



Agenda for Community Grant Panel Wednesday, 15th April, 2026, 5.30 pm

Members of Community Grant Panel

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S Jackson and S Smith

Venue: Tale Room, Blackdown House, Honiton

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This continues the meeting previously adjourned on 30 March 2026.

- 1 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 March 2026 (Pages 3 - 6)
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Declarations of Interest
Guidance is available online to Councillors and co-opted members on making [declarations of interest](#)
- 4 Public Speaking
Information on [public speaking is available online](#)
- 5 Matters of Urgency
Information on [matters of urgency](#) is available online
- 6 Confidential or exempt items
To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There are no items which Officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.
- 7 **Community Grant Funding Awards 2025/26 (Pages 7 - 18)**
Following adjournment of the meeting held on the 30 March 2026, the Panel are asked to consider an update on the report from the Benefits and Financial Resilience Manager on funding the remaining applications.

Members of the Panel could consider recommending a change to the policy that permits applications that would normally be awarded but can't be due to the funding limits in place for the Community buildings, to be rolled over to the next funding window without having to reapply.

Therefore the following recommendation has been made, set out below:

Recommendation

To recommend to Cabinet to make the following change to the Community Grant Fund policy

- Applications that meet the policy criteria, but Members are unable to approve due to funding limits can be rolled over to the next grant window.

Subject to Cabinet approving the above recommendation the 6 Community building fund applications deferred for a decision will be carried forward to the next grant window.

8 Current Community Grant Policy for reference (Pages 19 - 35)

Members of the public exercising their right to speak during Public Speaking will be recorded.

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EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**Minutes of the meeting of Community Grant Panel held at Council Chamber, Blackdown House on 30 March 2026****Attendance list at end of document**

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.36 pm

6 Declarations of Interest

None.

7 Public Speaking

None.

8 Matters of Urgency

None.

9 Confidential or exempt items

None.

10 Community Grant Funding Awards 2025/26

The Panel considered the following small community grants that met the criteria and awarded grants as follows:

RESOLVED:

Group	Area	Funding requested	Panel decision
Action East Devon	Axminster and surrounding areas	£1,500	Agreed
Axewoods Co-Op	East Devon	£1,395	Agreed
Bright Bridge Enabling SW CIC	Exmouth Area	£1,500	Agreed
Budleigh Salterton Information Centre	Budleigh Salterton	£1,320	Agreed
Clyst St George and Ebford Parish Hall	Clyst St George and Ebford	£700	Agreed
Devon Dig and Donate CIC	East Devon	£1,499	Agreed
Devon Healing	East Devon	£1,500	Agreed

Horsemanship			
Discover Your Doorstep CIC	Exmouth and surrounding areas	£1,500	Agreed
East Devon All Stars	Seaton and surrounding areas	£1,500	Agreed
Emma Molony Wallpaper	Cranbrook	£950	Agreed
Exmouth Bosom Buddies CIC	Exmouth Area	£1,482	Agreed
Happi Beats	East Devon villages	£1,200	Agreed
Honiton Carers Support Group	Honiton, Ottery, Combe Raleigh, Collaton Raleigh, Offwell, Feniton, Sidmouth & Pinhoe	£1,500	Agreed
Inspiring Connections SW CIC	East Devon	£1,500	Agreed
Little Green Change	Axminster, Seaton, Kilmington and Honiton.	£1,499.95	Agreed
Make Lunch partnered with All Saints Church	Sidmouth and surrounding areas	£800	Agreed
North Devon Deaf Children's Society	East Devon	£1,500	Agreed
Ottery Help Scheme	Whimble	£1,500	Agreed
Seaton & District Hospital League of Friends	Seaton District	£1,500	Agreed
Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub CIC	Sidmouth and surrounding areas	£1,500	Agreed
The Devon Centre of Birth	Exmouth Area	£1,200	Agreed
Wellbeing Workshops Devon	Exmouth, Budleigh Salterton	£1,500	Agreed
		£30,045.95	

The Panel considered the following applications that still required further evidence and **RESOLVED**

1. that the remaining four applications that required further evidence should be referred to officers to obtain the outstanding evidence;
2. that subject to the necessary evidence being obtained, the applications met the criteria and therefore were agreed in principle by the Panel; giving delegated authority as set out in the Community Grants Fund policy for the Chair, as Portfolio Holder for Finance, to make the final decision on the applications as the amount fell under the £3000 limit (paragraph 6.4 of the policy refers)

The Panel considered the following Community Buildings applications. After discussion, the Panel agreed that some applications could be granted but that further information and consideration was required. The Chair therefore agreed that after this resolution, the meeting be adjourned and the remaining applications be considered by the Panel on the 15th April 2026 at 5.30pm.

RESOLVED that

1. The applications for village halls listed in the table below, namely Dunkeswell, Escot, Aylesbeare, Umborne and Netherton Club Farway, be granted
2. The remaining applications be deferred for further information and consideration by the Panel

Building	Total Amount of Funding Required	Amount of Funding Requested from EDDC	Difference in funding in place	Panel decision
Dunkeswell Village Hall	£21,053	£10,000	Yes	Agreed
Netherton Club - Farway Village Hall	£15,371	£10,000	Yes	Agreed
Escot Village Hall	£14,121	£10,000	Yes	Agreed
Northleigh Parish Hall	£2,290.49	£2,000	Yes	Defer for further information
1 st Beer Scout Group	£5,849.56	£4,428.17	Yes	Defer for further information
Offwell Recreation Ground and Village Hall	£3,875	£2,712	Yes	Defer for further information
Aylesbeare Village Hall	£74,000	£10,000	Yes	Agreed
Umborne Village Hall	£26,735.04	£10,000	Yes	Agreed
Musbury Village Hall	£1,816	£1,816	Not required	Defer for further information
Gittisham Parish Hall	£2,835.81	£2,835.81	Not Required	Defer for further information
Awliscombe Parish Hall	£2,720.50	£2,720.50	Not Required	Defer for further information

Attendance List

Councillors present:

S Hawkins (Chair)

J Bailey
S Hughes
J Loudoun
H Parr
S Jackson

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

Officers in attendance:

Sharon Church, Benefits Manager
Debbie Meakin, Democratic Services Officer

Councillor apologies:

S Smith

Chairman

Date:

Report to: Community Grant Panel

Date of Meeting 30 March 2026

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Community Grant Funding Awards for 2025/26

Report summary:

East Devon District Council's Community Grant Fund has £102,000 of funding available for the 2025/26 financial year to help financially support voluntary groups, charities, social enterprises and community buildings.

