

Warwickshire County Council Social Impact Fund - Revenue

The Coronavirus Pandemic has had huge impact across all communities. The Social Impact Fund has been designed by Warwickshire County Council to act as a catalyst for building stronger communities as we respond to and recover from the Pandemic.

Fund Aims

The fund aims to promote the following types of inclusion:

- Financial inclusion
- Digital inclusion
- Health inclusion
- Social inclusion
- Cultural inclusion

(See Appendix below for further information and definitions)

Applications must achieve at least one of the following:

- Apply targeted COVID-related intervention(s) for population groups disproportionately impacted by COVID.
- Harness additional COVID-related community capacity.
- Extend or introduce specialist COVID-related support.
- Provide community-based support for those disproportionately impacted by COVID.
- Provide extra support/community engagement in 'vaccine hesitant' areas.
- Provide community-based support for people with long-COVID

The scoring of applications will be partly weighted towards projects relating to areas (wards) with the highest COVID incidence rates (since the start of the pandemic):

- North Warwickshire Borough: Water Orton, Coleshill South and North, Polesworth East.
- Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough: St Nicolas, Weddington, Abbey, Slough.
- Rugby Borough: Eastlands, Hillmorton, Benn, Coton and Boughton, Newbold and Brownsover.
- Stratford-on-Avon District: Southam South, Studley with Sambourne, Tiddington, Wellesbourne West.
- Warwick District: Whitnash, Leamington Brunswick, Leamington Willes.

The scoring of applications will be partly weighted towards projects all or partly relating to Lower Super Output Areas in the top 10% to 30% deprivation deciles as per the [2019 Indices of Multiple Deprivation](#).

The scoring of applications will be partly weighted towards groups disproportionately impacted by COVID, directly or in-directly:

- People from low socio-economic backgrounds.
- People with a South Asian, Black African or Black Caribbean heritage.
- Young people, women, and people with pre-existing mental health conditions.
- People with a disability, including physical, sensory or developmental (such as autistic spectrum disorder or learning disability) and their carers.
- People with dementia or cognitive impairment and their carers.
- Higher risk occupations: police, teachers and those working in education settings, health and care workers, security guards, taxi and bus drivers, hospitality and retail staff, construction workers and distribution sector.
- Clinically vulnerable groups:
 - ❖ High risk of serious illness: People with weakened immune systems (including those receiving targeted cancer treatments), people with blood or bone marrow cancer, people with severe lung disease, people highly susceptible to infections (e.g.: Sickle Cell or Severe Combined Immunodeficiency), pregnant women with a serious heart condition, people with Downs syndrome
 - ❖ Moderate risk of serious illness: people aged 60+, people with underlying health conditions including respiratory conditions, heart disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, liver disease, neurological conditions, conditions that increase risk of infections, taking medications that affect the immune system (e.g., low dose steroids, chemotherapy), people who are obese, pregnant women.

Projects will need to align with/to:

- At least one of the [Council Plan 2020-25](#) priority outcomes.
 - At least one of the [Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy 2020-25](#) core themes
 - The [COVID Recovery Plan](#), Priority 4.
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- Projects will need to include measures that respond to and help to reduce climate change.
 - Projects will need to demonstrate tangible and achievable outcomes, and impact.
 - Projects will need to demonstrate ongoing sustainability beyond the initial funding.

Available Funding and Timescales

Grants of between £25,000 and £50,000 are available for organisations in Warwickshire to deliver revenue projects.

The grant must be spent within 15 months of being awarded.

What will we support?

