

Let's Talk Let's Listen

WHAT'S NEW AT GCF?

Tuesday 21st July 11.30 - 12.30

Faye Hennessy, Grants Manager
Lucy Pollock, Operations Manager

Welcome to our ‘What’s New at GCF?’ Let’s Talk/Let’s Listen

While you are waiting:



Mic

- Please can you mute your microphones



Settings

- If you can, please check your FULL name is on your screen



View

- It is recommended that you set your view to “Gallery View”



Raise

- Please raise your hand if you have a question.



Chat

- Alternatively, please use the chat facility (accessible through the button at the bottom of your screen)



Camera

- **The “Let’s Talk” Sessions will be recorded for future viewing. If you would prefer not to be recorded, please turn off your camera.**

Agenda

- **GCF – Who we are**
- **Introduction to Grant Manager - Faye Hennessy**
- **Grant Programmes - overview and update**
- **Grant Criteria - how we work**
- **Grant Application Portal - new look**
- **Feedback – we've listened**
- **Grant application tips**
- **Q&A**
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Our Vision

Gloucestershire is a place where communities are empowered to become resilient, for a prosperous and thriving county for all

About GCF

- Gloucestershire's leading charitable funder. We have been improving the lives of people in Gloucestershire since 1989.
- Over £3.8 million, over the last 5 years in grants to grassroots charities in Gloucestershire through 1,354 grants.
- Part of a movement, of 47 community foundations that collectively are the second largest grant-maker in UK.

GCF Team



Talitha
CEO



Lucy
Operations Manager



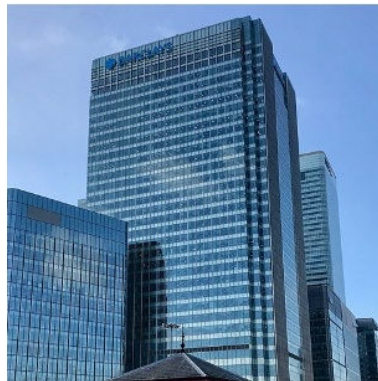
Faye
Grants Manager



Sarah
Finance Manager

Introducing Faye Hennessy

GCF Grants Manager



Grant Criteria – how we work

- GCFs Area of Benefit is Gloucestershire
- We seek to promote community engagement and support charitable activity that enriches the lives of people in Gloucestershire.
- We particularly focus on
 - ✓ the advancement of education
 - ✓ protection of good health (both mental and physical.
 - ✓ the relief of poverty and sickness.
 - ✓ the provision of recreation and leisure facilities.
- We work with a wide variety of fund holders, operating bespoke programmes, each with its own aims and criteria.
- Funds must also meet GCF's own grantmaking policy .

GCF Grant Policy

- GCF grants are available to registered charities and/or organisations established for charitable purposes where:
 - ✓ governed by a management committee or trustee body with at least three unrelated individuals
 - ✓ a written constitution or governing document has been adopted
 - ✓ operates a bank account in the name of the charity or organisation with a minimum of two authorised signatories

Applicants should maintain a reasonable level of reserves, in line with costs, typically c.3-6mths - reserves in excess of 9mths are unlikely to be successful.

Organisations based in Gloucestershire and operating nationally can be considered where Income is below £5 million.

Grant programmes overview and update

GCF Community Fund (Main Grants Programme)

Supporting local, voluntary and community organisations where a small amount of money can make a big difference. Maximum grant size: £5,000

First Round – complete

Second Round – opens 1st September 2026

Freemasons Grant Programme

Initiatives for older people, those with disabilities and disadvantaged young people.

Maximum grant size: £2,000

First Round – complete

Second Round – opens 7th October 2026

High Sheriff of Gloucestershire Grant Programme

To motivate young people towards constructive occupation and away from crime.

Maximum grant size: £2,500

First Round – complete

Second Round – now open – closing 4th of August 2026

Grant programmes overview and update

Cheltenham Centenary Community Fund

Supporting charitable activities in the vicinity of the Cheltenham races.