This report details the applications made to the fund and those which meet the criteria set out within the Community Grant policy, for the Community Grant Panel to make decisions on which applications will receive grant funding.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

That the Community Grant Panel

1. Approve the 22 applications with a total spend of £30,046 for the Small Community Grants element of the Community Grant scheme and
2. Consider the applications for the Community Building element of the fund and make decisions on whether applicants should receive the grant funding.

Reason for recommendation:

As per The Community Grant Fund Policy, Members of the Community Grant Panel (CGP) will approve officer's decisions on the small community grant element and determine applications from the community buildings element made to the Community Grant Fund.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Assets and Economy
- Communications and Democracy
- Council, Corporate and External Engagement
- Culture, Leisure, Sport and Tourism

- Environment - Nature and Climate
- Environment - Operational
- Finance
- Place, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities

Equalities impact Low Impact

Not applicable

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk;

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Link to [Council Plan](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- A supported and engaged community
- Carbon neutrality and ecological recovery
- Resilient economy that supports local business
- Financially secure and improving quality of services

Report in full

1. Background

- 1.1 East Devon District Council's Community Grant Fund is available to voluntary sector groups and community buildings such as village halls. The policy was agreed by Cabinet on 29 October 2025.
- 1.2 In total £204,000 has been made available for the financial years 2025/26 and 2026/27. £102,000 is available for the financial year 2025/26.
- 1.3 Funding has been further split between the Small Community Grants available for small voluntary groups and Community buildings within rural areas. A maximum of £51,000 has been made available for Community buildings within rural areas for each financial year to ensure there is enough funding available for small community projects.
- 1.4 Funding available for Small Community Grants is between £300 and £1,500 with £500 to £10,000 available for Community Buildings.
- 1.4 Under East Devon District Council's Community Grant Policy, Officers will score and decide applications for the small community grant element of the fund for Members to approve. Officers will also score and present applications for community buildings to Members of the CGP to decide which applications will receive grant funding.

2. Applications

- 2.1 The grant window for the financial year 2025/26 was set for 19 January 2026 to 27 February 2026.

- 2.2 A total of 68 applications were received during the grant window. Of these applications 24 were received for Community Grant Buildings and 44 for Small Community Grants.
- 2.3 Applications have been received from across a good range of the East Devon district.
- 2.4 Applications for both the small community grants and Community Buildings have been scored against the criteria set out within the Community Grant Policy.
- 2.5 As per section 6 of the policy, applications that have not passed the scoring criteria are not included within this report.

3. Small Community Grants

- 3.1 There are 21 Small Community Grant applications that have passed the scoring criteria and are being recommended to receive an award with a total spend of £29,546.00.
- 3.2 Appendix A sets out the details of the organisations scored as meeting the criteria to receive an award from the Small Community Grant Fund.
- 3.3 The total amount to be awarded under the Small Community Grant element is £30,046.
- 3.4 There are 4 applications with a total combined spend of £5,783.40 where supporting evidence was not supplied and therefore these applications have not been recommended for an award. It is worth noting that if these applications were to provide the required evidence and thereby meet the criteria, the total grant funding paid for small community grants would rise to £35,829.40. Members may therefore wish officers to request the remaining evidence and finalise scoring of these applications before the 3 April 2026. These applications would then be scored and agreed for payment as per section 6.7 of the policy where the Chair, as Portfolio Holder for Finance will retain delegated authority to make decisions on applications for grants below £3,000 to allow for expediency.
- 3.5 Appendix A provides the breakdown of recommended awards for the Small Community Grants. The 4 applications mentioned in 3.4 above have been included under a separate heading if Members agree to allow extra time for the information to be provided.

4. Community Buildings

- 4.1 There are 13 Community building applications which meet the criteria set out in the policy however the total spend of these projects is £72,717.68. As this spend exceeds the £51,000 limit set out in the policy applications have been noted where works appear more critical if Members wish to take this into account in their decision making.
- 4.2 Appendix B sets out the details of the organisations scored as meeting the criteria to receive an award from the Community Building element of the fund.
- 4.3 Officer's observations are

- There are 5 applications for village halls, (Dunkeswell, Escot, Aylesbeare, Umborne and Netherton club – Farway) that require more substantial works totalling £50,000. All of these applications have already got funding from other sources in place, including receiving grants from other charities. This would leave a balance of £1,000 which could be carried forward to the next funding round.
- The remaining 6 applications have a combined total of £22,717.68.

4.4 As this is the first round of funding since 2023 it is likely that we will have received more applications than normal for community buildings. Members could consider carrying forward some of these applications for the next funding round. For example, one approach could be to prioritise in this round the applications where more substantial repairs are required and carry forward the remaining cases. If Members are minded to do this then a further recommendation will need to be added to the report.

4.5 Supporting documentation to assist Members in making their decision is under the attached appendices C – M.

5. Summary

5.1 Subject to any further governance and due diligence checks payments will be issued to all successful applicants as soon as contracts have been agreed, ensuring that funding gets to the voluntary groups and organisations and projects can be delivered as soon as possible.

5.2 Subject to applications from the small community grant element being approved and the full amount of £51,000 being awarded under the community building element of the fund, the total amount of grants awarded for the financial year 2025/26 will be £81,046. This could rise to £86,829 if Members agree to allow extra time for information to be provided for the four applications mentioned in section 3.4.

5.3 As per the policy any unspent funds can be rolled over to the 2026/27 financial year.

5.4 A new grant window will be set for the financial year 2026/27 once grant contracts and payments for the financial year 2025/26 have been issued to successful applicants.

5.5 As funding will be available for the whole of 2026/27, we will look to open the grant window for a longer period than the period allowed in financial year 2025/26 or open two shorter application windows.

