C4 community grant

Do you have a community led initiative that could make a difference to your community? Community members (including voluntary and community groups, grassroots organisations, businesses, students, local residents, public sector) can apply for funding to develop community led projects that address issues important to the Talgarth community.

Launched on 23rd November 2026, the Centre for Collaboration in Community Connectedness (C4) community grants support community-led projects through funding new local ideas and opportunities for collaboration. The grant helps community members and students to develop projects that address issues important to the Talgarth community, aiming to build community connectedness and improve wellbeing. The call for proposals is open until 14th January 2027.

Successful projects will help create practical learning about what works, what challenges communities face, and how local people can work together to create lasting change.

The proposed idea should:

- Have community benefit in Talgarth and/or neighboring district areas
- Address issues or opportunities identified through the Future Connections event[1]
- Encourage collaboration between community members and students
- Support local action and positive change

Eligibility and suitability

Successful applicants will be expected to:

- Complete your project and spend the funding by December 2027.
- Ensure activities are inclusive and do not unnecessarily exclude participation, including avoiding clashes with major religious holidays where possible.
- Successful applicants will provide light touch reporting updates and can choose how to provide feedback (for example, photos, video or written feedback).
- Attend a Share and Build workshop with other successful applicants, to reflect on what went well, what didn't work as well, and what could have been improved to highlight key learning from these community led projects.

[1] Young people, inclusion, sense of direction, making housing work, coordination, strong sense of land, place and identity

Application procedure

- Applicants for the grant are required to fill out the application form C4 community grants or send a 3-minute voice note answering the questions to Vita on: 07591 826 765

- The application form asks for details of the applicants involved (name, role, institutions), and a clear outline of the activities proposed, why the project is needed, what difference it will make, a timeline for delivery and a simple budget outlining expected cost.

- Please include a provisional budget providing a breakdown of anticipated costs (e.g. travel, venue and equipment hire, editing etc.) and whether any other funding has been applied for or received from other sources. These costings need to justify the proposed activities.

- We do not expect applications to include costs for time for employed members but would be happy to discuss this matter for exceptional circumstances. The grant can also not be used to pay for subscriptions or licence fees, mobile phones, or travel.

- You may bid for an amount up to £1000 and can bid as a pair or as a group.

- Each application is required to have one community member lead and one student lead, who will be the main point of contact and responsible for the small grant.

- If the application involves a group, please specify the reason for this collaboration.

Selection process

Applications will be reviewed by the C4 Community Grant Assessment Panel.

The panel will consider:

- Whether the proposal meets the grant criteria
- Whether the project is realistic and achievable
- Whether the people involved have the capacity to deliver the project
- What support may be needed to help the project succeed?

Payment

Unless there are exceptional circumstances (in which case please get in touch with us to discuss), we expect that you will be responsible for paying upfront costs, reclaiming these from Black Mountains College by December 2027. Payment will be made on receipt of both a breakdown of costs with associated receipts/invoices and attendance at the learning workshop.

How will C4 support the application process:

- Outreach work with well networked groups to encourage applications.
- Host an in-person Q&A session on the 10th of December: To present the key insights from the Future Connection event and community grant application process to potential applicants.
- Signposting and support to apply for further funding. For example, community grants are sometimes used to assist groups to create plans that will help them access funds for capital projects.

Key dates:

Grant opens	23 November 2026
Application deadline	14 January 2027
Applicants notified of outcome	21 January 2027
Share and Build workshop	Autumn 2027

Questions

If you would like to discuss an idea before applying or need support with the application process, please get in touch. We are keen to hear from people who care about their community and want to explore new ideas, build relationships, and make a positive difference in Talgarth. Please email vita@blackmountainscollege.uk.