



**COMMUNITY
FUND CRITERIA**

The Wrekin
Housing Group

Who can apply?

Applicants can be individuals including Wrekin Housing Group employees, community groups, sports clubs, a church or school. Projects should be for the benefit of local communities and applications are particularly encouraged that benefit a significant proportion of Wrekin tenants and residents; communities in areas where Wrekin is strategically investing; or wider partnership community initiatives that contributes towards Wrekin's social value priorities.

In order to apply for funding the group must have a bank account for the funds to be transferred to. On occasion Wrekin may purchase the equipment if a bank account is not available.

Applications will be accepted for one off projects or events, or activities that demonstrate how they are making a difference to people's lives, particularly for Wrekin Housing Group tenants and customers.

We will accept applications to fund equipment or capital costs. We will also accept applications towards one off revenue costs, provided there is a community benefit to our customers, examples could be offering free training or delivering sports sessions or school holiday activities.

Exemptions for applying to the Community Fund include:

- Core services of The Wrekin Housing Group or the local authority or other agencies
- Statutory services provided by The Wrekin Housing Group or local authority or other agencies
- Activities that do not meet The Wrekin Housing Groups charitable objectives *

We would particularly like to encourage groups to apply to the fund that have been effected by the Covid-19 pandemic or that are contributing towards post Covid recovery. We can support applications that include assistance for PPE costs, funding for digital equipment, funding towards hire of larger venues for example.

What can I apply for from the Community Fund?

Applications that contribute to the following social value priorities are welcomed:

- Employment support initiatives or social enterprise
- Education skills & training
- Digital Inclusion
- Health & wellbeing
- Community capacity building and resilience
- Social inclusion
- Environmental sustainability
- Community facilities

Match funding

We encourage all applications to have some match funding from various sources such as fundraising, donations, parish councils, in kind volunteer time or other grant funding streams. We do however understand that this is not always possible and will look at applications on an individual basis.

The long term sustainability of your group/activity/project should be considered when applying to the fund.

How much can I apply for?

The limit for each grant is discretionary, but large applications must include a match funding element. More than one application a year can be made by the same individual/group, but only if it is for a different project.

All projects/activities must be completed within 12 months of receiving the funding.

What happens next?

The individual or group need to complete the application form within this pack and return it to the Wrekin Housing Group or email to getinvolved@wrekin.com. Once the application has been received it will be submitted to a panel to determine the outcome. . You will receive a letter with a decision 7 days after the panel have met.

The panel usually meet bi-monthly:

April 2021

June 2021

August 2021

October 2021

December 2021

February 2021

Reporting your outcomes

As part of the funding agreement you must provide the Wrekin Housing Group with a report on how the money was spent and the outcomes of the project , receipts/invoices and photographs will need to be included in the report.

The reporting form is with the application pack and should be returned to getinvolved@wrekin.com within 3 months of your project completing.

As part of the agreement you are consenting for The Wrekin Housing Group or partners to use the information provided including photographs in any publication they feel is beneficial for promotional purposes of the Community fund.

** The Association is formed for the benefit of the community. Its charitable objects shall be to carry on for the benefit of the community:*

A2.1 the business of providing and managing housing, including Social Housing, and providing assistance to help house people and associated facilities, amenities and services for poor people or for the relief of aged, disabled (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people;

A2.2 any other charitable object that can be carried out from time to time by a registered society registered as a provider of Social Housing with the Regulator.