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**Neighbourhood Portion of
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath**

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Project title:	Percy Youth Project
Amount of funding sought from the Neighbourhood portion of CIL for Bath fund	£31,900.00

Section 1: Applicant details

Name:	Roger Houghton
Organisation:	Percy Community Centre
Locality or ward which will benefit from this project:	Kingsmead

Section 2: Project Details

2.1 Please provide a clear description of your project proposal – including your outcomes and objectives (maximum 300 words)
<p>We are requesting funding to allow us to continue our long-running youth project at the Centre. This has run continually for over twelve years, funded by a variety of organisations including Children in Need, the National Lottery and St John's Foundation (which has now redirected its funding to the pre-secondary school ages). Most recently we have benefited from CIL funding which was awarded in July 2022.</p> <p>We provide a facility for young people to socialise, learn life skills, and engage with issues with positive adult role models. We have a dedicated indoor room with kitchen facilities (originally paid for with funds raised by past members of the youth project). Activities available include table-tennis, table football, darts, computer games, a suite of iMacs and a music studio with recording facilities; outside is a tarmac games area used for activities including five-a-side football and basketball. We also organise off-site activities from time-</p>

to-time. Last year this included paddleboarding on the river Avon. We carry out evaluations of each session and discuss with our users which activities they value.

2.2 Please tell us briefly about your organisation, for example is it a charity, residents' association, etc.

The Percy Community Centre is an independent charity (reg. no. 1127986 The Centre began as the Percy Boys Club, founded in 1940, so we have a long history of providing support and facilities to the young people of Bath.). We receive no revenue funding support and rely on room hire to cover our core running costs. For the charitable activities we provide we are dependent on grants and donations.

2.3 Have you or your organisation previously applied for funding from the Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath?

We previously received funding for the same use. We have also received funding for new Annexe doors (just completed) and resurfacing of our outside court (MUGA). Work on this last one is expected to begin shortly.

2.4 Is this a new project or does this project link into an existing project? (Include a breakdown of how you plan to allocate the funding)

This is an ongoing activity although we have recently been able to expand out provision from one evening per week to two.

2.5 Target Start Date:

01/07/2024

2.6 Target Completion Date:

30/06/2025

2.7 Please provide more detail on the proposed timeline for the delivery of key components of your project including any targets and how these will be evaluated. (You may wish to include a table with dates and outcomes for example).

As an ongoing activity we would plan to start using the funding once existing funding is used up. Although the last grant of CIL funding was intended to cover 2023 there was a delay due to staffing issues before we were able to run the second weekly activity night. We have recently recruited a new youth leader and youth worker, enabling us to run on Tuesdays as well as Thursdays. One consequence is that we have been able to stretch the CIL funding into 2024 and we should have sufficient to take us into June 2024.

2.8 If planning permission is required for this project - has it been granted?
If Yes - please include the dates and reference numbers for these permissions.

n/a

2.9 Are there any planned changes which will have an effect on the premises or location where your project is to be located?

No

2.10 Are there any planned changes in the circumstances of your organisation's operation or **financial position** that you are aware of which may prevent this project being completed?

No

Section 3: Funding Criteria

The project must address the specific impacts of new developments within the city or locality from which the funding has been generated.

This application must show that the project either:

- *Supports the development of the relevant area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure.*
- *Addresses other demands that development places on the area.*

3.1 How does the project address the specific impacts of new development(s)? (Maximum 300 words)

- Does it fund the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, and maintenance of infrastructure?
OR
- Does it address another demand that development places on the area?

(You may consider this on a ward basis, a locality basis, or a city-wide basis.)

There is increasing numbers of potential users for youth services driven by new residential developments in the area. This is reflected in secondary school provision with six secondary schools oversubscribed in B&NES. (ASCL survey, May 2021). Additional residential development is planned for Western Riverside and there are proposals for a mixed residential development on the former Homebase site, close to the Centre. And there are new flats currently under construction next door to the Percy Centre at 54 New King Street.

- 3.2 How does the project benefit the area where development has taken place? (If your project has city-wide impact you will need to demonstrate how the broader community in the city will benefit.)

Our service users mostly come from Bath although at times we have had some from further afield in B&NES, including Radstock and Peasedown. We will promote the activity both on social media and by displaying posters in local schools. By targeting schools, we can be sure of reaching families who have moved into the area. Many of our users come to the Centre on foot.

In 2023 we welcomed 51 separate users and so far this year another 28. Not all come every week, of course, but our established Thursday sessions generally attract up to 20 users and we hope to build up the new Tuesday night sessions to a similar level.

- 3.3 Please provide evidence which shows how the community has been listened to and what support exists for your project?

Those who attend will be involved in choosing and planning activities. (Previously we have been awarded the Children's Society Children's Rights Charter for our involvement of children and young people in the design and delivery of our services.) We also work with the Black Families Education Support Group.

- 3.4 Have you consulted your ward councillor(s) about this project?

Not formally but both will be aware that we provide youth services.

Section 4: Funding Information

4.1 Total Cost of Project:	£36,300.00
4.2 Amount of funding sought from the Neighbourhood Portion of CIL fund:	£31,900.00

4.3 Please provide a detailed breakdown of the costs for the delivery of this project, specifying how the funds will be allocated to different aspects of the project (including personnel, supplies, equipment, outreach etc).

Weekly:

Youth Leader: 10 hrs @ £20/hour
 Asst. Leader: 6 hrs @ £15/hour
 Studio engineer: 6 hrs @ £14/hour
 Youth worker 1: 6 hrs @ £12/hour
 Youth worker 2: 6 hrs @ £12/hour

Total wages = £518.00/week

Resources: £28/week
 Room hire: £180 (£90 x 2 sessions)

Weekly total = £726.00

X 50 weeks = £36,300.00

4.4 Can you provide evidence that your proposals will provide value for money (for example – have you obtained more than one quote for a service or item)?

We do our best to achieve value for money. As you can see, the largest cost by far is in staff pay.

4.5 Does this project benefit from any source of matched funding? (Include sources, dates, funds agreed/expected and amounts):

The Percy Centre will contribute 50% of the room hire cost as a form of matched funding (=£4,400.00).

4.6 Provide a breakdown of the efforts of volunteers in supporting this project. Please include number of hours, types of volunteers, geographical reach, if known.

We currently have one volunteer who works in the music studio. We may involve other volunteers from time to time and we sometimes get enquiries from students and the student unions, with whom we have worked in the past.

4.7 Please specify any other additional funds which have already been agreed:

None

4.8 Please specify any funds which have been applied for but are awaiting a decision:

None