

# Comic Relief Local Communities Programme

The Comic Relief Local Communities Programme 2015-2017 is offering grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to support projects that are:

(A) Improving people's life skills, education, employability and enterprise OR

(B) Advancing people's physical and mental health, wellbeing and safety

**Priority will be given to projects run by small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage** that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community and are undertaking actions as a means of addressing these needs.

## Criteria Checklist

Are you able to answer YES to the following questions?

- Does the project aim to empower local people, enabling them to create lasting change in their communities?
- Is the project run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with?
- Is the organisation a small, locally based group?
- Is the grant you are seeking at least **30%** or more of the total project cost?
- Do you pay all staff at least the Living Wage (which is £8.25 an hour UK wide or £9.40 an hour in London)?

If you can answer YES to ALL the questions above, you can apply for funds to

- Increase local services
- Build skills of local people
- Increase community cohesion
- Respond to local economic needs
- Increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation

Organisations which hold a grant directly from Comic Relief, **cannot apply** for a Comic Relief Local Communities Grant.

## Exclusions

Grants will not be awarded to:

- Individuals

- Statutory organisations, including schools
- Fund trips abroad
- Fund buses, mini buses or other community transport schemes (not including transport costs forming part of a project)
- Fund building costs, including access adaptations to buildings
- Organisations which are in receipt of a grant directly from Comic Relief