

## IM Properties Community Fund

### Fund Aims

The aim of the fund is to support projects addressing one of the following priorities as part of IM Properties Sustainable Future Frameworks:

#### People- Promoting positive change including projects that:

- Support health and wellbeing
- Promote inclusion and diversity within the community

#### Place- Strengthening communities projects that:

- Promote and encourage community cohesion
- Tackle social isolation and/or help to build social networks
- Help to raise aspirations and provide learning opportunities for children, young people, adults and families

#### Planet- Enhancing the natural environment projects that:

- Promote education and awareness of sustainability
- Encourage resource efficiency by reduction, recycling and reusing of waste materials
- Support environmental initiatives including wildlife and habitat creation

### Available Funding

Grants are available up to £2,500 and must be spent within 12 months of the award.

### Priority Area

Grants are available to all eligible groups but priority will be given to those within the Midlands region including Birmingham, Black Country, Solihull, Coventry and Warwickshire.

### Using the grant

Grants can be made for a wide range of purposes including project, activity costs or consumables.

For example:

- Pilot projects
- The purchase of equipment and resources
- Extension and development of existing projects

Please note:

- No more than 10% of the project costs can be assigned to operational/core costs.
- Your organisation's income level must be less than £500,000, as shown in your most recent annual accounts.

### 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

*\*Funding to Community Interest Companies and other non-charities may include conditions to restrict funding to charitable objectives only.*

**Please note, we are unable to fund the following:**

- Individuals or sole traders
- Companies Limited by Shares
- Capital builds
- Direct replacement of statutory obligation and public funding
- Promotion of religious or political activities
- Organisations or charities which are solely to promote any particular religion
- Groups with significant financial free reserves
- Retrospective grants
- Contribution to endowment fund, payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans
- National charities
- Overseas travel or expeditions
- Medical research and equipment for statutory or private healthcare
- General appeals
- Animal welfare, unless the project benefits people
- Statutory work in educational institutions
- Boxing clubs or associated organisations unless they are addressing wider community issues
- Sponsored or fundraising events or groups raising funds to distribute to other causes
- Schools, Churches, Parish Councils or PTA's unless community benefit is demonstrated

**Additional Supporting Information**

To be eligible to apply you must be able to provide proof of:

- Your organisation / company has a 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.
- Copies of your safeguarding policy (if you will be working with children or vulnerable adults)
- Equal opportunities policy.
- Quotes for capital items over £300.

**For the Foundation's full eligibility criteria see our website.**