Voluntary and community groups are invited to apply for Cambridge City Council Grant Funding for 2025-26

Community Grants

To reduce social and/or economic inequality for Cambridge residents with greatest need

Both grant funds below are for activities that are open to all city residents **and** those living in a particular area of the city. Please note that Area Committee grants have been discontinued.

You can only apply to either the over £5,000 fund or the £5,000 and under fund.

Organisations thinking of applying are strongly recommended to register for the appropriate webinar and/or book a slot at a face-to-face drop-in sessions.

Over £5,000 fund

For activities taking place between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026 and that meet one of the following priorities:

- promote active lifestyles
- arts and culture
- community development
- reduce poverty
- employment support

Discretionary Rate Relief (DRR)

To be eligible for DRR you need to show that the activities taking place at your premises meet the above funding priorities and reduce social and/or economic inequality.

The amount of DRR awarded is proportionate to the number of beneficiaries using your premises that are city residents.

Groups wishing to apply for over £5,000 and/or DRR – key dates:

- Launch: 1 August 2024
- Webinar: 7 - 8.30pm, 6 August 2024
- Drop in session: 10am – 4pm, 14 August and 4 September 2024, CCVS offices
- Apply by: midday on 18 September 2024
- Funding awarded: April 2025 (funding must be spent by 31 March 2026)

£5,000 and under fund

(replaces Area Committee grants)

Activities must meet one of the following priorities:

- help people to be more active
- improve access to arts and culture
- bring communities together
- reduce poverty
- reduce loneliness and social isolation

There will be two funding rounds. You can only apply once to one round per funding year.

Should you be unsuccessful in the first round then please contact the grants team if you are considering applying to the second round.

Round 1 – key dates:

For activities taking place between 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026

- Launch: 26 November 2024
- Webinar: 3 December 2024
- Drop in session: 4 December 2024
- Apply by: midday on 14 January 2025
- Funding awarded: from April 2025 (funding must be spent by 31 March 2026)

Round 2 – key dates:

For activities taking place between July 2025 and 31 March 2026

- Launch: 23 April 2025
- Webinar: Round 1 webinar available online
- Drop in session: 7 May 2025
- Apply by: midday on 3 June 2025
- Funding awarded: from July 2025 (funding must be spent by 31 March 2026)

Go to cambridge.gov.uk/grants-and-funding for further information or email grants@cambridge.gov.uk to check your group and project eligibility, book onto the webinar or make an appointment for the drop in help sessions at Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service offices (CCVS), 16 - 18 Arbury Court, Cambridge, CB4 2JQ.

Sustainable City Grants	Homelessness Prevention Grants
Organisations can apply to deliver more than one project, but the total amount cannot exceed £10,000. Projects must be activities or events that achieve one or more of the following outcomes: • reduction of carbon emissions from homes and businesses • increased reuse, recycling and reduction of general waste produced by residents and/or businesses • increased use of sustainable transport modes • increased access to sustainably produced food • support residents and businesses to prepare and respond to the impacts of climate change such as heatwaves, flooding or water shortages. <u>Funding round – key dates:</u> Projects must take place between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026 • Launch: 1 August 2024 • Webinar: 7 - 8.30pm, 6 August 2024 • Apply by: midday 18 September 2024 • Funding awarded: April 2025 (funding must be spent by 31 March 2026)	To reduce the levels of homelessness and rough sleeping in Cambridge through activities that: • prevent homelessness or rough sleeping • relieve homelessness and rough sleeping <u>Funding round – key dates:</u> Activities must take place between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026 • Launch: 1 August 2024 • Webinar: 7 - 8.30pm, 6 August 2024 • Apply by: midday on 18 September 2024 • Funding awarded: April 2025 (funding must be spent by 31 March 2026)
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