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# Small Grants in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

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## What is the CityFibre Community Fund Small Grants Programme?

The CFCF Small Grants Programme offers funding of up to £1,500 to community projects that address digital barriers impacting local communities. This programme is centrally run and designed to provide 'one-off' small grants with a rolling application process.

### 1. Who is eligible to apply for a Small Grant?

Eligible applicants welcome to apply for our Small Grants Programme must be registered charities that align with our values and mission.

### 1. Are any organisations restricted from applying?

Yes. We do not fund political organisations, organisations that promote a single religious faith, for-profit companies, or individuals. The Community Fund's focus is on supporting people in the community. To that end, environmental or animal charities will not be considered unless the organisation can demonstrate direct support for people in the local community.

### 1. We are not a registered charity; can we still apply?

Unfortunately not, only registered charities can apply for our Small Grants Programme.

### 1. How much funding can an organisation apply for?

Charities can apply for grants of £500 to £1,500 to support their community projects.

### 1. What types of projects are considered for funding?

Projects that aim to:

- Bridge the digital divide, particularly for vulnerable and under-represented groups, including low-income families, older people, and people with disabilities.
- Drive technological innovation, enhance digital literacy, and promote access to technology in ways that address local challenges.
- Respond to community-specific needs identified by local residents, focusing on improving digital access and services that impact daily life.

### 1. What is the application process?

Interested charities can apply by completing the online application form available on the portal.

## 2. What areas are included in the Small Grants Programme?

The CFCF is a local grants programme designed to provide social value to the communities it serves. Eligibility for the fund depends on the proximity to CityFibre's services, currently, the fund is only open to organisations based in these specific areas:

- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough
- Norfolk
- Hampshire
- Suffolk
- Kent & Medway
- Leicestershire & Warwickshire
- East & West Sussex
- Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire & Milton Keynes
- Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire & Berkshire

### 1. Is there a deadline for applications?

This round of applications will end on the 27th March 2026.

### 1. How long does it take to receive a decision on an application?

Successful applications will be contacted by the 30th April 2026.

### 1. Can our project last multiple years?

These grants are intended for smaller, short-term projects and are typically unrestricted.

### 1. Can we apply more than once?

Charities that have been successful in last year's applications are not permitted to apply again this year.

Charities that have applied previously and have not been successful are encouraged to apply again.

### 1. If we are not successful, will we receive feedback on our application?

No. Unfortunately, due to the volume of applications received, we are unable to provide feedback on unsuccessful applications.

### 1. Will the project be monitored, and what feedback will the organisation be asked to share?

Our small grants tend to be unrestricted and for smaller, discrete projects. We will ask for charities to complete a light-touch monitoring and evaluation form.

For any further questions, please contact [socialimpact@beanresearch.co.uk](mailto:socialimpact@beanresearch.co.uk)

Application name

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## Eligibility

Before completing the application form, please confirm your organisation aligns with the fund eligibility criteria.

Is your organisation a registered charity or a non-profit organisation?

Yes

No

Applications from political or advocacy-based organisations cannot be accepted.

Please confirm that your organisation aligns with these guidelines.

*See FAQs for more details on exclusions.*

Yes

No

The Community Fund's focus is on supporting people in the community. To that end, environmental or animal charities will not be considered unless the organisation can demonstrate direct support for people in the local community.

Please confirm your organisation aligns with these guidelines

*e.g., A grant to improve the digital systems for a charity specialising in therapeutic work with animals to support people with disabilities would be accepted. A grant for rewilding and tree planting would be rejected.*

Yes

No

Have you checked local eligibility that you are in the appropriate Cambridgeshire area for the this Community Fund application?

*Please check FAQ for more details.*

Yes

No

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## Application

\*\*\*\*About your charity

Name of your organisation?

Charity registration number? (optional)

Primary contact's name?

Primary contact's email address?

Primary contact's phone number?

The CityFibre Community Fund is a local grants programme designed to provide social value to the communities it serves. Eligibility for the fund depends on the proximity to CityFibre's services, so it's essential to know both the location of the organisation and where the project will take place.

What is the address and postcode of your charity's main location?

If, different to the main address please include the postcode of the project delivery location?

In which borough or district will your project be located in?

(Please select from the provided list.)

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- Cambridge City
- East Cambridgeshire
- Fenland
- Huntingdonshire
- Peterborough
- South Cambridgeshire

### Project details

What type of funding are you applying for?

- Maintaining delivery
- New equipment or resources
- Supporting digital inclusion
- Staff or volunteer training
- Offering after school sessions
- Improving facilities or equipment
- One off event
- Other

If you have selected other, please specify (optional)

10 words

Who will your project support? (Select one or more from the following)

- Children (aged 15 or under)
- Young People (16-25)
- Adults (25+)
- Older People (50+)
- People with disabilities
- People with barriers to work

- Refugees & migrants
- People of a particular ethnic or racial origin
- Other

If you have selected other, please specify (optional)

10 words

How will the funding be used to support digital inclusion in the local community or address local challenges with digital solutions?

300 words

*(Please describe in detail how you intend to use the grant. Include specifics about activities, services, or resources to be supported.)*

Please explain what difference the funding will make?

300 words

*(Expand on the expected impact of the project on the community and the people it supports.)*

Please could you tell us approximately how many people will be directly supported as a result of the funding?

CityFibre Community Fund offers single grants of up to £1,500.

Please specify the amount of funding you are requesting for your project.

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## And Finally...

Research has shown that community-based multi-access points are highly effective in enhancing digital capabilities and developing skills within the community.

As part of the Community Fund, CityFibre is offering free full-fibre gigabit-capable connections and six months of free internet to suitable community hubs across the Cambridgeshire area.

These multi-access connections will provide free internet access for members of local communities. For example, a village hall that currently lacks a connection will benefit from this service, allowing various community groups to support digital inclusion.

Does this apply to your organisation? (optional)

Yes

No

Would this be something you are interested in learning more about? (optional)

Yes

No

CityFibre is looking to engage with local organisations. Would you be interested in having volunteers from CityFibre and our build partners?

(optional)

Yes

No

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application, we will be in touch after the grant round ends. Grants will be awarded by the 30th April 2025.