

GRANTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Action Hampshire Funding opportunities

<https://actionhampshire.org/news-blog-events/covid-19-related-funding-opportunities/>

Grants

The National Lottery Fund Community Grants

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/people-and-places-large-grants>

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england#section-2>

Tesco community grants

<https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/>

Closing SOON: IGas Community Energy Fund

IGas Energy Plc is one of the UK's leading onshore hydrocarbon producers has announced that its Community Energy Fund has opened for applications.

Since 2018 the IGas has awarded over £1 million worth of grants to help local communities located close to the oil and gas production and exploration sites where they operate. The fund covers specific areas in Hampshire, West Sussex and Lincolnshire.

IGas support projects that make a difference to life in the mainly rural communities where they operate. Organisations that are eligible to apply include community and voluntary organisations that are charitable, educational or benevolent in purpose; as well as local schools. Applicants will need to demonstrate need for their project, real community benefits and value for money.

Grants were awarded to a variety of community projects ranging from renovation work and improvements to a popular Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in the East Midlands, to a conservation project to stabilise a riverbank and improve biodiversity in the South.

Money has also been allocated for improvements to community buildings and recreation areas; for equipment for schools, sports clubs and centres for disabled young people; for innovative inter-generational projects; and for a pop-up Art gallery supporting people suffering mental health issues.

IGas need initial expressions of interest in order to register projects and then require submission of full applications by the **28th February 2021**. The grants panel will make its decisions in April 2021.

<http://www.igascommunityfund.co.uk/index.html>

Football Foundation

The [Football Foundation](#) provides grants for building or refurbishing grassroots facilities, such as changing rooms, 3G pitches, fencing, portable floodlights, pitch improvements and clubhouse refurbishment.

War Memorials

[War Memorials Trust grants](#) support repair and conservation works undertaken following best conservation practice.

Locality – Neighbourhood Planning Basic Grant Funding:

All groups undertaking a neighbourhood plan are eligible to apply for up to £10,000 in basic grant.

Additional Grant Funding: Groups meeting the eligibility criteria are able to apply for additional grant of up to £8,000 (in addition to the basic grant). This will take the total amount of grant available to you to £18,000.

Affordable Housing for Sale Grant Funding: If you are wishing to bring forward affordable housing for sale you may be eligible for further grant funding of up to £10,000 to help develop these ideas.

<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/about/grant-funding/#affordablehousing>

RURAL COMMUNITY ENERGY FUND

The RCEF is designed to help rural Town and Parish Councils and community organisations across the South West develop their own local, clean and renewable sources of energy generation which benefit their locality and the wider environment.

- Phase I of the scheme offers up to £40,000 for a feasibility study.

- Phase II of the scheme offers up to £100,000 to cover further project development costs if they are needed and gaining planning permission.

Parish or Town Councils and other community groups can apply. More information is available here

<https://www.energyhub.org.uk/rural-community-energy-fund/introduction/>

(The Great South East Energy hub serves north Hants, and South West Hub south Hants). Funding is available until October 2021 currently.

Grant and Funding Advice

Grants Online – resources and available grants

<https://www.grantsonline.org.uk/>

National Council for Voluntary Organisations Funding guide

NCVO have produced a new step-by-step guide on how to apply for funding, with practical tips to get you started. [View here](#)

<https://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx> - will close on 31 March, includes advice and guidance resources

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Grants

Full list available at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list>

Parish and Town Council Investment Fund

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/parish-town-council-investment-fund>

The priority of this fund is to support partnerships between local communities and the County Council.

Parish and Town Councils (PTC's) and properly constituted local Community Groups who are working in partnership with County Council Services.

There are three primary areas available for investments:

Capital Funding: £1,000 to £30,000 for schemes which enhance existing or provide new infrastructure and equipment to support a local community

Revenue Funding: Meeting local needs: Usually for investments of £1,000 to £30,000 in schemes that enable local communities to be more resilient. For example, schemes which encourage 'neighbourliness' in tackling social isolation or in the management of community assets.

Training: Investments up to £10,000 provide appropriate training in the local community. This could cover a broad range of schemes, for example training from specialist skills for Parish Clerk through to local path wardens looking after their rights of way

Note: The amounts above are intended as guidelines and each scheme will be judged on its own merits. Schemes looking for investment of less than £1000 are generally advised to look at [County Councillor Grants](#).

Rural Communities Fund

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/rural-communities-fund>

The Fund provides support under the following four areas:

Climate Change Resilience (to include Flood Alleviation) – we want to help rural communities deliver solutions to Climate Change in their local areas to benefit both people and property (enabling the Rural Programme to collaborate with the recommendations of HCC's newly formed Climate Emergency department)

Countryside – we want to help rural communities improve their local natural environment, increase access to the countryside or enhance biodiversity

Rural Economy and Business (to include Rural Retailers) – we want to help all Rural Businesses and Community Enterprises grow, increase their productivity and ultimately improve the services that are offered to communities in rural areas

Other – we are keen to support other projects or initiatives that will help build community resilience and/or encourage self-help in rural areas e.g. supporting vulnerable and older people; supporting innovative transport solutions to access services.

DISTRICT AND BOROUGH SPECIFIC

EASTLEIGH

<https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/our-community/community-grants>

Community Buildings Grant

Places where people can gather are vital to communities. We want to support community groups to make their buildings more energy efficient costing less to run.

We will consider supporting any community project that results in a carbon reduction. In the past we have funded or match funded the installation of renewable heating systems, insulation and LED lighting.

Please download an [application form](#) and return it to us for consideration.

WINCHESTER

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants>

TEST VALLEY

<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/business/businessgrantsandsupport/grantsandfunding>

Covid-19 Emergency Response Community Grant

Test Valley Borough Council has launched a new grant scheme for those providing community support during the coronavirus pandemic.

Existing voluntary groups, informal groups established in response to the pandemic, parish and town councils and schools can all apply for a grant of up to £500.

The funding can be used for a range of purposes, from covering volunteer and travel expenses to paying for equipment or printing. It is intended to support the local provision of emergency supplies to the community but cannot be used for a specific individual.

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EAST HANTS

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/our-organisation/community-grants>

The following are currently available to community groups:

Supporting communities fund

[A grant of up to £25,000 for capital costs or up to £10,000 per annum for revenue costs for local community organisations.](#)

Developer contributions (section 106)

[Funding for specific areas received from local developments.](#)

NEW FOREST

Community-led and rural affordable housing

Community-led and rural affordable housing provides homes for those who would otherwise be unable to live within their community. This form of housing also contributes to creating balanced, vibrant communities and sustainable local economies.

We can provide support and advice to local communities, community housing groups, and parish and town councils that are interested in developing new affordable homes. We work with other organisations to access specialist advice and grant funding where applicable.

For more information, email the Housing Enabling team: housing.development@nfdc.gov.uk

BASINGSTOKE

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/grants>

HART

<https://www.hart.gov.uk/the-council/news/community-groups-awarded-grants-emergency-support-local-residents>

<https://www.hart.gov.uk/grants-funding>