

Community Chest for Camp Hill

What is the Community Chest?

Community Chest is a small grant programme providing grants of up to £500 to help small community groups sustain and develop activities in the Camp Hill area of Nuneaton.

Barratt Mercia, the developer for Camp Hill Phase 3, has put aside a sum of £40,000 spread over an eight year period. This funding is to help local groups in Camp Hill fund projects which improve the quality of life for those living in the area – helping local residents to help themselves and the regeneration programme.

Who Can Apply?

- Local Voluntary or Community Groups can apply for funding to enable a wide range of activities to take place or to help with operational costs.
- Project ideas can be varied and could include: Community Clean Ups and/or local environmental improvements including those around community safety, activities that engage young people such as arts & crafts or local history and schemes that support young families, projects that widen participation ie enable residents to become more involved in community or voluntary activity are also encouraged.

What do I need to be considered for a Grant from the Community Chest?

Groups will be considered for a grant if they have:

- An independent referee who can vouch for the group and has knowledge of the plans for using the grant, such as a community worker from Nuneaton and Bedworth CAVA, or the Volunteer Centre in Bulkington.

- Have a sound project worthy of money from the Community Chest, that is in the interest of, or benefit to, the wider community in Camp Hill.

Is there any Support available for my group?

The grant administrators can provide help and advice on how to complete the application forms ready for submission. They can also signpost groups to organisations that can help with issues such as volunteer training, making further funding applications, monitoring and evaluation, group status or any of the following:

- helping to identify and support new ways of working
- being alerted to activities of wider significance and sharing information
- encouraging organisations to develop networks and attend local Participation Group Meetings in order to share knowledge and learn from each other
- proactively build relationships with other funders and signpost to other funding providers who may be able to help you.



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Who will decide on whether the grant application is successful?

The applications will be submitted to the grant administrators within Pride in Camp Hill Limited for initial consideration and checking. If the application needs refining a group representative will be contacted in order for them to make alterations as appropriate.

All of the applications will then be presented to a panel made up of attendees at the regular Participation Group Meetings for them to decide on whether it meets the criteria and is therefore successful. Kat Hall, Grants Officer with the Heart of England Community Foundation, will act as an independent member of the Participation Group and assist in the decision making process. Applicants will be notified of the result of their application within 7 days of a decision being made.

Anything else I may need to know?

- The Community Chest programme will **not** consider funding individuals, nor will it fund activities that promote a political party or religion. Each application will be considered on its merit, there is no guarantee of further funding from the community chest within a 12 month period or thereafter.
- If successful, a bank account in the name of the groups will be required. Advice can be given on how best to do this if one is not already in place. There should be at least two unrelated signatories on the Bank/Building society account.
- A group representative will need to sign an acceptance form when a grant cheque is passed over.

- With your completed application form you will also need to provide a copy of your groups terms of reference or constitution along with a copy of your last annual accounts or for new groups a projected summary of finances. If you need further advice on this please contact one of our Community Development Officers.
- A grant administrator will check with the group that the project work has been successfully completed.
- All grants need to be spent within 12 months of being issued.
- You may be asked to participate in publicity opportunities organised by Pride in Camp Hill Ltd



How can I apply? Who do I need to contact?

If you are a community Group or wish to start a new community group/activity and want to apply for a grant please call in for an application form at Pride In Camp Hills' Offices, Family and Community Care Centre, Ramsden Avenue, Camp Hill, CV10 9EB.

Please note if you require any help and support in filling in the application form, our Community Development Officers will be happy to help you. Phone for an appointment on 024 7639 9093.