

Fareham Borough Council Community Fund

The Community Fund is available to all residents and community groups in the borough to apply for funding for projects that benefit the local community or environment. Applicants can apply for any amount, but if it is more than £5,000 they are normally expected to contribute at least the same amount of money to the project from other sources.

There are certain conditions that apply in order for a bid to be considered:

- Funding is to meet “one off” capital costs
- The project must be sustainable and able to keep going once the money is spent
- A clear description of what the funding will be used for is required
- The applicant has to explain how they will contribute to the project either financially or by providing labour or goodwill

The fund cannot be used for:

- On-going running costs, utility bills or rental costs
- Projects that do not involve the wider community
- Trips, meals, holidays and expeditions
- Projects that will result in commercial or personal gain
- Donations to charity
- Retrospective funding for projects already under way or completed

How to apply

In the first instance, applicants should contact their Community Action Team (CAT) officer to discuss the idea. Contact details are available on the council’s website. Applications can be made at any time

How the decision is made

Initially, the application will be assessed by a CAT officer who will let the applicant know if the criteria have been met. They will then work with the applicant to complete the application form. The completed application will then be sent to the CAT Chairman and local ward Councillors for their views. A report is then presented to the Executive Leader of the Council for a final decision. Applications for more than £5,000 are presented to a meeting of the Council’s Executive for consideration.