

Your application

Applications will need to demonstrate:

- The project outputs and outcomes and how these match the purpose of the Big Society Fund
- The needs or characteristics of the community which the project is intended to support
- Demonstrable support from within the community that the proposed project is expected to benefit
- Who the expected beneficiaries are, identifying their location and other relevant characteristics
- The governance and management arrangements of the group responsible for administering or implementing the project
- The total project budget, including 'whole-life' costings and the proposed and alternative sources of funding
- A programme for implementing the project (including key dates and timescales)
- A realistic cash flow forecast for any revenue implications relating to the project (detailed as appropriate to the scale and scope of the activity being funded)
- A commitment to provide evidence of the project outcomes once it is complete

Applications will only be processed once all the required supporting documentation is received. The evidence checklist will identify the essential documentation that will be required to support all applications.

How to apply

An application pack containing:

the guidance notes
application form
evidence checklist

can be downloaded from the North Norfolk District Council website at

www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/your-community/apply-for-big-society-fund/

Alternatively, email:

supporting.communities@north-norfolk.gov.uk or telephone 01263 516248/516173.



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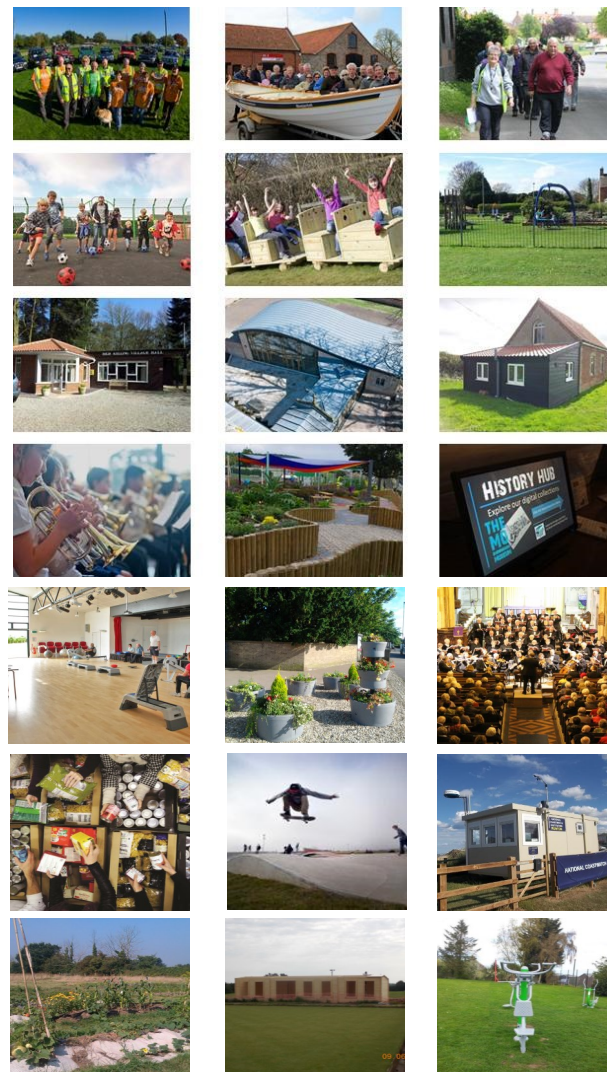
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The North Norfolk Big Society Fund



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The Fund

The Big Society Fund is provided by North Norfolk District Council to help build strong communities in the district. It aims to help communities to develop new and innovative projects which will improve their social and economic wellbeing.

Since the Big Society Fund started in 2012 it has awarded over £1,400,000 to over 180 community projects across our District. These projects were all ideas that came from local communities where people were already working hard to try and achieve something for their town or village. The Big Society Fund has been able to help those people to achieve their vision.

As well as providing grant funding, North Norfolk District Council is enabling local organisations and community groups to get access to advice and support to help them develop their ideas into sustainable projects that will last long after the grant has been spent.

The Big Society Grant Fund will assist communities in meeting their needs. The Fund is provided by North Norfolk District Council and is available to support community projects throughout the District. The total funding available will be £225,000.

The Big Society Fund Grants Panel has been set up to consider grant applications up to £15,000. The Panel will meet four times a year. The closing dates for each application round and Panel date will be advertised on the North Norfolk District Council website at www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/your-community/apply-for-big-society-fund/ Funding will be available for each round.



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What it will support

The kind of activities or initiatives that could be supported, for example, might include:

- The provision of new or improved community facilities
- The establishment of new organisations or specific activities (for existing organisations) that will meet identified local needs and can evidence sustainable long-term outcomes
- Events which promote community involvement or innovative approaches that bring people together, that can be sustained (where appropriate) by the community in the longer term
- Projects that encourage specific people to become more active in the community (e.g. delivering new training or work related activities to generate economic benefits for the area)
- Projects that generate and/or increase social enterprise activity, to help create or sustain local jobs and offer more volunteering opportunities .

The following will not be supported by this Fund:

- Core or on-going revenue costs for administering existing groups or organisations, unless it can demonstrated that they are directly linked to a new project with clear outputs and outcomes and a long-term sustainability plan or exit strategy
- Core or on-going revenue to meet costs such as routine maintenance, cleaning, staffing and infrastructure
- Statutory responsibilities and regulatory functions of public bodies
- Retrospective grant applications i.e. where goods or services have already be purchased or provided
- Applications for different elements of a project that has previously received a Big Society Fund grant.

Who can apply

The Fund is available for projects that support people and activities within the North Norfolk District geographical area. The following categories of organisations that are likely to be eligible for example:

- Local voluntary organisations, charities (whether registered or not) and community groups
- Parish and Town Councils within North Norfolk
- Larger regional or national charities or organisations if the funding is to deliver a specific project in North Norfolk
- Community businesses, social enterprises and other not-for profit organisations

Please note:

- Schools will be eligible if the project or activity proposed relates to community oriented or supported activities that are outside the school's normal core curriculum and/or main term-time educational role (usually outside school hours)
- Organisations that are routinely supported by grant funding from North Norfolk District Council will not be eligible to apply unless the applicant can prove that the funding request is for a specific additional project and that the outcomes are over and above any existing funding agreement with the District Council
- Individuals or private businesses will not be eligible to apply

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