

	City Funds	Community Initiatives Funding Priority
The Challenge	<p>Bristol is a city full of vibrant community energy, yet experiences entrenched systemic inequality. Social and environmental factors contribute to disadvantage and inequality: it's bad for everyone but most negatively impacts specific neighbourhoods and groups of people.</p> <p>Financial, physical, human and natural resources are not effectively and equitably leveraged into and within the city, which makes it harder for communities to respond to the challenges they face.</p>	<p>Bristol is booming, however inequalities within the city are growing, specifically for working class disadvantaged geographic communities and particular equalities groups. This entrenched multiple disadvantage and inequality has persisted over many years, exacerbated by austerity which has compounded the situation by reducing the availability and flexibility of public services and further exposed the disparity in the city. Many of these communities do not have access to the support and assets they need to build their resilience or to create their own solutions to the challenges they are facing.</p> <p>The challenge is to create opportunities for transformational change with and for these communities. The core of this is for the city to enable building of new collaborative relationships between public services, individuals and communities, where communities are no longer marginalised on the edges of the socio-economy, but are at the centre of building a thriving community. Developing new funding models and new approaches to financial sustainability is key. Community infrastructure is an integral part of supporting and sustaining communities in need and building beyond this need, to community empowerment and ownership.</p>
Our Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide, raise and manage grant and investment funds, leverage co-investment, and structure financial products to enable local organisations to bring about transformational impact. • Broker business, civic and other resources that provide the support funded organisations need to thrive. • Maintain governance in such a way that membership is regularly rotated, with constant challenge to include and involve those most at risk of disadvantage. • Decide and review funding priorities and selection criteria in line with the One City Plan. • Monitor, evaluate, assist and report financial and impact performance of investees and the Fund. • Work in partnership with key stakeholders and use learnings to influence priorities and policy across Bristol in line with the One City Approach, and to share effective practice across Bristol and the UK. 	<p>The FPG will bring about transformational impact by enabling stronger, more socially and economically resilient communities, in the areas of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Social - increased social capital, engagement, impact, local economic resilience and community cohesion in the City's least advantaged geographic areas and with equalities communities. 2) Economic - increased social capital, community resilience, re and local economies in the City's least advantaged geographic areas and with groups experiencing the greatest inequalities. 3) Physical assets – community-owned land, buildings, homes and natural environments to support, enable and transform. <p>*A robust VCSE sector will be seen as the primary, but not exclusive, vehicle to create these outcomes</p> <p>By:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) using professional and other networks to proactively engage with existing projects/enterprises that could become City Funds applicants 5) act of the decision-making panel for grants relating to Community Initiatives outcomes 6) ensuring that CI-FPG activities are aligned with the outcomes established in the One City Plan and provide a mechanism for regular review and advocating for relevant iterations of the Plan specifically focussed on community benefit. 7) ensuring that CI-FPG activities promote collaborative and inclusive co-design with relevant client groups, communities and end users.
Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased transformational impact delivered by projects funded by City Funds. • Increased capacity within local organisations to deliver transformational impact. • A sustainable placed-based fund leveraging increased impact investment and grant funding into and within Bristol, supporting the goals of the One City Plan. • Increased aligned collaboration between different types of organisations and communities within the city seeking to deliver transformational change in line with the One City Approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities are enabled and empowered to lead on their own solutions to local challenges, through investment in a strong social economy sector. • Increased social capital, impact, local economic resilience and community cohesion in the City's least advantaged geographic areas and those communities with a protected characteristic. This year there will be an additional priority focus on race and disability. • The Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise sector has increased capacity and financial stability to tackle social, economic and environmental disadvantage and inequality through the equitable access to blended grant and social investment. • Physical community assets including land, buildings will be deployed and developed by communities to deliver transformational change, contributing to local economic resilience, social fabric and homes in areas of disadvantage and for VCSE organisations will be able to access the right enabling support and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased influence on policy and practice across Bristol based on evidence from frontline learning to enable places to take action to deliver transformational change. 	<p>financial products to support successful delivery. (NB: We are defining assets as land, community buildings, and could incorporate assets which are required for community led housing)</p> <p>Increased impact created by CI-funded projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellbeing measures? Of communities -Happy City? (cover 1 & 2) VCSE survey to measure improved capacity and financial sustainability (covers 3) Policy changes to enable work? (evidence of changed relationships?) Increased # of community led/owned orgs creating root-cause solutions (covers 1?) Increased # of orgs operating for/in target geographic and equalities communities Progression of orgs along sustainability pathway (covers 3) Increased £ value of Bristol's assets unlocked for community benefit (covers 4)
<p>Wider impact</p>	<p>Bristol is a fair, healthy and sustainable city; a city of hope and aspiration where everyone can and share in its success.</p> <p>Inequality and disadvantage is reduced: everyone can contribute to and benefit from dynamic, inclusive communities and a prosperous, sustainable local economy.</p>	<p>CI FPG will make a contribution to the One City Plan 2050 outcomes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone in Bristol lives in a home that meets their needs within a thriving and safe community Everyone in Bristol can contribute to a sustainable, inclusive and growing economy from which everyone benefits Everyone in Bristol will have the opportunity to live a life in which they are mentally and physically healthy