Community Recovery Small Grants Fund

<u>General Principles</u>

The Community Recovery Small Grants Fund is intended to support Birmingham communities impacted by the public disorder that took place between July and August 2024. Expenditure is eligible under this scheme if it is in response to the violent disorder, or is in connection with:

- **Immediate action to safeguard life or property**
- **To prevent suffering or severe inconvenience**
- **To reduce the risk of further disorder in the future**
- **To rebuild social trust and promote cohesion between communities**

Applications can also include bids for capital expenditure such as safety and security measures.

Full details on the scheme can be found here: <u>Community Recovery Fund: Guidance - GOV.UK</u>

<u>Applications for Funding</u>

Applications for funding will only be considered from voluntary and community groups that have a bank account in the group's name. No grant will be made payable to individuals within a group. Statutory organisations are not eligible to apply, however community or voluntary groups working in partnership with statutory organisations to deliver a local project or activity can apply.

Applications up to a maximum of £15,000 are invited. Organisations can apply for more than one project. Joint and partnership-working between applying organisations is encouraged.

Funding will not be granted to individuals or for salaries, but applications for projects that involve sessional staff to help facilitate change may be considered.

The applying organisation must have satisfactory safeguarding policies and measures in place.

The deadline for applications is 4pm on Tuesday 31st December 2024.

Completed applications must be sent to: Cohesion@birmingham.gov.uk

An appraisal panel will meet to consider applications for funding. A scoring matrix will be used to assess each application. Decisions by the panel are final.

Project delivery is expected to take place in Birmingham between January and April 2025.

It is important to us that we learn from all the projects that are undertaken and so we will ask you to answer some short questions at the end of your project to help us understand what has worked well or not so well.

We will require proof that you have spent the grant and therefore will request copies of expenditure.

Any award made by the panel must be used for the stated purpose, otherwise the local authority may ask that the funding is repaid.

All grants will be awarded in accordance with agreed milestones. Payment will be made by BACS (electronic bank transfer).

Successful projects will be expected to operate independently, demonstrating the capacity to identify audiences, manage resources, and deliver project outcomes without requiring additional support or oversight from the local authority.

Successful projects should accommodate reasonable visits from the local authority team to monitor progress and outcomes. Additionally, projects are expected to collaborate with Birmingham City Council on proactive communications efforts, including publicity, media coverage and showcasing the project's impact where appropriate.