

Appendix B – Guidance and Procedures for the Community Investment Fund 2019/20

When to apply

The Community Investment Fund is an annual programme and has 3 rounds per year. Funding is granted based on these 3 rounds so members must ensure they meet each round deadline. All hard infrastructure projects will need to be submitted within the first round of funding to ensure the Council receives best value for money through the tender process.

The fund is open

Round 1: 1 April 2019 to 31 August 2019

Round 2: 1 September 2019 to 30 November 2019

Round 3: 1 December 2019 to 28 February 2020

What is funded

A grant can be awarded to eligible projects that contribute towards improving local communities. It is expected that the grant funding will be spent in each councillor's own ward however cross ward expenditure can be funded, subject to agreement by The Leader of the Council, the Lead Member for Corporate Finance & Housing and the Section 151 Officer. Applications should specify what the funding would support and the desired outcome.

What isn't funded

- Individuals
- Profit making organisations/and or private ventures
- Organisations or projects already in receipt of funding from other Slough Borough Council departments for core costs and/or core service/programme delivery.
- Projects whose main priority does not meet Slough Borough Council priorities as set out in the 5 year plan
- Projects that do not comply with current Council policies
- Parish Councils
- Other local authorities
- Non maintained schools

Grant criteria and eligibility

The Community Investment Fund is open to projects which meet the following eligibility criteria;

- The services/programmes of the community based organisations which clearly deliver against the priorities in our Five Year Plan.
- Projects which benefit the local community in each ward, improving health and wellbeing for all.

- Any community-based organisation having funding applied for must be properly constituted with clear and effective local governance and management structures.
- The funding must not be allocated to projects benefitting one specific faith group.
- Projects must exclusively offer provision for Slough residents
- Any community based organisation having funding applied for must be based in Slough