

Coastline's Community Impact Funding



Community Impact Funding

You are the expert in what would benefit your local community, and we are here to support you to achieve your goals.

Coastline is passionate about providing great services to help great people in great places. Our Community Impact Funding is designed to benefit Coastline customers, whether they are:

- Individuals
- Groups of neighbours
- Formally constituted groups, such as Residents' Associations



Small Change/Big Impact

- Up to £50
- Available to individuals or groups of neighbours



Community Connections Fund

- Up to £200
- Available to constituted customer groups or local community groups or agencies whose work benefits Coastline customers
- Limited to one application per group each year



Great Places, Great Spaces

- Up to £500
- Available to constituted customer groups or local community groups or agencies whose work benefits Coastline customers
- Limited to one application per group each year



The funding is also available to non-customers and groups, if they can demonstrate the direct positive impact on Coastline customers.

The Community Impact Funding enables people to access small-, medium-, and larger-scale funds for community projects, initiatives, and events.

Involvement & Engagement Co-ordinator

Your Involvement & Engagement Co-ordinator can support you with every step of your journey to completing a project or running an event within your community.

You can contact them by emailing getinvolved@coastlinehousing.co.uk, with Community Impact Funding as the title of your email.



Eligibility Criteria for Coastline Customers



We welcome applications from individuals, groups of neighbours, and formally constituted groups, who are Coastline customers and live within our communities. We also welcome applications from community groups or agencies whose work directly benefits Coastline customers, where they can evidence Coastline customers' support for their project or initiative. Projects or events must have a positive impact and meet the needs of the community.

If you would like to hold an event or install anything communally or within the boundary of a Coastline property or garden, you will need written permission from Coastline Housing.

You will need to show that:

- Your local Coastline community is in favour of the project/event.
- How the project/event will have a positive impact on the Coastline community, and which community members will benefit.
- How the project/event will achieve at least one of the following:
 - Increase social cohesion/reduce social isolation
 - Increase digital skills
 - Increase wellbeing – physical/mental health
 - Improve the local environment
 - Create opportunities to gain skills/increase employability
 - Other – please indicate the benefit you anticipate the project achieving

Example projects include:

- Planting and greenspace projects
- Events that have a multigenerational appeal, such as a summer fete
- Equipment to reduce social isolation, such as to set up an art & craft group
- Equipment to improve the local environment, such as litter pickers & protective clothing
- Funding for local events, such as torches for winter parades
- Equipment to increase health and wellbeing, such as goalposts for community use



Coastline Housing and the Customer Voice group reserve the right to refuse any application and their decision is final.

Eligibility Criteria for Coastline Customers



Examples of Funding Restrictions include

Community Impact Funding cannot be used for:

- Costs relating to invoices already paid;
- Costs relating to remedial works for items previously funded;
- Costs that are part of statutory obligations or replace statutory funding;
- Duplicate projects or activities which are already being delivered in the area;
- Items benefiting one sole person;
- Expenses which include alcoholic beverages;
- Endowments or loan payments;
- Political, religious or lobbying groups;
- Any discriminatory or illegal purposes;
- Wages and rent; or
- Purchase or running costs of vehicles.

Additional information:


When reviewing your application, your Involvement & Engagement Co-ordinator, or members of Customer Voice may also ask to see the following evidence, but they will contact you to discuss this if necessary. If you're not sure, please ask.

- Relevant Risk Assessment;
- Safeguarding Policy;
- Public Liability Insurance;
- Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Checks;
- Food Hygiene Certificates;
- First Aid Provision;
- Fire Procedures; and
- Any additional evidence deemed appropriate.



If your application is successful

Measuring impact:



We love to celebrate community achievements, so we will ask you to be involved in publicity related to the Community Impact Fund. Don't worry if you're camera shy- we can always write a case study instead!

To check the Community Impact Funding is making a real difference, our Customer Voice group members will be in touch between three and six months after the funding has been awarded, for an update on how the money was used and what the outcomes were for the community.

Make an impact:

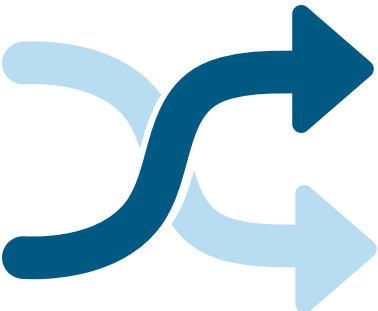


Sharing your success is a key part of the enjoyment of running a community project or event.

You could try apps to capture your project from start to finish, and have a wonderful memento of the experience, or encourage younger members of your community to draw pictures of the project or event. However you record it, we're keen to support and be involved in sharing your achievements!

Learning from others and sharing skills is a great outcome of community-based projects, and we encourage applicants to share their community's learning through the process of organising a project or event on our social media pages - do tag us on **Facebook** or **Instagram**!

