

Community Development Foundation

Community First Programme:

In 2014 the Wood Street First Panel will have a Community first grant of £8,489 to allocate to groups and non profit making organisations for projects in our Neighbourhood. The maximum amount of funding for each project is £2,500.00 these are Matched Funded. If you would like to apply for funding for a community project read the guidance notes below and email us for an application form info@woodstsnt.co.uk

Guidance Notes:

How to request funds from your local panel

This document will explain how the Community First: Neighbourhood Matched Fund works, whether you can apply, and how to request funds from the Wood Street First panel. It contains useful web links and guidance on completing a Funding Proposal Form, in which you can set out the aims of your project, the problems it addresses, and the benefits it will make to our neighbourhood.

Details about the programme & the aim of the programme

£30 Million is now available to fund community projects in some of the most deprived areas of the country. People will be encouraged to give time, expertise and resources towards the projects they identify in their areas. The government will match these pound for pound, helping to stimulate local action towards meeting community needs. The programme will help communities come together to identify their strengths and local priorities in order to plan for their future and become more resilient. It will fund both new and existing community groups.

Community First Neighbourhood Matched Fund is an initiative that provides local communities with the means to address their own priorities. In our Ward we have set up the Wood Street First panel that will work with the community to ensure that our priorities for improving the community are being dealt with by the projects we are funding. It is a matched fund programme, which means that every £1 provided in funding must be matched by a similar amount of in-kind donations (this means donations of cash, services, free products or volunteer time).

Our Websites

All the information on this fund can be found through the following links:-

Wood Street First Panel: <http://www.woodstreetfirst.org>

Community Development Foundation: <http://www.cdf.org.uk>

Am I eligible to apply to the panel for funding?

If you are part of a constituted group or non profit making organisations that are running or would like to run a project in the Wood Street Ward that works towards and fits in with the following priorities then you may well be eligible. If you are unsure email or call us we will be happy to talk to you. If you like we can meet up with you to discuss your project.

Our Priorities

- Crime prevention, and reducing the fear of crime
- Improving the local environment
- Offering more and better activities for young people
- Improving the lives of children and young people
- Offering more and better activities for older people

Is funding available to individuals?

No, funding for this programme is only available to groups, so if you have an idea to improve your neighbourhood, you must form a group to apply for funding. You will need to create a set of rules which all members of your group agree to abide by.

This is called a Terms of Reference. For help on creating a Terms of Reference you can find a template form on the CDF website. For some useful advice on how to set up a project, please visit the My Community Starter website:

<http://www.communitytoolkit.co.uk/>

How do I apply?

You can discuss your project with us, just email or call us for an appointment or you can request a Funding Application Form. If your application is approved by the Wood Street First Panel we will recommend your project to the C.D.F for funding. You can find the more details of our panel on the website.

This Funding Application Form allows you to show the panel how your project fits in with the aims of the Community First programme and the Wood Street First Priorities. It should also provide all the information the panel will need to make a decision.

Applications must be received by 3rd February 2014

Project Proposal Form Guidance

This is a section by section guide to completing the Funding Application Form. You will need to answer all questions.

About your group

Please provide standard contact details so that CDF can contact you if the panel approves your proposal.

Project Title

Choose a name for your project which will allow it to be easily recognised.

Project Summary

Please provide details about your project i.e. the aims of the project. The aim is a brief statement that explains the overall purpose of your project.

Which of the local priorities identified for your ward does this project address?

Above we have listed the priorities for the ward, make a note of which of these priorities your project will address and set these out clearly on the Application Form

How does your project meet these priorities?

The starting point for addressing how your project meets the priorities in your ward is to be clear on the need it is addressing. You need to demonstrate a problem, issue or situation where something needs to be changed to make things better for a person, group of people or an environment.

Area Covered by project

Although funding for this programme is at ward level, different neighbourhoods within our ward may have greater need of funding. Please let the panel know here what specific area of your ward your project will benefit.

Amount requested

Tell us how much grant you are applying for?

What is the start date for the project and when will it be completed?

Tell us how long the project will take to complete. Be as realistic as possible about when the project might start and how long it will take to complete. Don't put a start date of a week after submission of your proposal, if the panel is not going to meet for three weeks. You can email us to ask for an appropriate start date... Please bear in mind the time frames when planning your project. Any unspent funds will need to be returned to CDF at the end of each financial year.

The Local Community

How many people will be involved in the project? What will they be doing?

There are various ways of involving people. For example:

- Having people who would use your project on your management committee.
- Getting local people who will use the project to help design it.
- Setting up user groups to give feedback on your plans and plan activities.
- Where appropriate local people delivering activities or volunteering on the project.

The more members of the local community involved in the project will mean a higher number of volunteer hours, which means a higher match value for the project.

How will this project improve this neighbourhood?

Once you have addressed the need of your project of your project, you will need to have clear idea of the specific changes and improvements your project will have in our local neighbourhood.

Financial Details

What will you spend the grant on?

List all the costs associated with your project.

How are you making up the match part of your project?

In order to receive funding for your project you need to contribute the same amount that you are asking for. You can raise this amount in the following ways:

- Volunteer time, which is valued at £11.09 per hour.
In order to greater reflect current labour market costs, CDF is using the Office for National Statistics (ONS) Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) and within this the Median gross hourly earnings rate.
- Gifts in kind. These are services provided free of charge that normally you would have to pay for, such as venue hire.
- Cash donations

How does your project represent good value for money?

Need – To be a cost effective and value for money

With only a limited amount of funding for your area, you need to demonstrate that your project delivers the most benefits for the least amount of money spent. You can do this by:

- Ensuring the most amount of people in your area benefit from your project
- Thinking of a problem in your area that could be solved for a small amount of money but would make a big difference in people's lives
- When sourcing services and materials, obtain different quotes to make sure you are getting the best possible value for money
- Obtaining services and materials for free where possible from businesses willing to contribute to improving their community.

Need - key point's checklist

- Why your project is needed and how you know it is needed?
- Who would benefit from your project?
- How the people who will benefit are involved in your project?
- The difference your project will make?
- What your project will do?
- How much funding you want, for how long and what you will spend the money on?
- How will you demonstrate that your project has made a difference and has achieved what is sets out to do?

For more information or advice:

Call Graham on 07850 798410 or email graham@woodstsnt.co.uk