



THE COMMUNITIES TOGETHER FUND

A small bursary fund to support local communities to pilot, test or pump prime new initiatives that directly address loneliness and social isolation at a community level.

Communities (or individuals within) are invited to submit an application for up to £500 for projects that fit the criteria above.



- Grants are for up to £500 – you can apply for less if that is all your initiative requires
- Grants are available for projects that benefit communities within East Suffolk that directly address issues around loneliness and social isolation
- Grants can be applied for by community members, constituted groups, informal groups of residents. Anyone who applies to the fund must operate on a not-for-profit basis
- Grants are for one-off activities or a series of events and not for on-going costs (for example gym membership or regular taxis)
- We expect grant applicants to deliver inclusive activities that welcome all and demonstrate equal opportunities
- Weekends and public holidays can be particularly lonely times for some, so we are particularly interested to receive applications for projects that address this
- You will be responsible for ensuring that all health and safe, safeguarding and risk assessments at any event you hold
- The closing date for applications to this fund is 1st March 2023

What we cannot fund:

- Retrospective funding
- Any project that takes place out of East Suffolk
- Paid staff costs
- Overseas activity
- Activities restricted solely to any group's existing membership
- Political activities
- Organisational or running costs not directly related to the specific project activities

Frequently Asked Questions

What can a Communities Together grant be spent on?

Grant money can be spent on anything you need to run an activity or event that brings together members of your community to address loneliness and social isolation. This could

include equipment hire or purchase, venue hire, promotional materials, transport as examples.

When do I need to get my application in by?

This is a rolling scheme for the remainder of 2022/23 – all applications must be received by 1st March 2023 so that awards can be processed by 31st March 2023.

What if I don't have a bank account?

We will try to be as flexible as possible to meet your needs and will consider alternative arrangements, including making a purchase on your behalf.

What if I need help completing the application form?

We can provide support to administer your application, including filling in forms.

I'm worried I can't run the event on my own!

Where there are applicants with similar ideas or from similar areas, we can bring you together and help you to develop your ideas collaboratively.

Can I apply more than once?

We want to make this fund accessible to as many initiatives as possible, so would ask you to apply once for each initiative. You may put in an application for more than one initiative, but must complete a separate application form.

Will I be asked to do lots of reporting?

You will be asked on your application, to identify the key outcomes of your initiative. At the end of the project, we will ask you to submit a final report based on these outcomes. We can help you to do this and will be there to support you through the process.

I'm not sure if the Communities Together grant covers my locality

These grants are part of the East Suffolk Cuppa & Chat service and are open to any initiative that takes place within the boundaries of East Suffolk.

Who decides whether my initiative is awarded a grant?

All applications will be reviewed by a member of the Communities Together Community Engagement Team and East Suffolk Council Communities Team based on the criteria stated at the start of this document.

How do I apply for a Communities Together Grant?

We will ask you to complete an application form which we can send you by email or post – alternatively you can download a copy of the form directly from our website – www.communitiestogether-eastanglia.org. If you require support in completing your form, please give us a call on 01449 707030 and we will ask one of our Community Engagement Team to get in touch. You can also email us at info@communitiestogether-ea.org.

Once we receive the form, we will review and make reference requests. During this time we may contact you for further information. We will let you know if your application has been successful or unsuccessful by email or letter. We aim to respond within 14 days of application and to make payment to successful applicants within 21 days (usually sooner).

How will you use my personal data?

We take personal data protection very seriously and never share your details with any other organisation without your permission. We only use the information provided for the administration of your grant and will not share your information outside of this purpose. For further information, please ask to see a copy of our Data Protection & Privacy Policy.

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