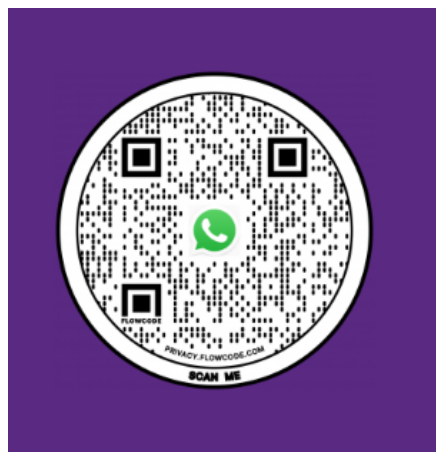
Be clear about what specific outcomes you want to achieve with your project and how you will measure these.



Ask for something specific, not just a contribution towards your running costs.



Remember that receiving the grant is not the end of the process!



Contact Details

We are an approachable and understanding local funder, so if you have any queries or concerns, you are always more than welcome to get in contact with us.

Email: grants@heartofbucks.org

Telephone: 01296 330134

To join our WhatsApp group, follow the QR code above using your smartphone.

Please note: your WhatsApp profile picture and number will be visible to other members of the group.



Questions?