

Together for Skegness Stronger Communities Fund Fund Guidelines

Object of the Fund

To support community led projects that benefit people living in Skegness, respond to local needs and opportunities, deliver visible improvements, strengthen local pride and contribute to the Skegness Pride in Place Board's priorities.

Pride in Place is a 10-year government programme giving communities the power and funding to improve local spaces, support culture and boost pride in where they live. Skegness is one of the 250 areas that will have £20M investment over 10 years.

Priorities:

Applicants must address at least one of the following priorities and demonstrate how they respond to needs or opportunities identified by the Skegness community:

- Pride, culture and aspiration - activities, events or celebrations, volunteering, heritage, arts and culture that strengthen pride in Skegness and provide more opportunities throughout the year.
- Education, skills and opportunity - skills, digital inclusion, employability, mentoring, enterprise and activities that improve opportunities for people of all ages.
- Wellbeing, inclusion and community resilience - reducing isolation, improving physical or mental wellbeing, bringing communities together and strengthening local voluntary and community organisations.
- Safe and welcoming neighbourhoods – initiatives that improve community safety, help address anti-social behaviour or make neighbourhoods and public spaces feel safer and more welcoming
- Community assets, environment and green spaces - improving community facilities, hubs, gardens and outdoor spaces, including projects that make Skegness cleaner, greener and more attractive.
- A vibrant and connected town centre - increasing participation and footfall, animating places, improving accessibility and connections, and bringing residents, community groups and local businesses together.

In assessing applications, consideration will also be given to the extent to which projects demonstrate community support, deliver visible and tangible benefits, add value to rather than duplicate existing provision, strengthen local organisations or partnerships, secure additional cash or in-kind contributions where appropriate, and create lasting benefits for the Skegness community.

About the Grants

- Grants of £500–£10,000 are available to support eligible project costs, including activities, events, services, equipment and improvements to community facilities or spaces.
- Funding is for revenue expenditure only. Equipment, machinery and similar individual items must cost less than £5,000 each. Property related works or improvements must cost less than £10,000. Costs at or above these thresholds are classed as capital expenditure and cannot be funded through this grants programme.

- A separate Community Chest fund will provide grants of up to £300 to individuals and non constituted groups, making Pride in Place funding accessible to small community led ideas that encourage local participation and strengthen pride in Skegness. The application process will be simple and proportionate with appropriate safeguarding and payment arrangements.
- Successful applicants can only hold one grant at any one time
- Closing date: 1 December 2026 and 1 March 2027 & 1 June 2027, subject to available funds.
- Payments are usually made in advance.
- Applicants will be notified of decisions within 6 weeks of the closing date
- Projects must be completed and reported by the grant agreement deadline and no later than 31 March 2028
- Match funding is not required, but cash or in-kind contributions may strengthen an application.

Eligibility/Supporting documentation

Eligible applicants are community groups, charities, social enterprises, residents' associations, Town Council and voluntary organisations operating in or benefiting Skegness. National or regional bodies must show strong local engagement and be able to ring fence any funds awarded for delivery. Non constituted groups and individuals may apply only through the Community Chest route. Applicants should submit:

- Constitution or governing document, plus committee details
- Recent organisational bank statement showing at least two unrelated signatories
- Latest accounts, or three months' bank statements for a new group
- Relevant policies, including safeguarding and equal opportunities
- Evidence of cost (quotes) and that the balance of project costs has been secured
- Details of costs and any cash or in-kind contributions
- Any additional information that supports your application

What cannot and/or is unlikely to be funded:

- Projects promoting religious or political beliefs. Places of worship will be considered, and should demonstrate the project is actively open and welcoming to people from all faiths and backgrounds and to the wider community.
- Individuals (see Community Chest route)
- General contributions to large appeals
- Grant making bodies applying for funding to redistribute to others
- Retrospective expenditure or unsustainable deficits or loans
- Projects unable to complete and report by the grant agreement deadline and no later than 31 March 2028
- Activity that duplicates existing private or public sector funding or where the applicant has a statutory duty to undertake
- Schools or PTAs, unless activity is additional, community led and open to the wider neighbourhood
- National or regional organisations without strong local leadership and clear added value

Application process

Applications can be submitted electronically to Cavan Collins or Laura Baltulyte via email (skegnesspip@lincolnshirecf.co.uk) along with all supporting documents. If you are unable to send an electronic copy, please send a hard copy to Together for Skegness Stronger Communities Fund, Lincolnshire Community Foundation, Glennys Sanders House, Pride Parkway, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 8GL.

Grant management

Lincolnshire Community Foundation CIO (charity number 1196448) manages the Fund with oversight from Foundation, local-authority and community representatives.

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All complaints for this Fund will be managed through the Lincolnshire Community Foundation’s complaints procedure in the first instance. Non-resolved complaints regarding Skegness Pride in Place funded projects will then be reviewed and arbitrated by the East Lindsey District Council.

If you have an idea which you think would be eligible or would simply like to have a chat about the scheme, please get in touch with Cavan Collins or Laura Baltulyte at the Foundation on 01529 572577 or skegnesspip@lincolnshirecf.co.uk for further guidance.