

Co/ownership

Community Fund
Guidance notes for
completing your application

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The project or projects funded should start (but need not be completed) in that financial year. The fund seeks to fund a project or projects which will:

- Help regenerate, rebuild, and revitalise neighbourhoods and communities; or
- Support elderly or disabled people; or;
- Provide advice and educational services to promote either financial capability, inclusion, energy efficiency or biodiversity in the community.

Co-Ownership will convene a panel to choose the successful projects. It will use the following criteria against the project proposals:

- A clear and identified need
- A clear plan for measuring social impact
- Participants have helped to plan the project
- Partnership working
- Uses some existing resources or match funding
- Well planned
- Locally connected
- A lasting impact in the lives of communities or individuals.

Tips for submission

1. Provide as much detail as possible on who will benefit from your project
2. Detail how you will measure the impact of your project on individuals and the wider community
3. Where possible show breakdown of costs and how you will allocate any funds received.

The Co-Ownership Community Fund is open to consider all or any project ideas which fall under the headings above but would particularly like to see applications for projects which would work with social housing tenants or which would develop new partnerships to maximise impact.

Funding is open to constituted organisations but may be held on behalf of an unconstituted group.

The entire fund may be awarded to a single organisation (or partnership) for a single project or divided across several organisations and projects. The projects may be entirely new or already existing.

Co-Ownership is keen to see reasonable numbers of people benefiting and a geographic spread of the proposed project where possible.

Co-Ownership will expect a reasonable amount of promotional coverage for its funding.

What happens after you submit your application?

After the closing date for applications, a panel will be convened by Co-Ownership Housing to choose the successful projects. Discretion rests with the panel, which may be pragmatic in varying any of the terms of this application process, and its decision is final. Award of grants will be made through a letter of grant offer and will be conditional on applicants signing a contract.

IMPORTANT: If you have sent us an application and have not received an acknowledgement of receipt within 7 days, please contact us to ensure that we have received your application successfully.

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