

**Applications must be for projects that can evidence
a benefit to our customers or a community
initiative in one of our neighbourhoods.**

To be considered for funding, your project must also deliver at least one of the following benefits for Selwood Housing customers:

- To provide relief, support or essential goods for those in need due to poverty.
- To promote tolerance, understanding and respect between diverse groups within our communities.
- To involve more people in local decision making.
- To involve more people in the life of their community, promoting social inclusion and breaking down barriers.
- To help people to learn new skills or improve existing ones, thereby fostering self-reliance, confidence, and independence.
- To improve the appearance of the local area and/or makes it a better place to live in.

Stronger communities fund qualifying criteria

- We will only fund organisations or groups using our application form.
- We will only accept applications received during the open window.
- Organisations and groups will only receive funding if they have suitable governance arrangements in place.
- We will fund new project and existing ones, although we will not generally provide retrospective funding.
- We will consider funding for projects that take place annually.
- We will not fund general running costs.
- We will consider two grant applications from a group or organisation in any one financial year, but not exceed to maximum of £2000 combined, and will endeavour to ensure that grants are awarded across our wider community to ensure fairness.
- Applicants can only use the grant for the purpose for which it was awarded and must agree to repay it if it cannot be used for that purpose.
- Your organisation or group will need to have a bank account to receive your grant funding as this is paid by BACS transfer.