Financial implications:

The financial implications are covered within the report

Legal implications:

The legal implications are covered within the report

Appendix A: Small Community Grants Funding

Group	Nos	Reason for funding	Area	Age	Funding Awarded
Action East Devon	15	Mental Health support services - offers a lot of support including 1-2-1 support can go further than what the NHS are able to provide locally.	Axminster and surrounding areas	5-18	£1,500
Axewoods Co-Op	150	Providing free woodland management to local farmers, charities, landowners and organisations. Addressing local fuel poverty through the East Devon Log Bank, an initiative to make dry, seasoned logs free to local people in fuel poverty and those in need of immediate help. Referrals from local agencies including EDDC, food banks, churches and informal networks to promote the Log Bank and distribute logs.	East Devon	All	£1,395
Bright Bridge Enabling SW CIC	12	Providing free individually tailored mental health support with a fully holistic approach for children and young people on the autistic spectrum. Sessions will be dependent on needs and in variety of settings including out in the community. Working with social workers and other professionals to make sure outcomes are the best and most appropriate for each child, currently a waiting list for service.	Exmouth Area	5-25	£1,500
Budleigh Salterton Information Centre	300	New 'Love Budleigh' membership scheme liaising with Seachange to organise activities to bring people together especially over the weekend when Seachange activities are not available. Aiming to work with local businesses, organisations and others to arrange outings for members to get together to enjoy activities, such as local drama performances, nights out at local restaurants and introductions to local clubs and societies. Will offer group activities in a safe space and encourage people to join in, helping to reduce social isolation, loneliness and improve mental health within the Budleigh community.	Budleigh Salterton	All	£1,320
Clyst St George and Ebford Parish Hall	50	Indoor table tennis sessions for Clyst St George and Ebford to extend current village events (community breakfasts, coffee	Clyst St George and Ebford	All	£700

		morning, quiz nights, fetes, Christmas parties etc) allowing the sport to be played throughout the year, enabling all community members to have access to a healthy activity regardless of weather.			
Devon Dig and Donate CIC	5000	provision of fresh produce to donate to food banks and community organisations supporting vulnerable people and those experiencing food poverty within East Devon and the surrounding local communities. Equipping and empowering the community with the skills needed to be able to grow, harvest and use fresh produce developing resilience to food justice challenges	East Devon	All	£1,499
Devon Healing Horsemanship	12	Equine-assisted mental health sessions with operational delivery taking place within East Devon District at established Sheldon site. Evidence-based model shows measurable improvements across key areas of resilience and engagement. Independent evaluation of The Horse Course framework shows that over 80% of participants improve across eight core psycho-social skills, and 77% increase engagement with education, training or work following intervention. Equine assisted mental health sessions, support caregivers of individuals experiencing emotional, or mental health difficulties.	Charity based in Cullompton but delivered from Sheldon covers the whole of East Devon	5-64	£1,500
Discover Your Doorstep CIC	20	Inclusive, gently challenging weekly outdoor group helping residents develop personally and socially especially those vulnerable to isolation and mental health challenges. Sessions led by a former GP with outdoor qualifications, managing the space safely for vulnerable people to be comfortable to try new things and grow. Referrals received from local charities and primary care.	Exmouth and surrounding areas	26 - 64	£1,500
East Devon All Stars	150,000	Fully inclusive majorette troupe carrying out carnival and public performances, specifically focussing on providing a positive mental health support environment with the aim to offer a 'powerful holistic way for children and adults to express	Seaton and surrounding areas	All	£1,500

		emotions and feelings through the medium of pom pom and baton twirl dancing'.			
Emma Molony Wallpaper	150	Community printmaking project for women and young children from resettled families (Afghan, Ukrainian and Syrian) and other women and children in Cranbrook, exploring the stories of the town, landscape and residents. Delivery of sessions supported by Thelma Hulbert Gallery, developing their 2022 work in the town exploring some of the archaeological finds like the Archer's Brace.	Cranbrook	All	£950
Exmouth Bosom Buddies CIC	300	New community sling library for families in Exmouth and the surrounding area to try and borrow carriers before purchasing, improving comfort, confidence, bonding and mobility while also promoting environmental sustainability through reuse. Will provide low-cost access to a range of baby carriers alongside evidence-based guidance and fitting support. helping to reduce barriers including cost, limited local provision and uncertainty around safe use.	Exmouth Area	All ages to 64	£1,482
Happi Beats	200	Provide more frequent and ongoing Taiko Drumming experiences sessions for residents with Parkinson's disease and Dementia to provide	East Devon villages	26+	£1,200
Honiton Carers Support Group	40	Craft sessions for unpaid carers helping to address isolation, depression and loneliness, bringing people together through craft and music.	Honiton, Ottery, Combe Raleigh, Collaton Raleigh, Offwell, Feniton, Sidmouth & Pinhoe	18-65+	£1,500
Inspiring Connections SW CIC	2000	Providing Christmas hampers and utility assistance for families across East Devon (Operation Rudolph)	Across East Devon	All	£1,500
Little Green Change	250	Delivering second hand books distributed to primary-aged school children across East Devon Supported by schools in East Devon who are keen to take part in project.	Axminster, Seaton, Kilmington and Honiton.	5-18	£1,499.95

Make Lunch partnered with All Saints Church	40	Working closely with three local schools through Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) partnership. Providing year-long coaching for children and resources for the Make Lunch programme. Warm inclusive space for families to gather, share a free nutritious meal and build supportive relationships reducing isolation and loneliness. Food and structured play, crafts and shared activities also provided encouraging positive parent-child interactions with volunteers modelling health engagement and building parental confidence. Also provide free lunches and additional food to take home during school holidays.	Sidmouth and surrounding areas	All	£800
North Devon Deaf Children's Society	50	Charity supporting deaf children. Currently families have to travel to North Devon so funding would allow free activities and events to be provided (including printed BSL resources for families to learn new vocabulary, food and drink) exclusively in East Devon with a BSL Interpreter or Communication support provided as necessary.	Across East Devon	All	£1,500
Ottery Help Scheme	15	Seated exercise group in Whimble to support older residents helping to reduce overall wellbeing, physical health, social isolation and additional challenges faced by those living in rural communities. Club already in place in Ottery St Mary with waiting list.	Whimble	26 - 64, 65+	£1,500
Seaton & District Hospital League of Friends	800	funding towards a carers circle group providing support skills developments for unpaid carers	Seaton District	All	£1,500
Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub CIC	2500	free community coastal celebration festival in May 2026 focusing on the marine and natural environment. The theme aims to raise awareness of the environmental challenges to our coastal location through the festival and its participatory activities, talks, dance, music, food, recycling, creativity.	Sidmouth and surrounding areas	All	£1,500
The Devon Centre of Birth	50	Small-scale pilot programme of free, community-based pregnancy and postnatal support sessions, filling gap in accessible, non-clinical spaces through informal,	Exmouth Area	18-64	£1,200

		peer-led support to complement statutory care. Project to work alongside local birth and postnatal professional and community organisations signposting into existing local services and support networks.			
Wellbeing Workshops Devon	30	Psychoeducational wellbeing workshops delivered in collaboration with Seachange and Open Door, providing participants with a practical toolkit of strategies and skills to support management and maintaining wellbeing throughout life.	Exmouth, Budleigh Salterton	24 - 64, 65+	£1,500
				Total	£30,045.95