- Start-up costs for a new project or organisation
 - To extend or develop an existing project
 - To purchase equipment or resources
- Payments will be paid in instalments and agreed following the panel meeting

Application process

A) Submit online application form with the following attachments:

- List of your organisation / company management committee / board of trustees / board of directors with at least 3 unrelated people as members (a list of those directors will be required showing who has bank authorisation)
- A written constitution / articles / set of rules
- A copy of your most recent annual accounts or financial records showing your organisation's balance of funds, income and reserves
- A bank account in the name of the organisation with at least two unrelated signatories
- A bank statement from the last 3 months
- Safeguarding policy
- Equal opportunities policy
- Quotes for capital items over £300

B) Download **Subsidy Control Declaration Letter** from the fund [webpage](#) and submit via email info@heartofenglandcf.co.uk using your organisations name and fund name i.e Warwickshire County Council Social Impact Fund - Revenue as the subject together with:

- Project Timeline – including key milestones

Monitoring requirements

- Interim monitoring at 6 months
- End of grant monitoring form and receipts to be submitted within 1 month of project end date
- **All grant applicants** will be expected to participate in any appropriate publicity as requested by HoECF and/or Warwickshire County Council

Eligibility

You can apply to this fund if you are one of the following:

- Registered charities
- Constituted Community groups
- Companies Limited by Guarantee with charitable aims

- Community Interest Companies
- Co-operatives - registered Community Benefit Societies and registered Industrial and Provident Societies
- Social Enterprises
- All VCSE sector organisations including town and parish councils
- “Friends Of” and Parent Teacher Associations
- Religious organisation if wider inclusive benefit is demonstrated

***Funding to Community Interest Companies and other non-charities may include conditions to restrict funding to charitable objectives only and those with governing documents which include asset and mission locks.*

Sorry, we cannot fund:

- Statutory organisations
- Schools
- Individuals
- Direct replacement of statutory obligation and public funding
- Promotion of religious or political activities or party-political beliefs
- Any activity deemed to be lobbying
- Projects for personal profit or the benefit of an individual
- Groups with significant financial free reserves
- Retrospective grants – Project where costs relate to items or work already carried out or purchased before an award is made
- Contribution to endowment fund, payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans or debt
- Overseas travel or expeditions
- Medical research and equipment for statutory or private healthcare
- General appeals
- Animal welfare, unless the project benefits people (e.g. disabled riding schemes)
- Statutory work in educational institutions
- Sponsored or fundraising events or groups raising funds to distribute to other causes

For the Foundation’s full eligibility criteria see our website.

Appendix

Definitions

Community Power

The term community power captures a wide range of different practices, approaches, and initiatives. Common to all of these is the principle that communities have knowledge, skills and assets which mean they themselves are well placed to identify and respond to any challenges that they face, and to thrive. *New Local.*

Community Capacity

Community capacity is defined as the interaction of human capital, organisational resources, and social capital existing within a given community that can be leveraged to solve collective problems to improve or maintain the wellbeing of a given community. *Chaskin.*

Financial exclusion

“Whereby people encounter difficulties accessing and/or using financial services and products in the mainstream market that are appropriate to their needs and enable them to lead a normal social life in the society in which they belong.” European Commission, 2008. *Financial inclusion* is defined as services and activities to tackle and/or address financial exclusion.

Digital exclusion

“Where a section of the population has continuing unequal access and capacity to use Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) that are essential to fully participate in society.” Schejter, 2015. Warren, 2007. *Digital inclusion* is defined as services and activities to tackle and/or address digital exclusion.

Health exclusion

“An overarching term relating to provision of health and care services for all, recognising that some groups can experience barriers to take up of traditional services, particularly marginalised groups and those who experience a number of overlapping risk factors for worse health outcomes, such as discrimination, poverty, trauma.” Public Health Warwickshire. *Health inclusion* is defined as services and activities to tackle and/or address health exclusion.

Social exclusion

“The lack, or denial of resources, rights, goods and services, and the inability to participate in the normal relationships and activities, available to the majority of people in a society, whether in economic, social, cultural or political arenas.” Levitas et al, 2007. *Social inclusion* is defined as services and activities to tackle and/or address social exclusion.

Cultural exclusion

“A specific form of social exclusion, namely that which takes place every time people are discriminated against because of their perceived cultural differences with the culturally dominant group.” Lapeyronnie, 2008. *Cultural inclusion* is defined as services and activities to tackle and/or address cultural exclusion.