**Community Challenge Fund criteria**

1. All applications must demonstrate how they support one or more of the following themes :-

1. **Giving everybody a chance to get involved in where they live**
2. **Increasing and spreading opportunities**
3. **Creating places or spaces where people are happy to spend time**
4. **Helping people who experience difficulties in accessing services and/or economic opportunities\***
5. **Providing support in rural areas experiencing disadvantage \***

 *\*Themes 4 and 5 only apply to applications being made from rural areas of Braintree and replace themes 1-3*

2. Funding must be for a **new**, not for profit, scheme/group/initiative or idea,

3. Applications to the Community Challenge Fund can only be made by people who live or work with communities in the areas on the following page (any awards must be used in the same area).

**Who can apply:**
You can apply as :-

* You *(applying as an individual)*
* You and other individuals you are working with *(applying as a group)*
* A non-constituted group *(small scale voluntary groups who do not have any employees and who do not pay trustees or staff)*
* A Registered Charity, Community Interest Company (CIC) or Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) *(where this is a new proposal and not a part of your core business)*

**The Community Challenge Fund is available in the following areas:**

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| **Basildon** | **Colchester** | **Harlow** | **Castle Point** | **Tendring** | **Braintree** |
| Fryerns | Old Heath and The Hythe | Bush Fair | Canvey Island Central | Coppins | Gosfield and Greenstead Green |
| Laindon Park | New Town and Christ Church | Great Parndon | Canvey Island South | Cann Hall | Stour Valley South |
| Lee Chapel North | Greenstead | Harlow Common | Canvey Island Winter Gardens | West Clacton & Jaywick Sands | Three Fields |
| Pitsea North West | St Anne’s and St. John’s | Little Parndon and Hare Street | Canvey Island West | Harwich and Kingsway | Stour Valley North |
| Pitsea South East | Shrub End | Mark Hall | Canvey Island East | St. James | The Colnes |
| St Martin’s |  | Netteswell |  | Pier | Hedingham |
| Vange |  | Staple Tye |  | Bluehouse | Yeldham |
|  |  | Sumners and Kingsmoor |  | Burrsville | Bumpstead |
|  |  | Toddbrook |  | St. Johns |  |
|  |  | Church Langley |  | St. James |  |
|  |  | Old Harlow |  | St. Pauls |  |
|  |  |  |  | St. Osyth |  |
|  |  |  |  | Eastcliff |  |
|  |  |  |  | St Bartholomew’s |  |
|  |  |  |  | Dovercourt All Saints |  |
|  |  |  |  | Dovercourt Vines and Parkeston |  |
|  |  |  |  | Dovercourt Bay |  |
|  |  |  |  | Homelands |  |
|  |  |  |  | Walton |  |
|  |  |  |  | Weeley and Tendring |  |

**What will the Community Challenge Fund support?**

**What can costs include?**The Fund will be available to support eligible activity including (but not limited to) :-

* Purchase of small capital equipment,
* materials for DIY and repairs,
* venue hire,
* communications and advertising,
* fitness equipment,
* printing and copying,
* books and resources,
* plants and gardening materials,
* taxi or licenced vehicle hire,
* training,
* volunteer costs.

**Examples of how the grant could be used**
These include (but are not limited to) :-

* Training and equipment to share skills and create training opportunities,
* printing for a local event or newsletter,
* hosting and promoting an online magazine for young people,
* setting up a local community seed exchange,
* providing taxi or licenced hire vehicles to bring isolated residents together,
* setting up a clothes swap in the village hall.

**What will the Community Challenge Fund not support?**

**Examples of things that will not be funded**
These include (but are not limited to) :-

* Anything that is already in place or running at the time of application,
* foodbanks or community food initiatives,
* one off Fun Days with no long term benefits
* any organisation which is political or undertakes any political campaigning,
* anything which has a significant ongoing maintenance or support liability,
* anything which benefits a particular individual, business or ‘for profit’ organisation,
* anything which is unlawful,
* reimbursing someone for money they have already spent or committed to,
* an organisation’s day to day running costs for which they have already budgeted.