Applications awaiting Evidence					
Group	Nos	Reasons for funding	Area	Age	Funding Requested
Net Ninjas Badminton Club	60	Badminton Club wanting to provide taster sessions in educational settings, making a more accessible sport especially for neurodivergent children who find traditional sport settings overwhelming.	Broadclyst Westclyst	0-18	£1,400
Restore Axe Valley CIC	100	Working with an NHS partner to promote healthy eating to prevent cancer with young people helping to choose food to prepare and serve. The group is also a place to share information with young people helping them to access help when needed and giving skills to stay safe in different areas of life. Provision of a 1-2-1 support worker to off load worries and anxieties	Seaton and surrounding areas	5-18	£1,500
Seachange Devon	220	Seachange's Connected Communities: Building Bonds – Beating Loneliness, brings together a range of inclusive social, wellbeing, & peer-support activities designed to reduce loneliness, improve mental & physical health, & strengthen community connections. 8 Eg, Diabetic Support, Men's Support, Chess, Bereavement, Befriending	Budleigh Salterton	18-65+	£1,383.40
Twin Tigers Community Partnership	30 residents	Project offering a 'managed safe space' for young people to work on physical and mental health in a setting free from judgement or negative peer pressure.	Honiton and surrounding rural areas	All	£1,500

		Provide physical training and life skills for young people, learning martial arts, learning conflict resolution, self-control and patience. Referrals received from schools, social care and police.			
				Total	£5,783.40
			Grand total		£35,829.35

Appendix B: Community Buildings Funding

Appendix	Building	Reasons for Funding	Total Amount of Funding Required	Amount of Funding Requested from EDDC	Difference in funding in place	Nos residents or groups benefiting
C 13-34	Dunkeswell Village Hall	Roof tiles in need of significant repair as leaking requiring removal and replacement. Would also like to insulate to reduce heating bills. Attached toilet block also in need of works to insulate to reduce damp caused by lack of appropriate insulation.	£21,053	£10,000	Yes	120
D 35-63	Netherton Club - Farway Village Hall	Significant Repairs to skittle Alley and Ladies toilets required	£15,371	£10,000	Yes	2020
E 64-80	Escot Village Hall	Repairs to external render to remedy damp and mould, due to water penetrating and disintegrating integrity of the interior walls that are starting to crumble. Replace rotten fire doors	£14,121	£10,000	Yes	40
F 81-107	Northleigh Parish Hall	Decorating works to temporarily resolve black mould on ceiling	£2,290.49	£2,000	Yes	100
G 108-135	1 st Beer Scout Group	Replacing existing worn and heavily soiled carpet flooring in scout hut, with new wipe-clean, hard wearing non-slip flooring. Originally lower quote which has now increased.	£5,849.56	£4,428.17	Yes	9
H 136 -169	Offwell Recreation Ground and Village Hall	Repairs to sprung floor, sanding, and resealing, including painting of badminton and pickle ball court on flooring to allow for indoor sports.	£3,875	£2,712	Yes	20
I 170-194	Aylesbeare Village Hall	Upgrading heating system as currently heated through 4 ageing storage heaters and 2 old infrared heaters. Flooring to be	£74,000	£10,000	Yes	900

		replaces as part of the project.				
J 195-235	Umborne Village Hall	Roof Connection between kitchen and main hall with ramp access for those with reduced mobility and to complete interior fittings, e.g new efficient wiring, lighting and kitchen equipment.	£26,735.04	£10,000	Yes, Norman Family Charitable Trust and Community Funds raised	200
K 236-251	Musbury Village Hall	Replacement front door as one side is faulty so cannot be fully opened	£1,816	£1,816	Not required	750
L 252-270	Gittisham Parish Hall	Insulated fire-retardant stage curtains and hanging rail	£2,835.81	£2,835.81	Not Required	3000
M 271-291	Awliscombe Parish Hall	Works to bar area and darts playing set up for social events.	£2,720.50	£2,720.50	Not Required	400



Community Grants Fund policy

Issue details	
Title:	Community Grants Fund
Version number:	1
Policy owner:	Benefit and Financial Resilience Manager
Policy sponsor:	Assistant Director Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services
Authorisation by:	Cabinet
Authorisation date:	29 October 2025
Future review date:	01 March 2028
Delegated authority to make changes to the policy:	Assistant Director Revenues and Benefits, in consultation with the Chair of the Community Grant Panel.

1. Purpose of policy

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to determine eligibility for The Community Grant Fund currently available for years 2025/26 and 2026/27. In the event of remaining funding or new funds being made available the scheme will continue into 2027/28.
- 1.2 Recognising the valuable work that the voluntary sector does and the importance of community buildings, this fund aims to address the gaps and needs in the provision of services, and to support and strengthen the voluntary groups and organisations within our communities, thereby supporting the Council's vision in making a positive contribution to the lives of our residents.
- 1.3 Community buildings for the purpose of this policy are those buildings used by the community such as village halls, community run shops etc. Buildings owned privately or by for profit groups are not eligible for funding unless the property is being leased by a 'not for profit' organisation/group, a registered charity, social enterprise, community group. Further conditions regarding leases are stated in 3.16.
- 1.4 Small Community grants will be available for voluntary groups, charities and social enterprises providing support to the residents of East Devon.
- 1.5 The grant is intended to support voluntary and charitable activities, not to provide personal benefit to individual applicants. All supporting evidence as required under section 5 of this policy must be supplied before a grant application can be determined.
- 1.6 This grant funding is intended for those organisations who do not hold relatively high surplus funds.

