

Application Guidelines

The Braintree District and Greenfields Community Fund

These guidelines have been designed to support your application to the Braintree District and Greenfields Community Fund which will be decided by the Braintree District & Greenfields Community Panel

You will also benefit from reading Essex Community Foundation's (ECF) general grant application guidelines available on our website.

Greenfields Community Housing Limited is a charitable housing association with over 8,000 homes in the Braintree district.

Greenfields Community Housing in conjunction with Braintree District Council, established the **Braintree District and Greenfields Community Fund**, managed by ECF to support the community organisations working to improve the lives of people in the Braintree district.

Aim of Fund

The fund supports organisations working to benefit residents of Braintree district. Your application must meet at least one of the following outcomes:

- Improve health and wellbeing of residents
- Increase aspirations and opportunities for young people
- Increase capacity of residents in our communities through training and development to improve their skills

Minimum/maximum grant

You should apply to this fund if you need a grant over £10,000 but under £40,000. You can apply to this fund to support your project for up to 3 years i.e. £40,000 over 3 years not £40,000 each year for 3 years.

Who / what can be funded

- Voluntary and community organisations, registered charities, social enterprises and not for profit organisations.
- Project and core costs.

Who / what cannot be funded

- Schools, Parish Councils or statutory organisations.
- Projects or activities that are not for the benefit of local people in the Braintree District.
- General appeals where the majority of funds have not been secured.
- Capital projects

Application Process

As a large fund, we are using a two-stage process, with an expression of interest in the first instance.

Expressions of Interest

All first stage Expressions of Interests should be submitted to ECF by **Friday 30 August 2019**. Your application will be considered by the Braintree District & Greenfields Community Panel and then if successful, you will be invited to submit a full application by Friday 1 November 2019. Due to assessment process and final panel decisions it is anticipated that your project will commence in January 2020.

Submitting an Expression of Interest

Please [click here](#) for the online expression of interest form.

Please call the Grants Team to discuss an application or for further guidance.

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