

COASTAL COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE

Guidelines

Please read the guidelines carefully **BEFORE** you request or complete an application form.

The **Object of the Fund** is to improve the wellbeing of people living in Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe and Sutton on Sea and to make life more comfortable, ease distress and isolation for those most in need (see map for area of benefit).

Applicants will need to clearly demonstrate how their project addresses longer term sustainability, either environmental (eg installation of renewable energy, energy saving initiatives) or from an operational/governance perspective (improved facilities, capital/equipment costs) to ensure applicants can continue to offer support.

About the Grants

- Grants up to £10,000
- Grants can be for capital/equipment
- Small amounts of revenue, overheads or running costs will be accepted where applicants can show these contribute to longer term delivery and impact
- Closing date: **1 October 2024**
- Decisions are notified by the end of November
- Payments are usually made in advance. However, a decision may be taken to stage payments whilst progress is monitored
- All funds should be spent before **30 September 2025**
- Groups can only hold one grant at any one time.

Eligibility/Supporting documentation

Not for profit community groups, registered charities or social enterprises. All applicants should submit:

- Constitution/Governing document
- A local management board or committee (with minimum of at least two unrelated people)
- A bank or building society account in the organisation's name with at least two signatories who are not related or living in the same household
- Latest Accounts/Income and Expenditure Account (or last three months Bank Statements, if a new group)
- Evidence of cost with two quotes where specific items of expenditure exceed £5,000

- Evidence the balance of project costs has been secured/pledged (match funding)
- Any additional information (planning permission, building regs or Listed Building Consent for Graded buildings)
- National or Regional organisations are unlikely to receive funding.

What cannot and/or is unlikely to be funded

- Projects promoting religious or political beliefs
- Grants to replace statutory funding
- Funding for general maintenance of a church or parish building
- Individuals
- General contributions to large appeals
- Grant making bodies applying for funding to redistribute to others
- Retrospective expenditure or unsustainable deficits or loans
- Requests for large capital projects where match funding has not been secured
- Projects that cannot be delivered and report on impact by December 2025
- Projects where the applicant has a limited track record in local delivery
- Activity that duplicates pre-existing private or public sector funding

Application process

If your project meets the criteria then fill in the Application Form (please make sure you complete it in full, including the budget breakdown) and submit it electronically to sue@lincolnshirecf.co.uk along with all supporting documents. If you are unable to send an electronic copy, please send a hard copy to Sue Fortune at Lincolnshire Community Foundation. 4 Mill House, Carre Street, Sleaford, Lincs NG34 7TW.

Grant management

The grant scheme is managed by the Lincolnshire Community Foundation CIO (charity number 1196448). Big Local is delivered nationally by Local Trust with an investment of over £200m from the Big Lottery Fund. Big Local is happening in 150 communities across England and provides residents in each community with at least £1m and a range of other support and funding to develop ways of making their areas even better places to live.

Lincolnshire Community Foundation will use details submitted internally for administration purposes. As some of the information may be classified as “personal data” it will be processed in accordance with the rights and obligations of the Data Protection Act 2018.

If you are uncertain about your project’s eligibility for Coastal Community Challenge Big Local or would like to have a chat about a project, please contact Sue Fortune or Cavan Collins at the Foundation on 01529 305825 or sue@lincolnshirecf.co.uk for further guidance.