2 Funding

- 2.1 Funding of £204,000 has been available for the two years of the scheme, with £102,000 made available for each year. Any funding not spent within the relevant financial year will be carried forward to the next financial year.
- 2.2 Funding will be available during the grant windows published on our website. This is subject to available remaining funding.
- 2.3 There will be no set amount for each part of the fund however, to ensure there is sufficient funding available for community projects the total amount granted for community buildings will be capped at 50% of the total fund for each year.
- 2.4 Funding available for individual applicants of small community projects will be between £300 and £1,500. The minimum application amount will be £300.

- 2.5 Funding available for individual applicants of Community buildings will be between £500 and £10,000. The minimum application amount will be £500.
- 2.6 Only one grant per voluntary organisation/group will be awarded in any twelve-month rolling period.
- 2.7 East Devon District Council reserve the right to recover any funds that are not used within the timescale stipulated within the issued grant agreement.

3 Eligible Applications

- 3.0 All applications must be made on-line via EDDC's application form within the stated application windows published on our website.
- 3.1 Applications for this grant must be submitted on behalf of the organisation by an authorised representative, such as the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, or Chief Officer/Lead of the group. The applicant must be acting in an official capacity on behalf of the organisation and not in a personal capacity.
- 3.2 All applications received must commit to spending funding within 12 months of receipt of any grant.
- 3.3 Applications for funding must be linked to an outcome that helps to deliver the Council plan focussing on the two priorities:
- A supported and engaged community
 - Financially Secure and improving quality services
- 3.4 The following table provides some examples of the types of projects we will consider funding in key areas as they support the above two priorities:

Key Area	Example
Homeless and rough sleeper strategy and action plan	Providing support which will help homeless residents find and/or sustain accommodation.
Our anti-poverty strategy	Helping low-income families in financial crisis with skills such as cooking classes to enable them to provide healthy low-cost meals.
Homes for refugees and related sustainment support.	Providing a service to help refugees integrate into the community.

Leisure and cultural strategies	Improving happiness, health and wellbeing, supporting people at risk of loneliness and social isolation through creativity or leisure activities.
Addressing inclusivity in the district so residents don't feel excluded or isolated.	Providing support to residents who struggle to access on-line services or feel isolated.
Community Buildings	Providing broadband facilities, projector, screens, installation of new kitchen/catering facilities, accessible toilets, new roof etc to maximise use of the building by community groups.

Examples are for illustrative purposes only and not an exhaustive list

- 3.5 Projects that work with or link in with already existing providers in the community or those that are addressing a gap or need within the applicant's local community will be especially welcome, as will those where multiple outcomes will be achieved such as helping prevent health conditions and improving financial situations.
- 3.6 Although not a requirement of the fund we are keen to hear from groups that are working with and/or are being supported by the business community. This will help us to better understand how the voluntary sector and business community are working together to help support local community resilience. This will be an area we are looking to understand as part of our anti-poverty strategy.
- 3.7 Applicants can apply to the fund under one of the following two parts of the policy.
- 3.8 Any groups applying for funding must be 'not for profit', a voluntary or community group, registered charity or social enterprise. Beneficiaries of a project may not apply for funding in their own right.
- 3.9 Any organisation or group applying for funding must notify EDDC of any applications for grants made under a different name or community group, where that application occurred within three years.

Part One - Small Community Projects

- 3.10 Projects must be viable and filling a need not already being met within the applicant's local or immediate surrounding community.
- 3.11 For un-constituted groups or groups setting up a new project, the group must be working with Devon Communities Together (DCT).
- 3.12 Where a group does not hold their own bank account funds can be held and distributed by a host organisation that is constituted.

3.13 Small community grants will be available to all areas of East Devon District Council.

Part Two – Community Buildings

3.14 Funding for community buildings is available to help towards the cost of building projects or refurbishments of community buildings.

3.15 Community buildings funding will normally only be available for those community buildings in our rural parishes. The exception to this will be for those town parishes where they have rural settlements/villages within the town parish boundary. For example, Sidbury is a village that sits within the parish boundary of Sidmouth. Decisions on whether a community building sits within a rural settlement/village will be determined by the CGP.

3.16 Funding applications for community buildings will need to demonstrate that works are required to improve the resilience of the building, by helping to improve facilities through reduced bills, increased revenue or to ensure that additional services can be provided to the local community. Additional services are those that are not already being provided by other local organisations in existence within the same geographical area e.g. in the same town or parish.

3.17 For any amount requested over £3,000 match funding of at least 30% of the total project cost must be in place or 'conditional approval' has been received. For example, funding has been reserved from another source for 3 months subject to confirmation of a successful bid. Evidence to support this must be provided in the application.

3.18 If the property is leased there must be at least 2 years remaining on the lease agreement if the grant is for any removable equipment (such as projector/TV) or 5 years for refurbishment of building projects or evidence that negotiations to extend the lease that are likely to be successful are underway.

3.19 Where required all necessary planning and building regulations consents must be in place.

3.20 Funding will only be available towards the capital element of a project (e.g. one-off costs of a permanent item, refurbishment such as to improve toilet facilities, kitchen refurbishments) See appendix A for further details.

3.21 Funds must be spent within 12 months of receipt.

3.22 Any unspent funds must be returned to EDDC.

3.23 In the event that the funding recipient organisation disbands any unspent funds must be returned to EDDC.

4.0 Projects not eligible for funding

4.1 The following projects will not be eligible for funding under this scheme.

4.2 Public body related

- Any project where funding can be or has been provided by an alternative grant scheme by East Devon District Council within a rolling 12-month period.
- Projects that have had other public sector funding that has been withdrawn.
- Any project that does not support one of the two council plan priorities as listed.
- Projects that have a negative effect or work against one or more of the priorities listed in our council plan or existing services.
- Work that a statutory organisation has to do by law, for example Devon County Council, the Church or the NHS, unless this is over and above what they would ever provide.
- Projects where planning permission is required but hasn't yet been given.
- Projects working with vulnerable people where there isn't a Safeguarding Policy and / or appropriately trained staff / volunteers in place or can be evidenced as being in place by the time the project is delivered.
- Regular highways-related activity such as but not limited to grass cutting, ditch and drainage work or other associated 'lengthsman' duties and tasks.
- Projects that promote or support a particular politics, faith or belief (including repairs to buildings used solely or mainly for these activities).
- Projects considered likely to create a new or displaced dependency on other public and voluntary services.

