

## Supporting Information

Erewash Borough Council has allocated £65,000 towards community grants schemes for the financial year that runs from 1 April 2025 until 31 March 2026.

### Aims of the funding

The council is working towards 'creating vibrant and sustainable communities' and within the [Corporate Strategy 2024-2028](#), there are key strands of work that will help to do this. Each application must set out how the activity or project will support at least one of the priorities:

- Economy and Regeneration - work to rejuvenate the economy.
- Supporting communities – to be active, healthy and safe.
- Sustainable environment – create an environment for the future.

### Who can apply for funding?

The grant schemes are open to voluntary / community groups or organisations. Registered charities, social enterprises and Parish Councils\* can also apply.

The organisation must meet the definition of a 'qualifying organisation'. For details, please see the [Community Grants Policy 2025-2028](#).

*\*Parish Councils may seek funding for a project or activity that is not a statutory function.*

Organisations can only receive one community grant per year.

### What can the funding be used for?

Erewash Community Grants are only open to groups or organisations who are working in and supporting Erewash residents.

A Community Grant can pay for new or extended activities to meet demand in the community. Applications can be made to cover project costs including:

- Additional room hire, energy or admin costs
- Equipment, project materials, furniture or improvements to facilities
- Additional staffing costs to cover extended hours (including cleaning)

- Funding to train new volunteers or give existing volunteers new skills
- Activities and refreshments
- Community events and engagement activities

## Grant Schemes available

There are two community grant schemes available in 2025-2026. The table below shows the differences.

	Fast Funding Grants	Member Grants
<b>Grant Amount</b>	Between £500 - £1,500	Between £2,000 - £3,500
<b>Total funding available</b>	£40,000 for the year	£25,000 for the year
<b>Closing date</b>	Open until 28 February 2026, or until the funding has been allocated. <i>*May stay open later if funding not allocated by closing date</i>	Open until 28 February 2026, or until the funding has been allocated. <i>*May stay open later if funding not allocated by closing date</i>
<b>Councillor Endorsement</b>	Not required	Must provide evidence of at least one EBC councillor* endorsing the grant from the area the project or activity covers. * <u><a href="#">Find councillor details here</a></u>
<b>Council priorities</b>	Applications should demonstrate how the project or activity will support the council in meeting the priorities of its Corporate Strategy 2024-2028: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Economy &amp; Regeneration</li> <li>- Supporting Communities</li> <li>- Sustainable Environment</li> </ul> <i>*Please see <u><a href="#">Community Grants Policy 2025-2028</a></u> and <u><a href="#">EBC Corporate Strategy 2024-2028</a></u></i>	Applications should demonstrate how the project or activity will support the council in meeting the priorities of its Corporate Strategy 2024-2028: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Economy &amp; Regeneration</li> <li>- Supporting Communities</li> <li>- Sustainable Environment</li> </ul> <i>*Please see <u><a href="#">Community Grants Policy 2025-2028</a></u> and <u><a href="#">EBC Corporate Strategy 2024-2028</a></u></i>
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<b>Decision making process and appeals: Application Decisions</b>	Ongoing throughout the year as applications are received.	Ongoing throughout the year as applications are received.
<b>Decision-Making</b>	Panel will assess each application.	Panel will assess each application.
<b>Assessment of applications</b>	Applications will be assessed based on the detail provided and the evidence of need for the project / activity, and the people who will benefit.	Applications will be assessed based on a greater level of detail required, the evidence of need for the project / activity, and the people who will benefit.
<b>Appeals</b>	No appeals process for decisions.	No appeals process for decisions.

### Applications:

To make an application, please visit [erewash.gov.uk/grants](http://erewash.gov.uk/grants) to find the application form for both schemes. An email or hard copy can be requested from [Colin.Handley@erewash.gov.uk](mailto:Colin.Handley@erewash.gov.uk) or by phone on 0115 907 2244.

## Conditions of funding

The Community Grants Policy 2025-2028 outlines general conditions of community grants.

In addition, the following conditions also apply:

- Only one Community Grant per organisation per year.
- Applications will need to include quotes for items or services between the following thresholds:

- For each item / service with a unit price of between £1,000 and £5,000, one quote must be attached.
  - For each item / service with a unit price of over £5,000, two quotes must be attached.
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- The Panel will not fund projects or activities that are already being funded through other sources (unless it is match funding).
  - Where an application requires match funding (the grant doesn't cover the entirety of the costs), the application will need to provide detail on the match funding.
  - The financial position of organisations will be taken into consideration as part of the decision-making process. The application will need to confirm current levels of reserves, and why any significant surpluses cannot be used to fund the activity.
  - Organisations will need to work with the council to show their compliance with the Subsidy Control Act 2022. If a grant award is considered to be a Minimal Financial Assistance (MFA) subsidy, successful applicants will need to complete notification documents before the grant can be paid.
  - The Panel decision is final with no appeals.

### **Support and further information**

The council's Community Engagement Officer is available to support anyone with their application and can be contacted on:

- [fastfunding@erewash.gov.uk](mailto:fastfunding@erewash.gov.uk)
- 0115 907 2244

The team are happy to discuss any aspect of the Community Grants schemes.