

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 £3,000 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.