



The EPIC Charity - Bristol

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1. Aim of *The EPIC Charity - Bristol*

To support care-experienced young people in Bristol to access **leisure activities** and **hobbies** that they wouldn't otherwise be able to.

2. Deciding who gets a grant:

Young people who are or were in the care of Bristol City Council, and are or will be eligible for a leaving care service.

Applicants will normally be aged **13 -25**. In exceptional cases, the Charity may consider applications from people outside of this age bracket.

Grants are normally limited to a maximum of £500

The charity may consider awarding a single grant in excess of £500 to a group made up of care-experienced children and young people.

3. Exclusions

The charity will not award grants for any activity normally funded elsewhere, save in exceptional circumstances.

The Charity will not award grants for applications that do not meet with the Charity's aims. We will try to signpost where possible.

The Charity reserves the right to turn down any application and there is no obligation on the Charity to provide a reason for its decision. Each decision is final and there is no appeal process.

5. Grant application process

All applications for grants should be completed in conjunction with this policy. They must be made by using *The EPIC Charity - Bristol* application form, completed in full and may be emailed to *EPIC Bristol* at: epic.charity@bristol.gov.uk

Applicants must inform the Charity of the full names and contact details of one referee (as detailed in the grant application form) who are prepared to support their application.

Agreement must have been gained by the applicant for the Charity to contact the referees and for their details to be utilised for such purposes;



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Applications must be signed or verified by the applicant (or in the case of applications by persons under the age of 18 years by someone with parental responsibility) to confirm that all information provided is correct so it can be verified by the Charity.

6. Information

6.1 All grant applications will be checked to ensure they meet the basic criteria for funding. The charity may need extra information.

7 Assessment process

7.1 *The EPIC Charity - Bristol* may receive more applications than it has funds to support. Even if an application fits within the criteria and priorities of the Charity the Charity may still be unable to provide a grant.

7.2 If the application is successful the Charity normally issues the funds directly to the supplier rather than make a payment to the applicant. For example, membership fees may be paid directly to a sports club.

8. Monitoring outcomes from grants awarded

8.1 It is the policy of the Charity to monitor all grants made to ensure value for money and impact.

8.2 If the grant is payable in instalments, then payment of future instalments may be dependent on satisfactory progress having been demonstrated.

8.3 The charity may require evidence of outcome of the grant such as feedback, photos, or certificates.

9. *The EPIC Charity - Bristol* Funding Policy must be read in conjunction with *The EPIC Charity - Bristol* Privacy Policy. By submitting a Grant Application the applicant confirms that they have read, understood and agreed to relevant policies.

10. *The EPIC Charity - Bristol* may require a named worker to support the young person to access the full potential of their grant.

11. Variations to this policy

11.1 The Board of trustees may vary the terms of this policy from time to time.

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