



# Community Grant Fund

## Small Grants

### Criteria

We want to hear your ideas about what you can do to make Middlesbrough a better place to live, work and visit.

We will call what you want to do a project. Your project can be big or small depending on what you want to do but must cover one of the six priorities shown on the front page. Successful projects will have high involvement and ownership by the community.

- Applicants must be over 16 years of age.
- This grant fund is only available to resident and small community groups based in Middlesbrough.
- You do not need to be constituted or have a group/project bank account to apply for this funding; arrangements are in place for those groups of people who do not have the latter to have access to one. Those groups that do have these in place should access this fund through the Community Chest application process.
- Funding is to make a difference to local areas and people, so can fund anything you feel can do that, from equipment to activity.
- Funding cannot be used to fund:
  - Constituted groups
  - Things to benefit only you as an individual
  - Activity promoting religious beliefs
  - Trips outside of Middlesbrough
  - Uniformed groups or football teams
  - Money to keep things running (that can use one of our other grant programmes)
  - Illegal activity or one not meeting government restrictions
  - Food
- You can apply for grants from £20 to £1500, which meet one (or more) of our **six priorities** to help make life better for residents:
  - **Help people get ready for work, or find better jobs**

- **Help people to learn new things**
  - **Make people feel healthier or happier**
  - **Make outdoor spaces better**
  - **Bringing different people together**
  - **Improve what people think of Middlesbrough and help people aim higher**
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- Once your project is finished you can apply for more money to run a different project if money is still available.
  - You will have to show the council how you have spent the money and tell us what you have done. Any money not spent by the end of the project will need to be returned.
  - Projects working with vulnerable adults or children must have the appropriate safeguarding policy in place. Support is available to help you with this.
  - Projects will be involved in a big publicity campaign run by the Council communications team. Please note you must inform any members of your group/participants in publicity of the council's privacy notice, see below.
  - Privacy notice – <https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/mayor-council-and-councillors/about-council/privacy-notices/privacy-notice-community-grant>

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