4.3 Finance related

- Projects from purely commercial or for- "private-profit" organisations.
- Individuals or projects that result in direct cash payments or awards to the end beneficiaries
- Funds that are required to help pay off debts.
- Ongoing costs including ongoing rent costs, ongoing salaries, costs for the day to day running of an organisation, unless this is during a transition phase with documented evidence of how the project will become sustainable post transition, or as part of a pilot project.

- Projects seeking a commitment to ongoing support or where ongoing support is required to achieve the project's aims
- Where funding has previously been granted under this Community Grant Fund and has not been distributed in accordance with the grant agreement, further funding applications will not be accepted.

4.4 Other related

- Project sponsorship and fundraising events.
- Projects benefitting one individual recipient, e.g. an individual carer.
- Projects where more than 10% of the people benefiting from the project live outside of East Devon.
- Animal welfare projects where the sole/majority of beneficiaries are animals (i.e. charity, rescue or therapy).
- Retrospective costs or costs to cover existing services
- Any project run by a PTA (Parent Teacher association)

4.5 Carbon reduction initiatives and support for local businesses are excluded from this grant scheme, as other funding schemes from EDDC are currently available to support these key areas. Should EDDC cease to offer separate Carbon Reduction grant funding during the life of this policy then the Council will look to widen this scheme to allow for the voluntary sector to apply as this is a key council priority.

4.6 Funding will only be available towards the capital element of a project (e.g. one-off costs of a permanent item, refurbishment such as to improve toilet facilities, kitchen refurbishments.) A detailed list can be found at appendix A.

4.7 Where a further application has been received where a grant has already been awarded within a twelve-month rolling period, it will automatically be refused.

4.8 EDDC reserves the right to refuse multiple repeat applications from the same organisation/group within a rolling 12-month period.

4.9 Any public sector/statutory body will not be eligible to apply for this funding including Town and Parish Councils.

5.0 Application and supporting evidence requirements

5.1 A statement explaining what the project is intending to achieve and how it will meet the requirement of linking to our council plan.

5.2 A full breakdown of what the funding will be used for, key milestones with dates that these are due to be met, and an agreement that the full amount of funds will be used within the timescale stipulated within the grant conditions/agreement.

- 5.3 Confirmation that the project will be serving communities within East Devon and that at least 90% of the people benefitting from the project live in the East Devon area.
- 5.4 Agreement to provide outcomes as stipulated within individual grant agreements, such as how many residents have been helped as a result of the grant. Outcomes to be provided will be relevant to the size of the grant and the organisation/charity.
- 5.5 A governing document to show the status of the organisation.
- 5.6 Confirmation/evidence of up-to-date safeguarding policies and that training for relevant staff is in place when a project is working with vulnerable people.
- 5.7 An up-to-date bank statement in the name of the organisation applying for the grant or the host organisation holding the funds on behalf of the applicant.
- 5.8 Evidence of any match funding where required.

6.0 Scoring and decision making

- 6.1 Applications for grants will be assessed by officers using an agreed scoring matrix by CGP. The table below outlines the factors that will be considered as part of the scoring matrix.

Category	Description
Viability	Will the project and use of the community building be viable?
Financial	Does the applicant have sufficient funds to provide the service/carry out works?
Productivity	Will the project provide/increase support to the community or use of the community building?
Risk	What is the likelihood of the project not achieving its core aims and full grant spend within 12 months of the grant being awarded?
Local	How many local residents will benefit from the project?
Priority	Is the applicant in a group with protected characteristics?
Value	Are the project costs reasonable, adequately evidenced, and are justified by the outputs achieved?
Match Funding where applicable	Has the applicant committed any secured voluntary match-funding (above 30%) either through internal funds or an additional external funding source?

- 6.3 The scoring matrix also contains pass/fail criteria based on sections 2 – 5 of this policy. The application must pass all the pass/fail criteria to be approved.

- 6.4 If the application fails any of the pass/fail criteria, or scores 20% or below of the available points in the scoring matrix, the application will be rejected by officers and will not be passed to the CGP for consideration.
- 6.5 If an application both scores above 20% of the available points and passes the pass/fail criteria in the scoring matrix, the application together with officer recommendation will be presented to Members of the Community Grant Panel who will make a final decision.
- 6.6 Decisions on applications for grants under £3,000 will be presented in a summary report to Members of the Community Grants Panel which will include the officer's recommendation on the decision.
- 6.7 In consultation with Members of the Community Grants Panel, The Chair, as Portfolio Holder for Finance, will retain delegated authority to make decisions on applications for grants below £3,000 to allow for expediency if required.
- 6.8 Applications for over £3,000 will initially be reviewed and scored by officers. Each application will be submitted along with an officer recommendation, for these to be determined on a case-by-case basis by Members of the Community Grant Panel. The Community Grant Panel will review submissions and can choose to approve the application, reject the application or ask the applicant to amend their full bid application and resubmit it with the required additional information.
- 6.9 The Panel may choose to make a 'conditional approval' in which the applicant will be offered the grant, in full or in part, if certain additional criteria are met by the applicant. In such cases, the applicant will be invited either to accept the conditional approval or decline it. Where the conditional approval is accepted by the applicant, the additional criteria agreed by the Community Grant Panel will be added into the applicant's Funding Agreement. Where an applicant declines the Panel's offer, the Panel reserves the right to reject the application.
- 6.10 Officers will use their professional judgement and discretion to determine how many points are awarded to each application based on the information provided. This includes whether an application fails to score highly enough to be presented to the Community Grant Panel or whether amendments and a resubmission of the application is required before or after being presented to the Community Grant Panel.
- 6.11 Applications will be assessed on the responses provided to questions in the application form. Where supplementary evidence is provided, the applicant must cite in the application form where the relevant information is situated in any supplementary documents. Only information included in or referenced by the application form will be scored against.
- 6.12 In the event of more eligible applications being received for grants than funding allows those that score the highest and/or are deemed to be most needed and those which would have the greatest, long-lasting impact and outcomes and in line with Council Plan priorities will receive

funding, for example where the service will be supporting our most vulnerable residents.

