Community Pride Fund Overview and Criteria

What is the Community Pride Fund?

- £1 million Grant Fund set up by Telford & Wrekin Council to contribute to the capital costs of projects for organisations that can assist in improving the physical, social and economic environment within Telford and Wrekin.

- The fund is designed to support projects that will improve local buildings or purchase equipment that will increase people’s social opportunities in relation to employment, education and training, or improve people’s health and wellbeing.

- Projects must benefit those that live or work within the Borough of Telford and Wrekin. The Community Pride Fund supports the Council’s Pride in Your Community Programme.

Aims of the Community Pride Fund

The Community Pride Fund aims to deliver the following outcomes;

- Contribute to the physical, social or economic regeneration of the Borough
- Creating/safeguarding jobs
- Developing resident’s skills - residents receive training/volunteers are supported – this would need to be as a result of capital expenditure
- Buildings brought back into use
- Buildings prevented from closure

The Community Pride Fund also aims to support the delivery of the following Council Priorities;

- Children and young People
- Protect and create jobs
- Protect and support vulnerable children and adults
- Ensure that neighbourhoods are safe, clean and well maintained
- Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities and address health inequalities
- Regenerate those neighbourhoods in need and work to ensure that local people have suitable housing

Applications will be evaluated against their contribution to the above Council Priorities and aims of the Community Pride Fund

How much can organisations apply for?

Organisations can apply for the following amounts and complete an application form relevant to the level of funding requested:

- £2,000 to £10,000 (priority given if secured match funding)
- £10,001 to £25,000 (priority given if secured match funding)
- £25,001 to £50,000 – no match funding required
- £50,001 to £100,000 – no match funding required
The £1 million is divided into 2 ‘pots’ of funding

- £500,000 for grants of £2,000 to £50,000
- £500,000 for grants of £50,001 to £100,000

**What will the fund pay for?**

The fund will pay for all or part of the **capital** costs of a project.

When we refer to capital project costs we mean spending on the acquisition of new fixed assets, or expenditure which adds to and does not merely maintain the value of existing fixed assets. A fixed asset is an asset expected to last, or be in use for more than one year.

Capital project costs include the following:

- Refurbishment or purchase of a building
- Purchase of equipment or a ‘fixed asset’ – as explained above
- Purchase of some non-fixed assets such as computer licences

**What will the fund not pay for?**

Anything that isn’t a ‘capital’ cost such as:

- Salaries and wages (or buying in the service)
- Option appraisals and feasibility studies (even if they are related to the asset)
- Administration and general overhead costs
- Training
- Travel expenses
- Removal or relocation expenses
- Rent
- Loss of income
- Cost of design, errors, industrial disputes
- Temporary re-location

Other things that the fund won’t pay for:

- Political or religious activities
- Items that mainly benefit individuals such as equipment that is not shared
- Projects that take place outside of Telford and Wrekin
- Loans or interest payments
- Any ongoing costs incurred as a result of the Community Pride Fund grant
- Projects that do not help us meet our Council Priorities or do not deliver measurable benefits to people who live or work within Telford and Wrekin
Who can apply?

Voluntary Sector, Public Sector and Private Sector Organisations who work within Telford and Wrekin, this includes:

- Voluntary or community organisations or groups
- Parish or Town Councils
- Social enterprises
- Businesses
- Public sector organisations

Essential Criteria

All applications need to meet the following criteria,

- Project will take place in Telford and Wrekin
- Expenditure is Capital
- Project does not relate to religious or political activity
- Project will commence within the next 12 months and will be complete by 31 March 2016
- Project meets at least 1 Council priority