Maximum grant size: £2,000

2026 Round – complete

Next Round: May 2027

2026 Work in progress

ICB Gloucestershire Communities Against Cancer

To improve awareness around early cancer diagnosis and reduce health inequalities.

- A new educational fund focused on Tewkesbury
- Various donor directed awards and philanthropic projects
- Gloucestershire funding via <https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/>

Grant Application Portal Overview



Gloucestershire
Community Foundation

 Username

 Password

Log in

Forgot your password? [Not registered?](#)

Grant Application Portal Overview

To register, please fill out the information below.

Contact Information

Title

--None--

* Phone

* First Name

* Email

you@example.com

* Last Name

* Who will you be applying on behalf of?

- ☐ Myself or a member of my household
☒ An organisation or community group

* Has your organisation or group previously had a grant from Gloucestershire Community Foundation?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* Data storage and processing

- ☐ I understand Gloucestershire Community Foundation will securely store and process the information I provide, and may contact me in relation to grant applications. I confirm that I am over 18 years of age.

Next

Grant Application Portal Overview

Supporting documents

- **A current Safeguarding Policy
(within 12 months)**
- **Committee members
(3 unrelated)**
- **Governing document
(if not received before)**

Upload Required Documents

Please upload your supporting documents.

The required documents are listed in the table below.

Please ensure you have electronic copies of all of these available before commencing.

We estimate that this will take 5 to 10 minutes.

These documents are not essential for submission of application, documents may be uploaded at a later date or emailed to: grantsmanager@gloucestershirecf.org.uk

Documentation Type



Document Instructions



Grant Application Portal – hints and tips

Supporting documentation

Management committee details:

Name, role, email address, a statement to confirm that they are unrelated

Grant acceptance

Two authorised signatories

Save a copy

Keep a Word doc version of your application

Grant Application Portal – We’ve Listened

- The text boxes have been made bigger so more text can be seen when it’s entered
- Boxes can be expanded
- Text to confirm each section is completed before submitting
- To be added – word count
- To be added - option to download / print your application

Grant Application Portal

End of project monitoring





Welcome to the Grant Management Portal

Funding Programmes

My Applications

My Monitoring Forms



Requirement

- Monitoring Report - Final

[+ Follow](#)[Monitoring Form](#)[Printable View](#)

Funding Request

[Pollock test 3 \(hotmail\) Household](#)

Assigned



[Lucy Pollock test 3 \(hotmail\)](#)

Due Date

10/06/2026

Status

Open

Type

Monitoring Report

Monitoring Form

Monitoring Form

Knowledge gained from monitoring and evaluation is vital to support our organisational learning. We use the information provided within this form to highlight achievements and good practice, and to effectively shape our future work. We very much appreciate your time and commitment to this task.

Grant Details

Project Name: Greenfields Community Centre

Awarded Amount:

Funding Programme Round: Freemasons Grants Programme 2026 FM Round 1

Monitoring Due Date: 10 June 2026

Monitoring Type: Final

Please use the buttons on the right-hand side to start each section. All sections are required.

Check Contact Details

Check and update the contact details we hold for you and your organisation.

Optionally add backup details for yourself.

Status: Optional, please check and update if required

[Check Details](#)

How Much You've Spent

Please tell us what you've actually spent on the project.

This programme does **not** require a full breakdown of costs.

Status: Incomplete, please add spending info

[Add Spending Info](#)

Grant Application Tips!

- **Clearly describe your project activities:**
 - How many people will this impact and how?
 - Has a pilot been done? Or supporting surveys?
 - How will you ensure you reach the intended beneficiaries?
- **Demonstrate the Need on all levels:**
 - Need for the Cause
 - Need for your solution/project
 - Need that it should be delivered by your organisation
 - Need in the area of delivery
 - If the Need isn't met by you, through your project, what is the alternative?
- **Explain the Budget clearly:**
 - What other funding are you relying on?
 - What will happen to the project if that doesn't come in? Can it be re-sized?

Q&A

Next Let's Talk, Let's Listen

- **Date – Tuesday 10th November**
- **Time – 11.30am**
- **What would you like to hear?**

Thank you!