

St. James Street Big Local – Big Charities Grants

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q. We are a social enterprise based in St James Street can we apply for funding under this programme?

A. Yes. The programme is open to Not for Profit organisations. Social enterprises are businesses that trade to tackle social problems, improve communities, people's life chances, or the environment. They make their money from selling goods and services in the open market, but they reinvest their profits back into the business or the local community.

Q. Our organisation is based in St James Street and we ran a project during the summer with funding secured from another source. We applied for funding for £5,000 but the project cost £6,000. Can I apply to this programme for the £1000 overspend?

A. No. This funding cannot pay for retrospective costs. This project has already taken place so is therefore not eligible under this programme.

Q. Two years ago our organisation delivered an extremely successful project in St James Street using funding from another source. We would like to run this project again and develop it further. Can we apply?

A. Yes. Please provide evidence of the success of the past programme in your application, and your planned developments of the programme to meet the priorities of St James Street Big Local.

Q. If you submit an grant application as part of a Big Charity can you also apply for a Residents Grant?

A. Yes.

Q. What are St James St Big Local priorities?

A. We have four priorities:

- Creating a more inclusive space for local residents
- Transforming the urban realm
- Growing the local economy and encouraging entrepreneurship
- Supporting local community and charitable initiatives

Q. Can two organisations apply for funding together?

Yes, and we encourage this kind of collaborative working, but we would expect one organisation to take responsibility as the primary legal entity. This is the organisation that receives the funding payment, and the lead contact should be from the lead organisation.

Q. What happens to the materials that we buy with the grant money?

You must specify in the application where any materials bought with the grant will be held. On rare occasions, the St James Street Big Local committee may ask for use of some materials for specific Big Local events/activities, with your prior agreement. For high priced materials that are not consumable, please specify how you might make them available for community use after the life of the project.

Q. Our organisation is based in Waltham Forest/Hackney/Newnham and we are currently delivering a project in several different areas of the Waltham Forest. We have received requests to duplicate our project in the St James Street Area. Can we apply to St James Street Big Local?

A. Yes but only with a local sponsor. The Big Local board have agreed to allow groups from outside of St James Street to apply to the programme, but the programme must be solely beneficial to residents of the St James Street area, and strong preference will be given to activities located within the area boundaries.

Examples on how to complete the budget

A Not for profit group are looking to apply for funding to pay for 3 young people aged 16-21 to undertake a level 1 football coaching course. These young people will then run a football summer school for 66 children aged 8-15 in a local park during the summer holidays.

Good Example

Item	£ Amount
Level 1 Coaching Course @ £156 each for 3 people	£468
Course Travel Expenses - £4.20 per person	£12.60
Training Cones	£1.96
Training Bibs x 33	£80.85
Footballs x 5 plus carry bag	£148.50
Insurance	£158
Total	£869.91

Poor Example

Item	£ Amount
Equipment	£229.35
Course Fees	£450
Total	£679.35

If you have any further questions after reading these FAQs, please contact us on

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