



KNOWLE WEST ALLIANCE

rooted in the community; growing for the future

Small Grants Information Sheet 2025

How do you get involved?

As a Knowle West-based individual/organisation/group/business, you'll complete a simple application form detailing your community project idea.

Your project must meet at least one of these criteria:

- Making KW a safer, friendlier place
- Making KW a cleaner, greener place
- Making KW a healthier, more active place
- Making KW a creative place

You can apply for one small grant of £250 in a financial year. The money you get should cover the whole cost of your project, or you can look for match funding (money from another source) if your project will cost more than the amount of the Knowle West Alliance grant. We may suggest other ways of funding your project if it's more appropriate.

Do not start your project until funds are agreed. We cannot fund projects after they are complete.

We sometimes have other grants available. You can use the same application process and apply in addition to a small grant if your project meets the funding criteria.

The application form is available online via our website. Please submit the form online, do not print it off. We will not accept paper copies. If you need support, please come to reception at Knowle West Media Centre and a staff member will help you.

What happens next?

After you've put in your application, our Grants Panel will decide if your project meets our criteria. The grants panel meets four times a year in February, May, September and November. We will aim to let you know the outcome within two weeks of the panel meeting.

If your application is approved, you or other member(s) of your project group must record a short video about your project that we can share online, or submit a photograph and a paragraph summarising your project. Everyone in the images or video must have given you their permission. We will not seek additional permissions.

How do you get the grant?

You will be sent information about how to claim your grant; it can either be through production of receipts/invoices or via bank transfer to a community group/organisation bank account with two signatories. This could also be via a suitable third party bank account with their permission.

If you are match funding your project, you will need to have this funding in place before we will release the grant.

What happens after you're awarded the grant?

For most of our grants, you must start your project within 3 months and complete it within 12 months.

Specific deadlines may be in place for projects in some of our funding categories – these are detailed on the application form and our website. If you're finding it difficult to meet these deadlines, please get in touch; we may be able to be flexible.

In your short video or photo and statement, please provide some evidence of how your project has worked and the difference it has made. This could include photos, messages from those impacted by it, videos, case studies, news stories etc. These may be shared through our public communication channels so please only provide evidence that you are happy for us to share. We may also visit your project, or send a short feedback form to complete.

Still got questions? No worries! Please email the grants team – grants@kwalliance.co.uk