

FAQs for the Bradford 2025 Social Prescribing Awards

1. Can you apply for funding if you have already received funding from Bradford 2025?

Yes, as long as the new application meets the criteria and aligns with the objectives of the Social Prescribing Awards, previous funding from Bradford 2025 does not disqualify you.

2. Can you apply if you are a church?

Yes, churches and faith-based organisations can apply as long as the proposed project aligns with the objectives of the Social Prescribing Awards and benefits the wider community, rather than serving exclusively religious purposes.

3. Does the lead organisation have a maximum turnover that would stop them from applying?

No, there is no maximum turnover for the lead organisation. However, all applications will be assessed on their relevance, feasibility, and alignment with the programme objectives, regardless of organisational size.

4. Can a freelancer apply for the Small Award (up to £6,000)?

Yes, freelancers can apply as the lead applicant for the Small Award. They must demonstrate the capacity to deliver the project and meet the funding criteria.

5. Can a freelancer apply for the Medium-Sized Award (up to £30,000)?

Freelancers can be the instigators of a Medium-Sized Award application. However, we strongly encourage partnering with an organisation to administer the Award unless the freelancer can provide evidence of successfully managing a project of this scale in the past.

6. Can this fund trips?

Yes, trips can be funded if they are a core part of the project and align with the Social Prescribing Awards' objectives. For example, trips that engage participants in creative health activities or connect them with nature (e.g., green or blue spaces) would be considered eligible.

7. Can this fund staff?

Yes, staffing costs can be included in the budget if they are essential for delivering the project. For example, hiring sessional staff, project coordinators, or facilitators to implement creative health activities would be eligible. However, the budget must clearly justify these costs in relation to the project's objectives.

8. Does the project have to cover the entire district?

No, the activity can happen in one location. However, the project should demonstrate its impact and relevance to the specific community or participants it engages with.

9. Do all participants need to be referred?

No, you may have participants who have worked with you previously and wish to self-refer onto the activity. However, there must be capacity for new participants to be referred through a social prescriber, case worker, or similar professional.

10. Can an organisation apply if their project serves multiple priority groups?

Yes, we welcome projects that address intersectionality across multiple priority groups. This approach is highly encouraged as it reflects the diverse realities of participants.

11. Can the funding be used for continuity of existing activities?

We would prefer the funding to be used for new or extended activities rather than pure continuity of existing programmes. However, if your proposal includes innovative extensions or adaptations of current work, it may be eligible.

12. Is there an expectation of match funding?

Match funding is not required but is welcomed and can strengthen an application. This could include cash contributions or in-kind support.

13. What support is needed to evidence partnerships for medium grants?

We encourage applicants to provide supporting documents, such as letters of support, that demonstrate the strength of the partnership. While not mandatory, they can enhance your application.

14. How much flexibility is there in terms of delivery start dates?

Projects ideally should align with the 2025 calendar year, with evaluations completed by January 2026. If you propose a late start (e.g., July 2025), ensure that the compressed timeline is justified and feasible.

15. Can consultation or scoping activities be part of the project?

Yes, consultation or preparatory activities can be included as part of your project plan, as long as they contribute to a well-defined narrative leading to the delivery phase.

16. Can a project include travel to locations like the Yorkshire Dales or seaside?

Yes, trips can be included if they are part of a sustained programme and contribute to the objectives of the awards. For example, connecting participants with nature or promoting mental well-being.

17. Does the application have to be submitted online?

Yes, applications are to be submitted online. If you face accessibility challenges, contact us at creativehealth@bradford2025.co.uk, and we'll assist you.

18. Can activities take place outside Bradford District or Craven?

While the core focus should remain within Bradford District and Craven, activities that engage participants across borders may be considered if they clearly address the programme's objectives.

19. Can funding be used for marketing or promotion?

Marketing costs directly tied to recruiting participants and raising awareness about your project can be included in the budget. Ensure these are proportionate and justified.

20. Are there guidelines for including seasonal or outdoor activities?

Yes, seasonal or weather-dependent activities are eligible. Outline your timeline and the reasons for the chosen schedule, particularly if your project is outdoors or location-specific.