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# Community Solutions Fund

## Funding rounds and criteria

### Round 1

Open from Monday 3 June till Thursday 8 September 2019

Applications closing date: Thursday 8 September 2019, 5pm

Round 1 of the Community Solutions Fund will provide £145,000 of one-off funding (2019/20) financial support to communities to address local issues and increase community capacity that drives reduced future demand and avoids costs for the County Council.

### Criteria

- applications open to Parish & Town Councils, Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations, Schools, Community Groups and Partners
- bids can be up to £20k for projects and will be assessed on merit and impact on reducing future demand and costs for the Council or increase income
  - higher applications could be considered, so the bigger the impact the more successful the bid!
- projects must be capable of being self-funded from other sources after funding ceases, if the expense is recurring
- projects must be consistent with the Council's Corporate Plan
- funding may not be used to contradict or undermine Council policy, savings plans or decisions
- funding may be used for transitional support to deliver savings plans
- total spend must be within allocated budget (ie £145k in 2019/20, and anticipated £45k from 2020/21)

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