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Dorset Council's Community and Culture Project Fund Round 4

Community & Culture Project Fund – Round 4

- Opens **Friday 4 November 2022**
- Closes **Monday 9 January 2023
(midnight)**
- Awards **Around 10 February 2023**
- Cost-of-living awards will be notified in
December.

How much can we apply for?

Constituted Organisations meeting the criteria can apply for between £1,000 - £5,000 towards their project

Constituted newly set up organisations without one years accounts who meet the criteria can apply for between £1,000 - £1,500

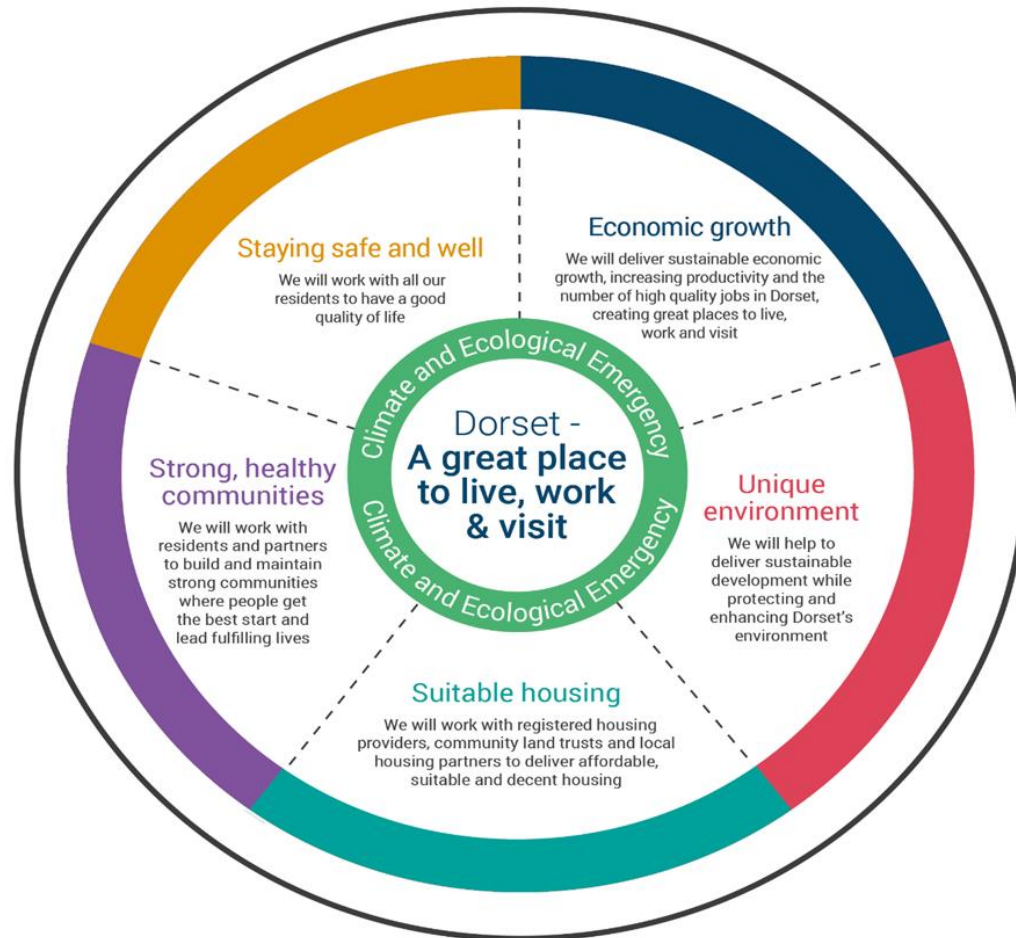
You must have raised at least 20% of total project costs through other fundraising activity.

What can we apply for?

You can apply for up to 80% of the total project costs.

- Activities that address and support cost-of-living challenges
- This can include equipment and materials needed for the project
- Cultural activities with environmental/climate change themes
- Cultural projects reaching isolated audiences digitally
- Events raising the profile of arts, heritage, sport or environment
- One-off events that promote equality and social inclusion.
- Projects promoting health & wellbeing through physical activity.
- Projects addressing disadvantage in communities
- Pilot projects demonstrating new ways to deliver cultural activity or support to communities
- 10% of your grant can be used to cover project management costs

YOU MUST: achieve outcomes for local residents aligned to one or more of Dorset Council's Corporate priorities



We will ask you to include:

- A completed online application form
- Latest approved or verified **accounts** and copies of your last three **Bank Statements**
- Copies of your organisations **governing document, constitution** or **set of rules**
- A copy of your:
 - ✓ **Safeguarding policy**
 - ✓ **Equality Policy or Statement**
 - ✓ **Public Liability Insurance to the value of £5 million**
 - ✓ **Employers Liability Insurance to the value of £10 million**

Additional criteria for the Project Fund

You must show how you **meet one or more of these outcomes:**

- Improving the **health and wellbeing** of communities and people
- Support the **cost of living challenges** (priority area) in round 4 - TBC
- Improving lives of **vulnerable people**
- Helping disabled people** to live independent lives
- Reaching communities** who do not typically have access to social services or cultural activity
- Reaching new **diverse, disadvantaged and marginalised audiences.**
- Making a positive **environmental impact**
- Improving lives** of those suffering **rural deprivation**
- Helping organisations **to be more diverse** in their activities
- Developing **new activity** within organisations
- Helping people to **feel more connected to the place in Dorset** where they live
- Overcoming **digital exclusion** in isolated communities or targeted groups
- Raising the profile** of the arts, heritage, sport, environment and climate change
- Promoting equality and **social inclusion** through events

What We Will NOT Fund

- **Unconstituted** Groups
- Organisations with a turnover more than **£500,000 per year**
- **Capital items** such as ongoing repairs, routine maintenance and refurbishments to buildings, community centres or village halls including car parks, MUGA pitches, play areas and landscaping.
- **IT equipment for personal use** (including laptops, phones or iPad)
- Activities and services that take place **outside of the Dorset Council area**

***Please read the full list of exclusions in the online guidance**

Round 4 will prioritise applications for cost-of-living challenges

- Community warm rooms especially those in rural areas
- Community food projects including lunch clubs and dinner clubs
- Community Foodbanks & Food schemes
- Low level mental health projects

How do we apply?

- Applications must be submitted using our online application form.
- Full details on eligibility, fund criteria, questions and how to complete your application form are on the website - [Dorset Council website.](#)

Checklist for applicants

- Take time to study the guidance and eligibility before starting your application
- Ensure you know what documents will need to be uploaded in the application form and when.
- If you're still unsure contact us on communities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Need help with your application or policies?

Dorset Council has commissioned Community Action Network (CAN) to provide support and advice to the sector. If you need help with your policies or governance they can help you.

How can you get in touch?

You can find out more on the CAN website, www.can100.org, or get in touch via email at hello@can100.org and telephone on 01202 466130.

Need to discuss your project?

Dorset Council Officers (specialist Officers):

Community (including Play)

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Any Questions ?