



Grants available from South Cambridgeshire District Council

- Community Chest
- EV Charge Point
- Zero Carbon Communities



Community Chest Grant





What is the Community Chest?

- The Community Chest is grant funding available to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life in South Cambridgeshire.



Who can apply?

- Either be a non-profit group OR organisation based in South Cambridgeshire or benefiting South Cambridgeshire residents, OR be a public sector body with a demonstrable community focus (individuals and businesses are not eligible)
- A Parish Council or Parish Meeting with fewer than 160 registered electors (exception are our ring fenced funds)
- Have a written constitution or mission statement
- Have an elected committee or representative steering group
- Be able to provide an up to date copy of their accounts and any relevant protection policies



What can be funded?

- Improvements to community buildings and spaces (i.e. village halls/pavilions/play areas etc)
- Repairs to Historic Buildings/Monuments/Memorials
- Equipment/Capital Purchase
- Materials
- 'Start-up' costs (may include training of staff/volunteers, hall hire and other revenue costs)



Extra ring-fenced funds:

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- Community-Led Plans (£45k)
- Biodiversity Projects (£13k)
- Cost of living Projects (18k)



What must the project deliver?

The community activity or project must:

- Help us deliver one or more of the following aims:
 - Promote healthy and active communities
 - Enable inclusive communities
 - Develop skills
 - Enhance the natural environment

- Meet local need and leave a legacy for the community

- Ensure equality of access



What cannot be funded?

- On-going revenue costs or overheads
- Projects that replace funding by other public sector bodies, including parish councils
- Projects that have not received the support of all [local District Councillor\(s\)](#) for the ward/s concerned
- Costs associated with Neighbourhood Watch schemes, Community Speedwatch schemes or other traffic initiatives
- Items that would only benefit 'individuals' and not the group (e.g. sports kits)



How much can be applied for?

- £0 - £2,000 in any single financial year
- Can be for 100% of projects costs
- If initiative is on Parish Council land, then a 50% contribution from the PC is expected.

Disclaimer: The Council reserves the right to prioritise based on funding available, size of electorate, parish precept, indices of deprivation, number and type of applications received at any given time, priorities for the financial year and value for money.
Eligibility does not guarantee grant funding.



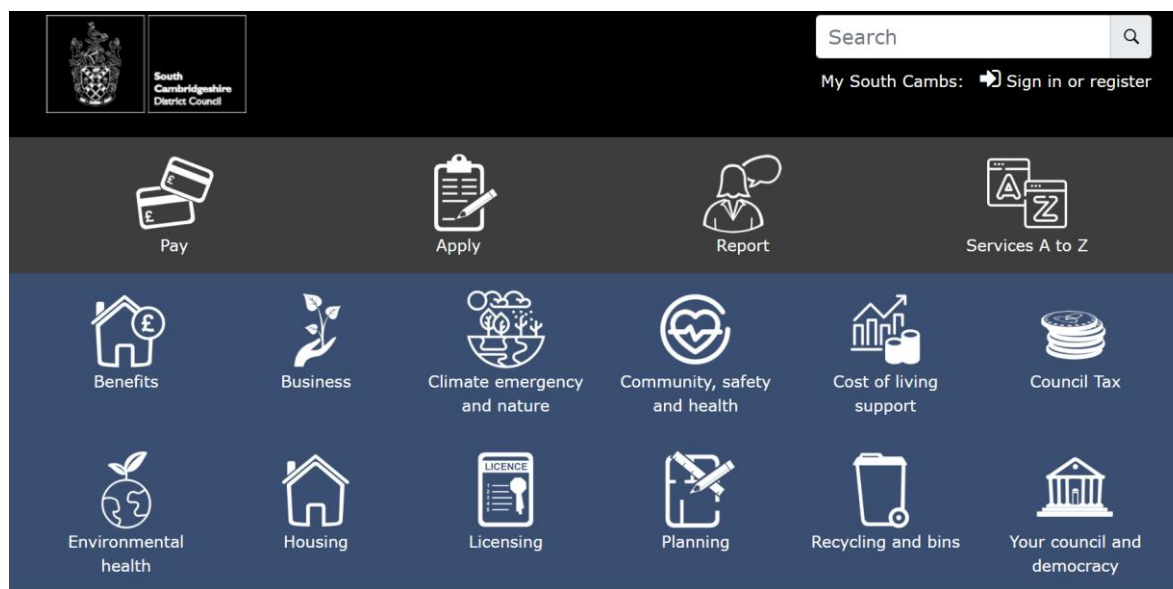
What supporting documentation is required?

