

Pride in Place Bootle South Community Consultation Small Grants Fund Guidance 2026

Introduction

[Bootle South](#) has been selected to take part in the UK Government's Pride in Place programme — a long-term investment programme designed to support community-led change and strengthen local neighbourhoods. The programme is managed by Sefton Council for Voluntary Service in partnership with Sefton Council as the Accountable Body.

We're making small grants of up to £1000 available for VCF organisations and community groups for activities designed to support the consultation and engagement of local people. The aim of the grants is to actively engage the community in conversation so the 10 year vision for Bootle South is co-created and co-owned.

Activities funded through the grant must;

- Empower local people to shape the future of their neighborhood
- Deliver meaningful community engagement covering the themes below
- Feedback outcomes to residents

Organisations and community groups **must** be delivering services directly to residents of Bootle South.

The Pride in Place funding aims:

- To build stronger communities
- To create thriving places
- To empower people to take back control

Underpinning the funding are three core objectives to:

- Improve community spaces
- Improve Public spaces
- Revitalise the high street and town centre

Activities should aim to:

- Reach underrepresented residents.
- Engage at least 30 local people.
- Collect usable feedback.
- Include photos, quotes, maps or recordings as evidence.
- Celebrate local pride as well as identifying challenges.

Application Process

1. Application Form- completed fully with a breakdown of the costs, signed and dated
2. Documents you will need to provide:
 - Governing Documents – Constitution, Memorandum & Articles of Association
 - Safeguarding – Policy
 - Bank account details
 - Annual accounts statements
 - DBS check information if applicable

Applying

To apply for the small grant fund please visit: [Pride in Place Bootle South Community Consultation Small Grants Fund 2026 | Sefton CVS Directory](#)

A word document application is available upon request.

Closing Date for applications: Wednesday 8th July 2026, 11:59pm

Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible organisations must:

1. Be a constituted voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise organisation, operating on a not-for-profit basis.
2. Eligible legal structures include:
 - Registered charities, including charitable incorporated organisations (CIO's)
 - Constituted organisations and non-registered charities

- Community interest companies (CIC's) limited by guarantee and community benefit organisations (where there is a minimum of three unrelated directors)
 - Community Groups
 - Faith based groups
3. Have a bank account in the name of the organisation which requires at least two unrelated people to sign cheques and make withdrawals.
 4. Have a robust Child/Adults at Risk Safeguarding Policy & Procedure where applicable and evidence that staff and volunteers are DBS checked.
 5. Be a VCF organisation based in and supporting residents of Bootle South

Who is not eligible?

- Public sector bodies (for example NHS trusts)
- Schools
- Private sector organisations and businesses
- Organisations where their registered or operating address is outside of Bootle area

What is not eligible?

- Expenditure not considered to engage and consult local people
- Grants that are considered to be revenue based e.g. staffing or ongoing such as a contribution to running costs
- Start-up costs for new organisations
- Retrospective funding: costs that have already been incurred
- General building work or repairs
- Activities taking place outside of the Bootle South area

Examples of what could be funded:

- Cameras given to young people to capture areas they love in Bootle South and areas they would like improved, followed by conversations to come up with projects that could tackle these areas.
- Themed walks around the Bootle South area, providing refreshments and discussions on regeneration activities.
- Community creation of short videos covering topics such as green spaces, safety and community activities to inspire conversation with peers.
- Pop up cafes for conversation
- Community bingo with cards containing topics such as parks, youth activities, safety, community events, cleanliness etc
- Picnic discussions

Monitoring and Evaluation

If successful you will need to:

- Complete your activities and report by 5pm, 31st August 2026
- Complete a short end of project report evidencing the engagement and consultation delivered
- Provide details of all feedback from the community in line with Sefton CVS' survey guidelines
- Details of expenditure such as receipts or invoices

What Happens Next

Applications will be considered by a grants panel and will be assessed on the effectiveness of the engagement and consultation proposed.

The closing date for applications to this round of funding is:

Late or incomplete applications cannot be accepted. This includes applications that do not include the required supporting documentation. Please refer to the eligibility criteria, guidance notes and FAQ's sheet carefully before completing your application.

If you are unsure or have any questions about the supporting documents required, please contact Lauren Jones before submitting the application.

If we can be of any help, or you would like to talk to us about your project, then please email contact@prideinplacebootle.org.uk and we will arrange for a member of the team to get in touch.