6.13 All decisions made by the Council shall be notified to the applicant by email.

7.0 Funding Agreement

7.1 Before any funds can be awarded, applicants must sign a Funding Agreement to ensure the group/organisation agrees to use the Community Grant payment to deliver the specific project milestones, sub-tasks and outcomes detailed in their application within the stated timeline. The Funding Agreement will only be shared with applicants who have had their project approved for funding by the community Grant Panel.

7.2 The Funding Agreement will be provided to the applicant by email and must be signed and returned by the applicant within 10 working days. The Council will consider an extension to this deadline on a case-by-case basis. All signed Funding Agreements must be returned by email and submitted in Microsoft Word format with either a handwritten or digital signature.

7.3 The purpose of the Funding Agreement is to ensure that Community grant awards are not used for purposes which the Council considers to be inappropriate. The Funding Agreement is a legal document that will allow the Council to reclaim project funding from the recipient should the terms and conditions set out in the Funding Agreement not be met.

7.4 Project funding will be dispersed as soon as possible from the point when both the full bid application has been approved by the Community Panel and the Funding Agreement has been signed by both the applicant and the Council.

7.5 Applicants should not start the process of purchasing, ordering or commissioning items or services relating to their Community Grant application until the Funding Agreement has been signed by both the applicant and the Council.

7.6 Successful applicants will be required to provide evidence to demonstrate that they have spent their project funding appropriately and in line with their supported project proposal and Funding Agreement. Applicants will also be required to provide regular updates to the Council to keep track of project milestones and whether the key project objectives have been met. Progress will be regularly reported to the community Grant Panel. Further details regarding monitoring and evaluating will be outlined in the Funding Agreement.

7.7 Successful grant recipients must agree to any promotional material clearly acknowledging the grants funding provided by East Devon District Council community Grant Fund scheme.

7.8 Successful grant recipients accept that East Devon District Council will issue publicity about projects and activities that it supports and may use such projects within its publicity materials, as promotional case studies and for evaluating the project work and outcomes. Publicity may include digital images, video and other content.

8.0 Outcomes and reporting

8.1 Outcomes will be required for the reporting of how the Community Grant Fund has been administered.

8.2 Where an application has been successful EDDC will agree the outcomes and reporting period with the grant recipient

8.3 Outcomes will be linked to individual projects and will be relevant to the size of the organisation and amount of grant received.

8.4 Dependant on the size of the project, grant reporting may be required throughout the duration of the project and/or grant period.

8.5 Final project outcomes after the project is delivered will be requested. These will be dependant of the individual project and may include numbers of residents helped, a case study, a short video, any learning such as challenges, what went well, what didn't and why etc.

8.6 An annual report will be produced and presented to the relevant committee confirming the spread, spend and scope of each project supported. Reporting will include the following

- number of grants
- amount of funding issued
- categories of organisation
- geographical location

8.7 Regular updates of funding awarded and outcomes when appropriate will be provided to the Community Grant Panel overseeing administration of the funds.

9.0 Scheme of Delegation

9.1 The Council reserves the right to change any element of this scheme at any time. Significant changes will be communicated via the channels stated in section 18.

9.2 The Assistant Director for Revenues, Benefit and Customer Services retains delegated authority to make amendments to the policy in consultation with the Chair of the Community Grants Panel as Portfolio Holder for Finance.

10.0 Review of Decisions

- 10.1 There will no right of review to decisions, however the Council may choose to undertake an internal review of a decision in exceptional circumstances as the grants are being decided by Members of the Communities Grant Panel.
- 10.2 Requests for a review of a rejected full bid application must be made in writing to the Council within 10 working days of the Council's decision. The request must state the specific reasons why the applicant feels exceptional circumstances apply.
- 10.3 Applications will be reconsidered by a senior officer and referred to the Chair of the Community Grant Panel as soon as practicable, and the applicant informed in writing or by email of the decision. This decision shall be final.
- 10.4 The Council will not review any rejections where this has been issued due to a lack of remaining funds to award the applicant. Where the Council has remaining funds which are below the grant request of the next highest scoring applicant, the Community Grant Panel will make a decision on how any remaining funds will be spent.

11.0 Complaints

- 11.1 The Council's 'Complaints Procedure' (available on the Council's website) will be applied in the event of any complaint received about this scheme.

12.0 Risk of Fraud

- 12.1 The Council will not accept deliberate manipulation of the Community Grant scheme or fraud. Any applicant found falsifying information to gain grant money or failing to declare entitlement to any of the specified grant could face prosecution and any project funding issued will be recovered from them.
- 12.2 It is the responsibility of the applicant to have and keep in place systems to deal with the prevention of fraud and/or administrative malfunction.
- 12.3 In the event that the project cannot be delivered due to the applicant being a victim of fraud, the Council reserves the right to reclaim all funding awarded.

13.0 Recovery of Amounts Incorrectly Paid

- 13.1 If it is established that any award has been made incorrectly due to error, misrepresentation or incorrect information provided to the Council by an applicant or their representative(s), the Council will take all required action to recover the amount in full.

14.0 Policy administration

14.1 Equality impact considerations

This policy does not require an Equality Impact Assessment as it is a grant fund for the voluntary sector, however as part of the application process details on organisations/groups providing a service for those with protected characteristics will be collected.

15.0 Data protection TBC

The [EDDC Data Protection Policy](#) outlines how we store and use personal information.

The following privacy notice(s) provide further information on how we will use personal data, how it is gathered, how long we will retain this information, and what rights individuals have in relation to this.

*Choose the relevant privacy notices from the drop-down menu below.
Choose an item.*

All our privacy notices can be found on the EDDC website – <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/access-to-information/data-protection/privacy-notices/>.

16.0 Policy review

This policy will initially be reviewed by the Benefits and Financial Resilience Manager by 01 March 2026 to assess impact as this a new grant scheme.

History of most recent policy changes – Must be completed			
Date	Section	Change	Origin of change (e.g. change in legislation)

17 Policy authorisation

Executive Leadership Team
Members of the Community Grant Panel
Cabinet

18 Policy dissemination

The policy will be published on our website.

The Voluntary Sector will be notified of the final policy and when the grant scheme is open to applications.

Promotion of the policy and grant application windows will be by press release, social media channels, and through working with our voluntary sector partners such as Devon Communities Together.

Internal communications will also be issued through Stay Connected, Members newsletter and to Town and Parish Councils to ensure that the fund is fully promoted.

