

Community Grant Scheme

FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY GROUPS/COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who can apply for a Withernsea Big Local Community Grant?

A. Community groups, individuals or charities from Withernsea can apply to help them run a new local project. Community groups must be not-for-profit and hold a bank account requiring at least two non-related signatories. For small/new groups to get started a bank account with two signatories may not be necessary. If your project involves contact with children or vulnerable adults, you will need to satisfy us that all the required policy checks have been carried out.

Q. What will Withernsea Big Local Community Grant not fund?

A. Projects which are for religious purposes, political activities, services which are or should be provided by statutory services, projects which exclude certain members of the community, projects which will only benefit one individual, projects that do not benefit people living, working or attending school in Withernsea.

Funding will not be provided on a retrospective basis and groups should not commit themselves to the project before any final decision has been made.

Q. When can I apply for a Community Grant?

A. You can apply at any time during the year.

Q. I run my own business but do a lot for the community, am I still able to apply?

A. No. Funding of private businesses is not permitted by our administrative body, Local Trust.

Q. What is Local Trust?

A. Local Trust is an independent charitable trust established in 2012 to deliver the Big Local programme, committing £200 million to 150 neighbourhoods across England. Each Big Local neighbourhood, including Withernsea, is receiving at least £1m Lottery funding over a 10-year period, which residents themselves will be in charge of spending on ways to improve their community

Q. I run a social enterprise, am I able to apply?

A. No. Withernsea Community Grants are specifically to encourage smaller projects developed and delivered by individuals and community groups. Social enterprises are encouraged to discuss Investing in Withernsea funding with the Withernsea Big Local Development Officer.

Q. Can I make more than one application?
A. You can apply as many times as you like but each application must be for something different.

Q. What if I need to apply for more money than the Community Grant Scheme offers (£200-£500)?
A. If your application meets at least one of our five outcomes and you need to apply for more than £200-£500, you can apply to the Investing in Withernsea fund.

Q. Who decides which applications are funded?
A. The Community Grant sub-group of the Withernsea Big Local Steering Group will make the decision on applications. The Community Link Worker and the Development Officer do not make decisions about which projects are funded.

Projects will be assessed against the published criteria and members will consider demand and resources available in reaching their decision.

Q. How will I know if my application has been successful?
A. The Community Link Worker will contact you, following the decision made by the sub-group, to advise whether the application was successful or not.

Q. Our group is struggling to think of what to spend the money on. Can Big Local help us come up with an idea?
A. Have a look at the Big Local Plan on our website www.withernseabiglocal.co.uk Our Vision and Outcome Statements can be found on pages 11-13. This will give you an idea of how we want to make improvements to the town. Your idea can be anything that moves the plan forward. Look at the Local Trust website www.localtrust.org.uk to see what projects are being funded in other Big Local areas.

Q. Once we receive the money, how long do we have to spend it?
A. A grant offer letter will be produced when your application is successful. You will have one year from the date on the letter to spend the funding. A case study will need to be carried out, for feedback purposes, between the Community Link Worker and you, after the money has been spent.

Q. We are not able to spend all our money in the 12 months. Can we ask for an extension to the time we have to spend it?
A. An extension to the 12 months may be possible. Once the request to extend the 12 months has been made the Community Grant Review Panel will decide whether or not the extension is granted.

Q. If the grant is paid directly into our bank account do we still need to keep our receipts?
A. Copies of all receipts will be required by Withernsea Big Local for accountability to Local Trust.