Changes to projects/events:



If you decide during your project that you would like to spend the awarded funding on anything other than the items specified in your application, you will need to seek approval from your Involvement & Engagement Co-ordinator and our Customer Voice group to do so. If monies are spent on other items without this approval, you will be expected to return the full grant amount to Coastline Housing. We understand that projects change and progress –please do just get in touch if you anticipate any changes, so we can work with you to address this.

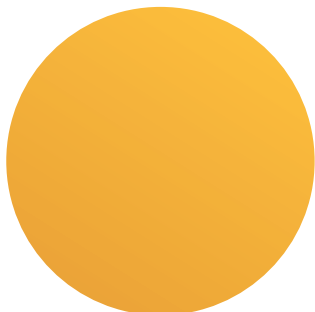
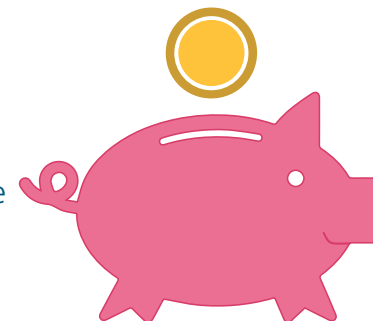
Check the Knowledge Base on My Coastline or our website, or get in touch with your Involvement & Engagement Co-ordinator to find out how to request this.

If you have any questions or queries, don't hesitate to contact your Involvement & Engagement Co-ordinator.

If your application is successful

Finances:

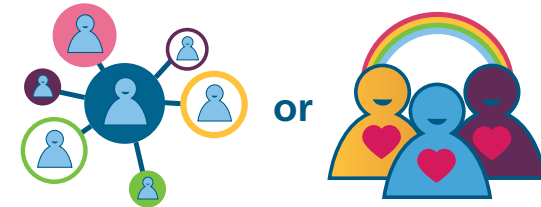
- Coastline Housing and the Customer Voice group reserve the right to refuse any application and their decision is final and there is no appeal process. However, we strongly recommend talking to your Involvement & Engagement Co-ordinator in advance of making an application, so that refusal of funding is less likely, as they will be able to highlight any areas that need amending/more detail/alternative projects.
- Small Change Big Impact Funding can be provided up to £50 - Involvement & Engagement Co-ordinator will purchase items on behalf of the individual or group
Community Connections Fund and Great Places, Great Spaces monies can be deposited into accounts of Coastline customer constituted groups.
For non-customer groups and agencies, items will be purchased on your behalf, and no monies will be transferred.
- If your group folds and your grant has not been finished, you will need to return any remaining funds to Coastline.
- Any individual item costing over £250 will require three separate quotes to be submitted, to demonstrate that value for money has been sought.
- Please keep receipts that show your spending, as you will need to detail your final costs. Final costs must be submitted to your Involvement & Engagement Co-ordinator within four weeks of the project completion.
- Groups/individuals applying for Community Impact Funding are responsible for carrying out appropriate risk assessments.
- Coastline Housing accepts no responsibility for activities undertaken which utilise the Community Impact Funding. That said, if you would like support from your Involvement & Engagement Co-ordinator to complete a risk assessment, please let them know.
- Any funding award made through the Community Impact Fund under Small Change/Big Impact will be made in the form of a service or item, and funding will not be paid directly to the applicant/group of neighbours. Community Connections Fund and Great Places, Great Spaces monies can be deposited into accounts of formally constituted Coastline customer groups. For non-customer groups and agencies, items or services will be purchased on your behalf, and no monies will be transferred.



How to apply for funding:



Talk to your neighbours to make sure that you all agree what would be beneficial for your local area. If you need support to do this, get in touch with your Involvement & Engagement Co-ordinator by emailing getinvolved@coastlinehousing.co.uk, with Community Impact Funding as the title of your email.



Think about:

- What you want to achieve*
- Who will be involved and what skills they have
- The intended outcomes and who will benefit
- How much money you need

*please see Funding Restrictions

If you want to apply for the **Community Connections Fund**, or **Great Places, Great Spaces**, you will need to evidence this, share your vision with us, and give an example of what your group has achieved.

Information about setting up a group can be found [here](#).

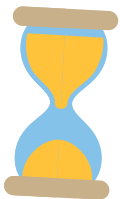
Fill in your application at:

www.coastlinehousing.co.uk/coastline-conversation/take-part/community-impact-funding-form

Just click on or copy and paste this link into your search bar and you'll be taken to our online form.

Applying is easy

We accept applications at any time, and process them on a rolling basis, so that you can access the funds you need, when you need them. We will acknowledge receipt of your application, and let you know the outcome within four weeks.



What to expect once your application is submitted:



Your Involvement & Engagement Co-ordinator will work with Customer Voice members check the eligibility of your application.

Criteria not met



We will get in touch to talk to you about your project, and request further information or evidence.

Criteria met



If your application successfully demonstrates that your project will have a positive community benefit for local Coastline community members, then we will be in touch to confirm the funding award.

Criteria now met



Criteria not met



If your project doesn't meet the eligibility criteria, then we will suggest where to look for alternative funding sources.



Good Luck!

We look forward to your application, and hearing all about what you and your community hope to achieve.

