

Community funding

What this guide is about

This guide explains what funding is available for community projects and how to apply.

Who is this guide for

Anyone involved with a project or group in one of our communities.

Bitesize summary

- Anyone involved with a project or group in one of our communities might be eligible to apply for our funding
- Our Community Investment Fund is available to community groups and projects applying for funding over £500
- We have smaller grants available to help community projects start up or grow, bringing benefits to our tenants and communities
- You can apply to the Group's Charity Fund if you are a tenant or colleague to have your charity fundraising efforts matched.

We have supported hundreds of local community projects, helping to fight holiday hunger, support young people, tackle loneliness, host community events and much more.

If you are involved with a local community project or have a great idea that you think would benefit your community please let us know. We may be able to help you with funding or resources as well as advice on how to get started.

Funding opportunities for community groups and projects

We have a number of ways that groups and projects can apply for funding to support our tenants and communities to bring about positive change.

This includes:

- Community Investment Fund
- Community Support Grant
- Soup Dragon funding
- Charity Fund.

Community Investment Fund

Our Community Investment Fund is managed by a panel made up of tenants and board members who decide how the money is spent to make sure that it has the greatest impact on our tenants.

The Community Investment Fund is available to community groups and projects applying for funding over £500.

Community Support Grant

The Community Support Grant is available for community groups working in our areas. It is a short application process providing up to £500 to help community projects start up or grow, bringing benefits to our tenants and communities.

Soup Dragon funding

Our Soup Dragon's Den funding is available for community groups applying for up to £1,000 and involves pitching your project at a community event. This event is great for networking with other community groups and bringing communities together.

Charity Fund

You can apply to our Charity Fund if you are a tenant or colleague to request your charity fundraising efforts are matched, up to a maximum of £1,000 per event.

Applying to the Charity Fund is easy; you just need to complete a simple form giving your details, what you have done and how much you have raised for the charity you are supporting.

Once we receive your application, we will put it through the approval process and contact you within a few days to let you know if you have been successful.

Apply for funding

For more information on any of our funding opportunities and to apply, visit our website, www.progressgroup.org.uk/community

You may also be interested in

- We share updates about our community projects and events on our website and social media. You can also sign up for email alerts.

Get in touch

The quickest way to get in touch is online at www.progressgroup.org.uk by:

- Logging into your online tenant account
- Emailing us
- Live chat – available Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm.

You can also:

- Call us on 0333 320 4555
- Visit or write to us - Sumner House, 21 King Street, Leyland, Lancashire, PR25 2LW.

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Complaints and compliments

Your feedback is very important to us and helps us to improve our services. If you want to tell us that we have been doing something well or are unhappy about something, please tell us using the contact details on the left.

Our Complaints Policy and process follow the standards set out in the Housing Ombudsmen's Complaint Handling Code. You can read more on our website or let us know if you would like a leaflet.

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