

Yorkshire Housing community investment grant aid fund - guidance for applicants

Introduction

Being a social housing provider is about much more than building with bricks and mortar - it's about building communities and enhancing the quality of life for our customers. Yorkshire Housing works with individual customers, community groups and local voluntary organisations to develop neighbourhood projects and activities to improve circumstances in the areas where we work.

Community investment grant aid fund

The purpose of the community investment grant is to encourage local projects and initiatives that involve our customers and meet the needs within the communities where they live. Priority for funding will be awarded to those applications that demonstrate that their project will be for the benefit of Yorkshire Housing customers and neighbourhoods.

The grant aid budget will be used to:

- support local volunteering and promote the active involvement of local people
- provide support to those customers who are actively seeking work and training opportunities
- reduce social exclusion and promote community well-being

Projects should focus on one or more of these themes:

- education and learning
- health and wellbeing
- community safety
- children and young people

The maximum amount of each grant is £500.

Please read the guidance below, complete each section of the application form and submit any additional evidence to support your application. We advise you to make a copy of all documents for your records before you submit you application.

GRANT AID FUND - KEY THEMES

Education, learning and development	Health and wellbeing	Community safety	Children and young people
<p>The education and learning development grant will provide support to customers and local community organisations to improve levels of educational achievement; and develop and increase skills that may help access training and work opportunities.</p> <p><i>Under this theme funding could be granted to provide training, to pay for providers or for educational resources</i></p>	<p>The health and wellbeing grant will provide support to customers and local communities to improve health and wellbeing in partnership with other agencies and organisations.</p> <p><i>Under this theme funding could be granted to develop healthy living programmes and produce advice and information</i></p>	<p>The community safety grant will provide support to staff, customers and local community organisations to help tackle crime and improve community safety in the area.</p> <p><i>Under this theme funding could be granted to provide funding to support Neighbourhood Watch groups and community safety projects</i></p>	<p>The children and young people grant will provide support to customers and community organisations to improve outcomes for children, young people and families with a particular emphasis on early intervention and partnership working in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods.</p> <p><i>Under this theme funding could be granted to support increasing provision for children and young people; provide training and pay for venues</i></p>

Yorkshire Housing's community investment grant aid programme will fund projects and outcomes consistent with the values and aims of the organisation. The following principles will apply to all grant aid awards. Grant Awards will be:

- issued against defined and measurable outcomes set out clearly in the grant fund application form
- distributed equitably and fairly across Yorkshire Housing; and
- tracked during the year, with evidence of outcomes measured.

Who can apply for funding?

- Yorkshire Housing Customers
- Voluntary and community organisations working with Yorkshire Housing customers

Grants will only be awarded to projects that involve customers of Yorkshire Housing. The grant award will be paid direct to a bank account or supplier. Cheques cannot be issued. All receipts must be kept as evidence of any purchases and or payments.

Following the conclusion of the activity for which the grant is awarded, all recipients will be required to submit a short evaluation of the project.

Funding Criteria

As well as meeting the general objectives outlined above, applications must demonstrate they meet the following specific criteria:

- The project is located within an area or neighbourhood where Yorkshire Housing is a stakeholder
- There is a commitment to equality & diversity in the delivery of the project
- There is support and the ability to manage the project finances effectively
- The project demonstrates value for money; avoids duplication and will be accessible and inclusive
- Be non-party political.

Approvals process

This Community Investment Grant Aid budget is overseen by the Community Investment Manager. Applications will be reviewed monthly, and applicants will be advised of a decision as soon as possible. Approval is delegated to the Community Investment team subject to the applicants meeting the criteria and conditions set out above.

We will acknowledge receipt of all applications within 5 working days.

If you require any further help or advice to complete the application from please do contact the Community Investment Team.

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