19 Related policies, strategies, procedures, and legislation

Not applicable

20.0 Appendices and other relevant information

Appendix A

Capital

Capital funding can be used to purchase assets, either new or the significant refurbishment of existing assets. These are expected to have “wider community benefit” and to have an expected lifespan of at least 5 years. Specific examples of uses for capital funding are shown below, grouped into themes:

New buildings and repairs/refurbishment to existing buildings:

- Building of new village halls, community halls, sports pavilions, Scout / Guide huts, etc. including purchase of land.
- Significant repairs to the structure / fabric of any permanent building, including items such as drains, roofing, windows, floors, rewiring, insulation, solar panels, heat-pumps and associated professional/planning/installation costs, especially where this improves the energy efficiency of the building.
- Full or substantial replacement of the roof covering, (not simple repairs including touch-up painting and guttering repairs.)
- Re-tarmacking a community building car park or creating new / additional car parking, that will benefit the building users.
- New/replacement fencing around community building / land (not simple repairs)
- Refurbishment of toilets and changing rooms, especially to improve accessibility for all.
- Replacing / installing new kitchen facilities to a venue, especially where this is to provide a community service such as lunch clubs, day centres, etc.
- Fire alarms, sprinklers, emergency lights, fire extinguishers, fire blankets, stair lifts, hoists, etc. - but not safety inspections

Land, outside space, playgrounds, sports grounds, sports equipment.

- New gardens, allotments, orchards, community farms, etc.
- Wildlife and wildflower meadows
- Community growing: water systems, storage sheds, rotavators, tractors, water butts, composters, mowers and other gardening equipment (not consumables such as plants, seeds, sharpening, Capital repairs, etc.) Should have an expected lifespan of at least 5 years
- New/replacement play equipment - swings, roundabouts, skate ramps, climbing walls, slides, climbing frames, outdoor gym, MUGA, etc. (but not simple repairs to existing equipment)
- New or replacement safety surfacing e.g. under play equipment
- Substantial items of outdoor leisure equipment such as scoreboards, floodlights, goal posts, gym equipment, artificial wickets, line markers, tennis nets – should have an expected lifespan of at least 5 years. Not consumables such as balls, playing kit, whistles, etc.
- Purchase of a lawn mower, grounds maintenance equipment, roller, etc. (must demonstrate wider community benefit)
- Acquisition of land, buildings, monuments and heritage assets for public use / enjoyment.
- Trees, woodlands, trails, paths, fences, gates, improving access, riverbank enhancements, cycle lanes, picnic tables, built BBQs and BBQ areas for public use / enjoyment.
- Permanent finger posts, styles, gates, information boards, Blue plaques, way markers, benches, litter bins, dog bins, recycle bins, etc. (but not emptying on such bins)

Indoor space, village / community halls, offices, equipment

- PA and audio/visual systems – new projectors, screens, TV screens, sound systems and their installation.
- New hearing loop systems
- New seating and/or tables for halls
- Desks, chairs and physical items of office equipment (laptops, printers, other IT, one-off purchase of software, etc.) that supports or enhances the running of your organisation - but not stationery or consumables such as printer ink, paper, envelopes, etc.
- Broadband routers, cabling and installation - but not ongoing costs
- Creation of new websites (to further promote your organisation or benefit wider community)
- Substantial items of indoor leisure equipment such as bowls mats, gym equipment, tennis/badminton nets, snooker tables, TV screens – should have an expected lifespan of at least 5 years.
- Purchase of pianos, musical instruments, lighting rigs, fire curtains, etc. to enhance public performances

Other significant purchases

- New or replacement vehicle (e.g. for transport to day centre or other wider community benefit)

- CCTV/safety cameras, where having a system helps to protect an asset or provide greater community safety.
- Museum acquisitions and permanent artworks such as paintings, murals, sculpture, tapestry and the production of such items for public display / enjoyment.
- Purchase of marquees, caravans, market stalls, staging, outdoor PA systems, projection/cinema equipment, generators, lighting rigs, Portaloo, tents and camping equipment, etc. (not hire of these items). Should have an expected lifespan of at least 5 years.
- Professional fees for creation of documents, e.g. feasibility studies, business plans, architect's drawing/plans, etc. that will be used by and benefit an organisation's development and improve the service they give.

Revenue

Revenue funding can be used where there is no lasting asset. Revenue funding can be used to put on events, performances and activities, pay for the running costs of an organisation or pay for trips and excursions. All of these examples can either be for education, leisure or to support health and wellbeing. There must be community benefit shown amongst the target group (young people or older / vulnerable adults).

Positive activities and events

- Costs towards putting on events, fun days, coaching sessions, fetes, carnivals, fayres and festivals for the target group.
- Costs towards putting on performances, plays, concerts that either involve or benefit the target group.
- Running costs for a group that puts on positive activities, e.g. venue hire, office/printing costs, transport, staff costs. (we expect groups to become self-supporting and will not fund year after year).
- Helping to fund access to positive activities where a person's circumstances make it hard for them to afford. Such as low income, physical disability, rural isolation, etc.

Therapeutic activities / sessions

- Funding professionals to support people with specific needs, e.g. mental health issues, physical disabilities, dementia
- Putting on sessions that deliver therapeutic activities e.g. running "music for the mind" events, mindfulness, support groups, counselling, etc.
- Funding of training for a group, so members have those skills. E.g. safeguarding, 1st aid, mental health awareness, becoming a mentor, etc.
- Creating social opportunities that help to prevent isolation and loneliness e.g. a lunch club or day centre.

Sport and physical activities

- Putting on coaching sessions, taster days, fun days, etc.
- Prizes, certificates, etc. at such events.
- Training for leaders to improve skills, e.g. coaching, mentoring, safeguarding, etc.
- Purchase of items that don't qualify as Capital e.g. balls, sports kit, etc. with lifespan less than 5 years.
- Transport to a specific venue to carry out an activity, e.g. sailing lake, climbing wall, artificial ski slope.

Community organisations

- Activities that support and encourage volunteering
- Salaries for paid workers within community organisations e.g. youth workers, support staff, counsellors, administrators, etc.
- Running costs for a community group that supports the target group of people, e.g. venue hire, office/printing costs, staff costs, social media presence / website operation. (we expect groups to become self-supporting and will not fund year after year).