

Sussex
Community
Foundation

INSPIRING LOCAL GIVING • MEETING LOCAL NEEDS



Introduction



1. The Sussex Community Foundation
2. The SCF Grants Programme and Process

SCF



- One of 46 Community Foundations in UK
- Celebrated our 10th birthday in 2016!
- Staff of 9
- Based in Lewes but covers West and East Sussex, Brighton and Hove

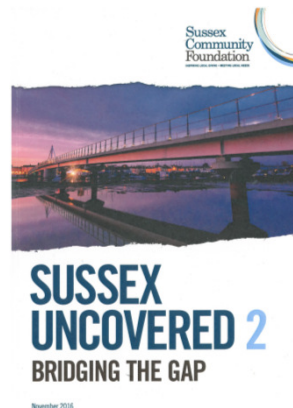


Our main purpose: to raise funds for and make grants to community groups and small charities across Sussex addressing disadvantage and deprivation

Scale of ambition



- In 2006/07 SCF awarded 40 grants (total value of around £130,000)
- In 2015/16 SCF awarded almost 500 grants (total value of around £1,600,000).



Donors



- 85+ different donor funds
- Community Foundation model allows donors to focus on their area of interest
- Funds come from donors who want to give something back to Sussex communities



Our Grant application process



- SCF now manages 3 grant rounds each year– with deadlines in January, May and September
- Funds – some 3 times each year, some twice and some only once
- Additional pots of money during the year, e.g. Comic Relief Community Cash
- Up to date information on what’s available at <http://www.sussexgiving.org.uk/apply-for-grants/how-it-works/>

Who can apply?



- Volunteer led community groups & smaller charities (income levels up to £1,000,000 unless otherwise specified)
- You should have –
 - ✓ a constitution/set of rules
 - ✓ a management committee (with cheque signatories)
 - ✓ a bank account for the group
 - ✓ accounts or signed records of expenditure
 - ✓ where appropriate, the relevant policies
 - ✓ CIC 34 Form (only from Community Interest Companies)
- Unsure if you can apply? Contact SCF or your local Voluntary Action or CVS

How much and what can the grant be used for?



- Generally SCF grants are for between £1000 and £5000
- Funding might support:
 - ✓ Equipment and materials
 - ✓ Events or outings
 - ✓ Staffing
 - ✓ Training and skills development
 - ✓ Rent or hire of premises
 - ✓ Volunteers expenses

What type of work can you apply for?



- ✓ Youth club activities
- ✓ Lunch Clubs for older people
- ✓ Community transport
- ✓ Community gardens
- ✓ Projects addressing homelessness
- ✓ Community advice and support
- ✓ Food banks
- ✓ Health and well-being initiatives
- ✓ Projects addressing drug and alcohol misuse

The application form



- For most of our funds please use our online SCF application form which is available at <http://www.sussexgiving.org.uk/apply-for-grants/how-it-works/>
- If you are unable to access the online form, please contact us and we will provide you with a copy of the form
- Don't forget to look at our 'Guidance for Applicants' which is available at <http://www.sussexgiving.org.uk/apply-for-grants/how-it-works/>

Some tips

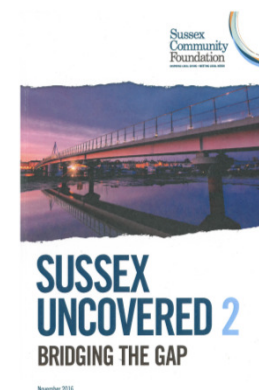
- Apply in good time
- Read SCF 'Guidance for Applicants' (includes info for CICs and social enterprises)
- Identify and contact your referee in good time
- Check anything you're not sure about with the SCF Grants Team
- Ensure your application, supporting documents and any monitoring due are with SCF by 1700 on closing date



What happens next?



- Approximately 10 weeks from closing date to decision notification
- We will contact you if we need further information or clarification about your application
- Panels meet and decisions made
- Final panel meeting brings together all activity for the round
- And finally a word about feedback and reapplying (if you're not successful this time)



Contact details



- SCF website: <http://www.sussexgiving.org.uk/apply-for-grants/how-it-works/>
- E-mail: grants@sussexgiving.org.uk
- Phone: SCF Grants Team (Adrian Barrott, Hannah Clay or Tracy Williams) on 01273 409440
- Download a copy of Sussex Uncovered 2
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