- A copy of your organisation's constitution or mission statement
- A copy of your latest accounts (audited if available)
- A quote for the community activity or project
- A copy of your Safeguarding policy
- Any additional documentation relevant to the application



How can groups apply?

- <https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/grants/community-chest-grants/>



Emma Dyer
Development Officer - SCDC



When can groups apply?

- The Community Chest opens in April. Groups can apply at any time during the financial year until the funding is fully allocated



The journey of a Community Chest Grant

Month 1: Accept Applications

Month 2: Review Applications
Committee

Month 3: 8 day call-in
Process Payment



“T”s & “C”s

- Funding must only be used for the agreed purpose and spent within 12-months of the award being made (unless otherwise agreed in writing)
- Unused grant monies must be returned to South Cambridgeshire District Council
- Any publicity must acknowledge the award provided
- An end of project evaluation must be submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council within 3-months of project completion



EXAMPLES:



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Development Officer - SCDC



Linton Village Cricket Club



“We are incredibly grateful to the Community Chest Project for our grant of £1000. This has made a huge difference to our cricket club as we have now been able to purchase a much needed piece of equipment. The SIS Rotorake means that the maintenance of the cricket pitch can be carried out more effectively and efficiently providing a better and safer playing surface.”



Abington Allotment and Leisure Gardeners' Assoc



“This secure steel shed purchased with the aid of a grant from the Community Chest Fund of £500 will enable valuable items of equipment and machinery recently purchased by the Abington Allotments Association and the village to be securely and safely stored. It replaces an old insecure timber storage facility.”

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Development Officer - SCDC



Don't be afraid to ask!

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EV Charge Point Grant

- Parish councils, village halls and community buildings eligible
- Up to £5,000 per project available
- Must be accessible 24/7 for public use
- Applications must demonstrate there is likely demand for an EV charger
- Contact: evcp.grant@scambs.gov.uk
- More information at [South Cambridgeshire District Council's website](#)





Where to start?

- Nearby amenities increase viability
- Are there nearby homes without private parking?
- Does the location feel safe?
- Consider signs and bay markings to denote EV parking
- Minimise distances from electricity supply to EVCP
- Ensure there is pedestrian accessibility to the charger
- Check your electricity supply is sufficient
- Installers can provide surveys and quotes





Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme

Launches: **Monday 3 April**. Apply until: **Friday 2 June**

Applications are invited for projects that:

1. Cut carbon emissions or lock up carbon
 - For example, planting trees or reducing the energy needs of a community building
2. Create community engagement on climate change

The scheme is run once per year. Grants of between £1000 and £15,000 are available.



Who can apply?

- Parish councils (of all sizes)
- Voluntary sector organisations, incl. registered charities
- A partnership of two or more organisations (lead applicant must be as above)

Must be..

- Based in South Cambs or benefiting South Cambs residents
- Properly constituted / have a mission statement

See website for full criteria and guidance



Some ideas...



Repair cafés



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Community larders/food hubs



Orchard and allotments



Solar PV

Community building insulation



Mobile tool libraries

Active transport

To read the full guidance and apply via our e-form,

Visit our website -

[Zero Carbon Communities Grant - South Cambs District Council \(scambs.gov.uk\)](http://scambs.gov.uk)

For any queries, please email us - zcc@scambs.gov.uk



Look out for our grant application workshop in April, date tbc!