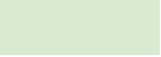
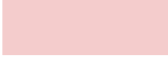


Community Grant Funding Criteria

We fund improvements to community buildings and outside spaces for everyone and anyone to use.

Use our online [Postcode Checker](#) and the guidance in the table below to help you decide if we are the right funder for you. We reserve the right not to progress any application.

 We will consider funding

 We won't consider funding

Project Site
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ structural improvement works to a single building or outdoor space which has public access: e.g. community centre, public park, play area, skate park, MUGA, sports ground, woodland, nature reserve, community garden, public right of way, inland waterway ✓ a project with all permissions (e.g. planning) in place ✓ a project where the applicant is the landowner or has a formal agreement (e.g. a lease) with the landowner, with at least six years of the term remaining
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x a project that will take place in a theatre, museum, art gallery, school, library, medical centre, hospital, police station, fire station, hospice, zoo, shop, cafe, office/flexible workspace, allotment, graveyard, crematorium, road, car park or where there is on-site accommodation x historic building restoration, statues, monuments, memorials or art installations x the purchase of land or a building
Organisation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ an application from an organisation which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ is charitable and operated on a not-for-profit basis ✓ is constituted, with a set of signed governing documents ✓ has been established for a minimum of two years ✓ has a minimum of two directors, trustees or committee members who are not related to each other ✓ does not financially benefit directors, trustees, members ✓ an application from a local authority ✓ an organisation that accepts any grant awarded will incur an additional CTP cost (see details below*)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x an application from hospice, care home, emergency service, theatre, museum, art gallery, educational organisation including a pre-school, school, university or organisation with an affiliation to a school, including PTA
Access
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ a project to improve an outside space or community building available for everyone and anyone to use on a daily basis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x a project site with restricted access e.g. prevents use by any person or user group defined by age, gender, disability, race, religion or belief
Expenditure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ construction and/or improvement of buildings, or outdoor spaces ✓ fixed items (e.g. kitchen cupboards and worksurfaces, boilers and radiators, windows and doors, toilets, fencing)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x costs which have already been incurred (e.g. design fees, planning application fees) x furniture and equipment (e.g. kitchen and electrical appliances, sports equipment, lawnmowers, computers, audio and visual equipment, CCTV and Wifi) x running costs (e.g. staff salaries, rent and maintenance fees) x renewable energy projects that have the potential to generate income e.g. solar panels
Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ a project that will physically start within four months of being awarded a grant ✓ a project that will complete within 12 months of its start date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x a project that forms part of a larger project x a project that has already started or is anticipated to start before formal agreements are signed

Finance

- ✓ a project with a total cost of no more than £250,000
 - ✓ a grant application requesting between £10,000 and £75,000
 - ✓ a project where the 10% CTP payment* has been secured, which is required to release the grant
- x a project that intends to generate an income for use other than for the upkeep of the project site

What you need to know before applying for a community grant

When can you apply?

There are four funding rounds each year, see the next closing date on our [website](#). Only one application per project site will be considered in a 12 month period.

We review our funding criteria quarterly, therefore it is important that you check our [Criteria](#) at the time you submit your application to make sure your grant request remains eligible.

To assist you in your application

When considering your application, we look at how your project will:

- benefit as many people as possible, reaching out to communities, improving lives and bringing people together
- actively encourage the whole community to use your building or outside space for the maximum time possible
- deliver a project that the community has identified
- actively involve volunteers and the community
- have a positive effect on your local environment
- achieve good value, by creating a lasting improvement for your community

* Contributing Third Party Payment (CTP Payment)

In 1996, Landfill Tax was introduced by the government to help reduce the amount of waste being taken to landfill sites and promote a shift to more environmentally friendly sustainable methods of waste management. Alongside the introduction of Landfill Tax, the government launched the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), which enables landfill operators to contribute money to community and environmental projects. The LCF is regulated by ENTRUST, a body appointed by HMRC (www.entrust.org.uk)

Landfill operators can contribute a defined percentage of their annual landfill tax liability into the LCF. Against this, they can reclaim 90% of their contributions as tax credits. Each LCF grant recipient is therefore asked to arrange a payment to the landfill operator, who has provided the grant, to cover this 10% shortfall.

If your application is successful, you will need to arrange a CTP payment of 10% of your grant amount, to the landfill operator, before your grant can be released. This payment is retained by the landfill operator to cover the 10% tax credit shortfall, it is never refunded.

Who can provide a CTP?

A company, public sector organisation, voluntary body, individual or your own organisation. This is subject to the following conditions:

- > The CTP donor must not derive a unique benefit from the project going ahead
- > The CTP donation must not be made up of LCF monies
- > There must be no connection between the CTP donor and any of the contractors carrying out the project

If you have a project that meets the above criteria, you can apply through the funding section of our [website](#).

If you require further information please contact us.

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