



Livin Community Regeneration Fund

Guidance

The Livin Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) can be applied to by tenants, residents and/or organised groups that are from, or will impact upon, our Livin communities.

Our aim is to create sustainable tenancies and communities.

Through investment and encouraging initiatives we aim to tackle issues in three different categories highlighted below:

Economic - Helping people and communities to thrive. This includes tackling issues such as; unemployment, financial inclusion and affordable warmth.

Social – Helping to improve the health and wellbeing within our communities, decreasing anti-social behaviour, addressing community cohesion and inclusion and supporting our younger, older people and more vulnerable residents.

Environmental - Helping residents to live 'greener', be environmentally responsible and improving the landscape where they live.

The application process

Complete the online **CRF Application**:

1. The application will be assessed against set criteria
2. You will be sent confirmation that we have received your application via a website response and you will then hear from us if we either require any further information or a decision has been made on your project.
3. All decisions will be communicated to the applicant with successful bids communications being accompanied by a set of Terms and Conditions (if over £500).

Remember we are here to help so if you have any problems with filling in the application then do not hesitate to contact the Community Investment Manager.

Deadline Dates for Applications

All applications will be considered by the Community Regeneration Team. CRF Applications are processed on a rolling basis and therefore there is no deadline date for an application.

We retain the right to extend timescales for complex or high value applications, to aid our decision making. All decisions are final. Appeals will not be considered.

Example Projects

Funded applications must demonstrate a benefit to our communities and our tenants. Some examples include:

- Greggs Breakfast clubs
- Training schemes, employability initiatives and financial wellbeing projects
- Tackling social isolation
- Support for our older and vulnerable residents such as lunch clubs, social events and health improvement programmes

See;

<https://www.livin.co.uk/community/community-regeneration-fund/> for more information on projects. These are just a few examples and each application will be considered on merit. Livin will listen and consider all types of projects and score these against our set criteria.

Exclusions

Livin will not fund:

- activities for personal gain
- activities that do not support the objectives within Livin's Plan A Business Strategy or our 'Vibrant Communities' Service Plan
- services that are the responsibility of the Local Authority or government agency
- political or religious activities
- any costs resulting from not making payment to creditors on time
- redundancy payments, pension schemes or unfair dismissal payments
- gifts and entertaining
- Alcohol
- fines and penalties you must pay by law

Eligibility Criteria

- Open to tenants, residents and organised groups operating within or impacting upon Livin's core area of operation
- Project must aim to work with a minimum of 50% tenants
- Can demonstrate social value impact on the community

Bids will be given priority if they:

- include any secured match funding
- can demonstrate the project has sustainability and longevity

Important Information

Approval for funding is conditional on signed terms and conditions, stipulating how you will measure the impact of the project.

Wherever possible all monies should be paid via BACS into a business / group bank account. Some successful funding bids may require payment by cheque. Monies will not be paid into personal accounts.

There must be clear evidence of need for the project and the impact the project will have on the community.

Any project which addresses employability, financial wellbeing, health and wellbeing could be subject to a request for data using our HACT survey. If we deem your project is eligible for this process then we will include this within our grant terms and conditions.

Livin's logo must be included on any promotional material or reports about the project.

Livin reserves the right to inform media organisations of any fund awards.

All projects must be in accordance with Livin's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy.

The Terms and Conditions of the agreement will stipulate that the funding must be used for the project detailed in the application and subsequently approved, should there be any changes Livin must be informed. Overspend will not be considered and any unspent funding must be returned to Livin for reinvestment in other communities.

Terms and Conditions will not apply to applications under £500.

Only one family member can be a signatory for a group.

A series of monitoring forms will be required throughout the term of your project and a final form completed at the end of ALL projects.

Livin may require evidence of the use of funding for example receipts or salaries at any time, so please keep a project record.

Payment will be withheld should information on the application be found to be incorrect or your group/ organisation ceases to exist, or match funding (as a condition of Livin funds) is not forthcoming.