



What we do

Since 1749 the Dolphin Society has held an annual appeal for funds to improve the quality of life for older people in our community. We use these funds to make grants to trusted local partners supporting older and disabled people, with a particular focus on independent living.

Grant making priorities

We make grants to registered charities and not for profit organisations that:

- Support disadvantaged older and disabled people over 55 old living in BS postcode areas
- AND**
- Deliver direct services and support that enable disadvantaged older and disabled people to live safely and independently in their own homes

We are particularly interested in projects that focus on:

- Reaching people and communities that are most isolated
- Supporting people with their mental and physical needs
- Helping people with advice and practical support

Available grants

We normally award grants of between £500 to £5,000 for any 12-month period. Please contact us before applying if you require a grant above £5,000

Our funds are limited, so we encourage organisations to apply only if their projects meet our criteria. If you are in any doubt, please contact us to discuss your project before you apply administrator@dolphinsociety.org.uk

Examples of what we support

<https://dolphinsociety.org.uk/what-we-do/>

What we don't support

- Organisations based outside the Bristol, Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire area
- Projects whose beneficiaries live outside this area
- Unincorporated community groups/clubs
- Grants to individuals

Please note we do not accept applications from:

- Organisations that are in receipt of a current grant from us
- Organisations that have applied to us unsuccessfully within the last 12 months

How to apply

Applications are accepted at any time - download and complete an application form

The Committee meets four times a year so you should be advised whether or not you have been successful within a maximum of twelve weeks, depending on when your application is received

Reporting back

Successful applicants will be asked to complete a short end of grant report – details will be provided in the grant offer letter, but questions will typically include:

- What services/activities were delivered with the grant
- The number of older and disabled people who benefitted
- How the grant enabled them to live safely and independently in their own homes
- Details of any changes to, and learning from, the original project
- How the grant was spent
- What other funding was secured for the project
- What plans you have for continuing the project beyond the lifetime of the grant

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us

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