



COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND

Criteria and Guidance

Please find attached an application form for West Itchen Community Trust. Aimed at community & voluntary groups working in the areas of Northam.

The grant funding has been awarded through the Peoples Health Trust's Local Conversation programme, which involves supporting residents to take control of the design, development and delivery of the local initiatives by developing a shared vision for their community. This grant fund forms part of a wider plan to improve the area so that Northam becomes a better place to grow, live and work.

A number of priorities have been identified including bringing the community together, a small community grants fund and improving social spaces.

Grants awarded each year will vary between £100 minimum and £5000 maximum. Projects must be able to demonstrate a high level of social return, and added value for the local area and community. Grants awarded will vary. **Deadline for applications: Open**

Three priority categories were identified during our local conversation and are agreed as priority for this year.

The current priority categories for are:

- ***Grass root activities that bring communities together.***

All applications should meet the following criteria:

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- Meet at least one of the priorities above
- Designed, developed, delivered locally
- Respond to local needs and priorities
- Have the support of the relevant community
- Benefit local people living in one or more of the areas specified above
- Contribute towards community involvement or empowerment
- Provide value for money
- Show a commitment towards equal opportunities
- Be constituted or working towards this; Have relevant policies and procedures in place: i) Health and Safety policy ii) Equal Opportunities policy iii) Child Protection policy iv) Vulnerable Adults policy vi) Have appropriate insurance in place. **Help is available to form a new group or write a constitution**

Exclusions

We also don't fund:

- More than one application
- Applications from individuals or that benefit an individual
- Projects that mainly provide one-to-one support
- Profit-making organisations which includes all Limited Liability Partnerships and Companies Limited by Shares
- Statutory organisations, or organisations controlled by public sector bodies
- Tax-funded projects, e.g. in the NHS or in school time
- Activities which are political or religious in intention, practice or appearance
- Activities already funded by another organisation
- Projects that have already happened
- Capital items only (e.g. equipment), you must include running costs
- Contingency, evaluation or unspecified costs
- Fundraising costs
- Loans or business finance
- Organisations raising funds to redistribute to other causes
- General appeals
- Sponsorship or funding towards a marketing appeal or fundraising activities
- VAT that can be reclaimed by applicants

We are also interested in supporting exemplar projects that can make a major impact in the area and may cost more than the funding advertised. In such cases we will work with groups to draw up bigger bids that can be submitted to other funders. So think big

If you are not sure whether your application fits this criteria please contact the Community Team on 023 8038 8580 for clarification.

Please Note:

Due to limited funds the West Itchen Community Trust will on occasions NOT be able to fund an application even if it meets all of the criteria as set out above. West Itchen Community Trust decision is final.

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