

EAST COAST COMMUNITY FUND FUNDING CRITERIA

Important Covid-19 Update (11.06.2020)

Ørsted has announced temporary changes to the funding criteria in response to the current global Covid-19 emergency.

Applications are encouraged to support communities through to recovery. This is likely to include local groups and organisations who:

- Are looking to provide essential support and services to directly facilitate in the recovery efforts from Covid-19.
- Have lost significant core income over the past few months and request funding to recover quicker financially.

Temporary changes to the funding criteria:

- No match funding will be required for all applications at this time.
- Re-application restrictions have been lifted. Any groups that have previously received a grant, have a live project or have been unsuccessful in the last round may re-apply.

The changes relate to all applications to the 29 July 2020 and 3 February 2021 closing dates only. All other criteria will remain unchanged.

Fund Overview:

Each year, approximately £465,000 will be available. Up to £75,000 of this will be ring-fenced for a 'Skills Fund' (see separate Criteria). The remaining monies (circa £390,000) will be split equally over two funding rounds each year.

The application deadlines are detailed on GrantScape's website. Late applications cannot be considered until the next funding round, usually every six months.

There are two levels of grants available, and groups can apply for both revenue and capital costs in the same application. For projects involving revenue costs, groups can apply for funding for up to two years. The levels of grants are as follows:

- a) **Small grants** between £1,000 and £5,000
- b) **Main grants** between £5,001 and £50,000

Groups can only apply for one project per funding round (unless they are a Local Authority, or a Town or Parish Council applying on behalf of another group).

Successful groups cannot apply again for the same project for a period of 2 years (please see FAQs for more detail).

Unsuccessful groups cannot reapply for the same project to the very next round and must skip a round before the project can be reconsidered.

Restrictions on re-application have been removed for the 29 July 2020 and 3 February 2021 application deadlines only. Any groups that have previously received a grant, have a live project or have been unsuccessful in the last round may re-apply to these rounds.

Match Funding:

Match funding is not required for **Small grant** applications.

Main grant applications **will** require a minimum of **20%** match funding.

Please note that match funding will not need to have been secured prior to application. In-kind contributions can be used as match funding, and a formula within the application guidance notes shows how this can be calculated.

Match funding is not required for applications to the 29 July 2020 and 3 February 2021 application deadlines only.

Project Location:

All applications must be located on or within the Fund boundary as shown on the map on GrantScape's website.

Any projects located outside the area are not eligible to apply **unless** they are located in a town or village which is divided by the funding area boundary line and can clearly evidence the project will benefit individuals within the funding area. In these cases, please contact the GrantScape team to discuss your application **before** applying.

Project Purpose:

Grants will available for:

- **Community buildings and facilities.** For example: capital improvement works to village halls, community centres, museums, heritage centres and community cafes.
- **Community activities and services.** For example: projects addressing health and wellbeing, social isolation, community cohesion, access to amenities, young and old people's projects, and projects providing support for local clubs and groups.
- **Environmental and public open space projects.** For example: projects involving parks, nature reserves, community growing schemes, and habitat/species conservation.
- **Sports, recreation and play.** For example: playgrounds, skate parks, indoor climbing walls, sports equipment and sports field drainage projects.

Up to £75,000 of the Fund will be earmarked for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) related grants. Details of this will be published separately.

Eligible Organisations:

Eligible applicants include:

- Voluntary and community groups, and local and national charities
- Parish and Town Councils
- Local Authorities (if they working with community organisations on community-led projects)
- Social Enterprises and Community Interest Companies operating on a **non-profit-distributing basis**. These are defined by Social Enterprise UK as 'businesses that trade to tackle social problems, improve communities, people's life chances, or the environment. They make their money from selling goods and services in the open market, but they reinvest their profits back

into the business or the local community'. Such organisations must have a minimum of three Directors.

Applicants are required to have a written constitution, a set of rules, or a governing document and a bank or building society account, held in the name of the organisation, in place before applying for a grant.

Exclusions:

Grants will **not** be available for:

- Commercial organisations
- Any works that are a statutory duty (such as works to public highways), or that are the legal responsibility of others to fund
- Projects that are religious in focus, or that support a party political campaign or cause, or may bring the Fund into disrepute
- Projects located at religious buildings (unless the project is clearly for the benefit of the wider community, for example a church hall improvement project where the building is available to the general public)
- Schools and educational establishments (unless the application comes from a separate body and the project is for wider community benefit). All applicants with projects located on school grounds should contact GrantScape before applying to ensure your project meets the criteria.
- Private membership-based sports clubs and facilities (unless membership is open to the general public without undue restriction which includes restrictive fees and charges, i.e. not membership by nomination organisations)
- Sports kits and club uniforms
- Projects that only benefit individuals
- Retrospective funding, i.e. projects that have already been completed, whether or not already paid for
- Public conveniences and public car parks
- Allotments
- Festivals, carnivals, music festivals, theatre productions, fairs, fetes, arts festivals, fireworks displays, parades, day trips, overseas travel and other similar one-off events
- Memorials, statues, sculptures and other pieces of public art
- Land and building purchase
- Stand-alone feasibility studies, project development costs (including planning costs) and neighbourhood and community plans
- Costs associated with 'Asset Transfers' from Local Authorities (i.e. legal costs, feasibility costs etc.). However, once the Asset has been transferred, the group responsible for the amenity is eligible to apply for a grant from the Fund.

Judging Criteria:

The criteria used when assessing applications received will be:

- The level of community support for, and involvement in, the project. This must be clearly evidenced in the application and groups, particularly those with a base outside of the funding area, **may** be asked to provide relevant letters of support.
- The local community benefit (social, economic and environmental) which will result from the project

- How the work will be continued after the project has been completed, i.e. its sustainability and legacy
- The ability of the applicant to deliver the project
- Value for money

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