



Hearts of Gold – Sefton at 50

Community Heritage Grants Criteria for 2024

Hearts of Gold – Sefton at 50 is a Sefton CVS Heritage Lottery Funded project to engage, involve and celebrate Sefton’s special people, places and events, The project will use Sefton’s golden anniversary in 2024 as the focus for a programme of activity designed to raise heritage awareness and establish a platform for continued community development.

The project has a focus on recent local heritage celebrating the last 50 years of the Borough of Sefton. We want to encourage projects which relate to this period. Heritage can be anything from the past that you value – places, memories and stories – and want to pass on to future generations. This includes our natural heritage, habitats and landscapes.

The Community Heritage Grants are available to groups and organisations working in Sefton. This funding is targeted at actively engaging local people in recognising, improving, promoting and sustaining their heritage.

Criteria

- ^{1.} 2. Community groups, residents, groups, voluntary organisations, faith-based groups, and social enterprises working in, or providing services to the residents of Sefton.
3. The maximum grant available to organisations is £2,000.
- ^{4.} 5. Organisations involved in the project for which the grant will be used must all:
 - ^{6.} • Be a constituted body and have a bank account with a minimum of two signatories
 - Follow an open access policy
 - Be non-political
 - Have an up to date Safeguarding policy
7. Applications for funding must demonstrate they:
 - ^{8.} a. Meet at least two of the following outcomes:
 - ^{b.} • Involving a wider range of people in heritage.
 - Heritage will be identified and better explained.
 - People will have developed skills.
 - People will have learned about heritage leading to a change in ideas and actions.
 - The local area will be a better place to live, work or visit.



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Help to contribute towards Sefton Borough Council's 2030 Vision, along the following themes:

- Resilient people and places
 - Growing, living and ageing well
 - A great place to live, work and play
 - Community activities, sociability and wellbeing
 - Accessibility and links between services and the community
9. Activities funded should have clear and specific outcomes to be achieved within a defined period of time.
11. Delivery of funded projects should not be dependent on groups securing further additional funding. Projects ideally should be 'standalone'. The Community Heritage Grant is unable to fund ongoing organisational costs.
13. Community Heritage Grants cannot fund political activities, religious activities, or the promotion of personal objectives.
15. Activities that have already received funding through the Community Heritage Grant will not be eligible for further funding for the same activity in subsequent years. Groups may apply in different rounds for more than one grant for distinct and different projects, with each application being assessed on its own merits.
17. Groups are required to take reasonable steps to ensure that their activities can be made available for as broad a range of people as possible and that positive measures are put in place to remove any barriers to access.
19. All organisations must have safeguarding policies in place.
21. Organisations awarded a grant must have the appropriate public liability and employer's liability insurance for the activities that they provide if necessary.
23. All grant recipients will be required to publicise the support of Sefton CVS and the National Lottery Heritage Fund on publicity material including using the appropriate logos.
25. Applications must be submitted on the standard application form. If the application form is not fully completed then the application will not be considered.
27. Funding will not be awarded for activities that have already taken place.
29. Organisations and individuals receiving funding will be required to take part in the monitoring and evaluation process and provide feedback when requested. Projects should be able to report on outcomes within 6 months of receiving the grant. Sefton CVS can provide support with monitoring and evaluation of outcomes.



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Further Information for Applicants

The deadline for applications to be received by is **01/07/2024**.

- I. Community Heritage Grant is a limited fund and not all applications meeting the criteria will be able to be supported.
- II. Capital Costs can be included with a value of up to £500 within the budget.
- III. We particularly welcome applications which support activities that take place in community and faith-based settings.
- IV. We recognise the venue in which a project is based can sometimes be owned or managed by another organisation subject to additional safety requirements. In this instance, we encourage groups to state this in their application.
- V. Grant funds awarded will need to have been spent by end of **March 2025** with any remaining funds being repaid 4 weeks after this date.
- VI. The decision to award a Community Heritage Grant rests with the Project Steering Group Grants Panel. All decisions are final and there is no appeal process.
- VII. All successful applications will be notified within four weeks of the application deadline date.

Please return completed applications to heritage@seftoncvvs.org.uk.

For more information or any questions regarding the funding please don't hesitate to get in touch using the email above.