High Peak Small Grants Scheme 2026
Guidance Notes

The Health and Wellbeing Partnership in the High Peak is a core strategic group that comprises representatives from a wide range of organisations to improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities across the High Peak.

To help achieve this the partnership has set up a Small Grants Scheme, which will target help and support to local voluntary and community groups and organisations delivering activities and projects at grass roots level.

How much can you apply for?

Constituted Groups Up to £1000.

Non-Constituted Groups
Up to £500

Who can apply?

Any voluntary/community groups or local people active within the High Peak area of Derbyshire who come together to support the health and wellbeing of families and adults within their community are eligible to apply for funding.

For example, your group might be a luncheon club, a social group, a self-help group or another type of community group that provides help and support. You might want to set up a new group to meet a local need that's currently not being addressed.

We want to hear from people who'd like to make a difference to their community. Whether you are a formal group with working rules or a group of friends with a good idea; please think about applying! Speak with HPCVS for advice and if the application is successful they can support you to deliver your project.

Projects should aim to meet the following criteria:

- Promote health and wellbeing
- Be delivered in and support the residents of the High Peak area
- Seek to continue after the funded period
- Link to at least one of the priorities of the High Peak Health and Wellbeing Partnership:
    1. Improving Mental Health & Wellbeing
    2. Supporting older people
    3. Supporting families
    4. Increasing physical activity
    5. Improving Financial Inclusion
    6. Access to Activities, Volunteering and Services

*This year, projects/groups where the main focus is young people are **ineligible** to apply. We direct their attention to the Young Peoples Mental Health and Wellbeing grants.

What sort of activities or projects could the Small Grants Scheme support?

Examples such as:

- befriending/buddying
- activities that support isolated people
- activities that help improve mental health and wellbeing
- financial projects e.g. that help people manage their money better
- setting up a sports team or organising a community sporting event
- setting up or extending services offered by an existing luncheon/social club
- a cookery/shopping network
- a community garden or growing scheme
- a health-related community event

Due to the current challenges facing our sector, please note that this Small Grant Scheme CAN fund:

- Organisational running costs i.e. room hire, insurance etc if you can prove it's essential to your service and will help improve the sustainability over the coming 12 months.

What do you need to show on your application form?

- Information on what you will deliver with the grant money. This needs to be specific about what you plan to do and what you will spend the money on.

- Evidence of how the project meets the needs of people in your community. This can be as simple as having a list of people already waiting to get involved in the project.

- How you will know if your project has been successful. For example, what impact do you expect the project to have on people in your local community?

- How the project will contribute towards one or more of the High Peak Health and Wellbeing Partnership Priorities.

- How your project will continue to benefit local people into the future.

Monitoring and Evaluation

As a condition of funding all successful applicants will be expected to complete a short End of Project Report on the impact of their project. This will be provided with the Decision Letter if you are successful and will provide guidance on the type of information we are looking for. This report must be returned to High Peak CVS at the end of the funded project/activity and demonstrate that the funding was used for the purpose it was intended. This information will allow the Health and Wellbeing Partnership to assess the impact and overall effectiveness of projects for future funding.

Failure to provide evaluation will be taken into account when considering future applications.

Process

Completed application forms (with all supporting documentation) should be submitted to High Peak CVS by the closing date.

A grant panel comprising representatives from High Peak CVS, Public Health, and High Peak Borough Council will assess each application and applicants will be notified whether successful or not shortly after.

If you are a formal constituted group or a group with working rules payment will be made to the successful applicants via BACS within 2 weeks of the panel's meeting.
If you are not a formal constituted group or a group with working rules High Peak CVS will reimburse you for receipted expenditure or process invoices on your behalf.

On completion of the project, successful applicants will be required to submit their End of Project Report. Failure to provide end of project reports will be taken into account when considering future applications.

The grant scheme will be administered by High Peak CVS.

The application process is open until 11th January 2027 at 9am. The panel will meet after this date to make decisions on applications and you will be contacted with their decision.

Applications should be returned to:

High Peak CVS via email to Donna Wren: **hello@highpeakcvs.org.uk**

Or post to:

Donna Wren, High Peak CVS, Dunbar House, 105 Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge, High Peak SK23 7HX

For any queries do not hesitate to get in touch with us on **01663 735350 Option 1**