



Apply for up to  
**£2,000**

for projects and activities  
which benefit your local area

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[www.SK-y-light.org/community-fund](http://www.SK-y-light.org/community-fund)

email us at [community.fund@stockporthomes.org](mailto:community.fund@stockporthomes.org)

# SK-y-light Community Fund

SK-y-light Community Fund (SCF) is there to help improve the neighbourhoods where Stockport Homes manages properties. This fund will support projects that genuinely make a difference to the lives of our customers and the wider community.

## What can we fund?

The list is endless – and we want the local community to come up with ideas but here are a few ideas to get you started:

Project Aim	Project Examples
<b>Older people</b> - Improve the lives of older residents	Tea dances, day trips, coffee mornings, lunch club.
<b>Young people</b> - Improve the lives of children and young people	An anti-bullying campaign, a sports programme, Scout or Girl Guide groups, a voluntary-led playgroup.
<b>Greener Communities</b> - Be environmentally friendly and make Stockport Homes' neighbourhoods better places to live and work	Starting a 'Green' scheme to improve your neighbourhood, creating a small wildlife garden, tree or bulb planting in a neighbourhood.
<b>Community Spirit</b> - Bring the local community together	Clean up projects, projects that reduce anti-social behaviour, neighbourhood events such as fun days, or cooking events to celebrate different cultures.
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b> - Improve the health of residents	Start an exercise or walking group to keep people active, start a weight management or support group, singing group, support group, arts & craft activities.
<b>Employment &amp; Skills</b> - Projects that help people access employment or training	Confidence building projects, job clubs, skill building programmes
<b>Digital Inclusion</b> - Digital & online support groups, reducing isolation	Peer to peer support, online activities – cook along, reading groups, improving digital skills.

## Guidance Notes

### How does the fund work?

A maximum amount of £2,000 per year (from April to March) is available per project per organisation.

Any constituted community group, non-profit organisation, small charity and social enterprise interested in funding can apply, but they must make a commitment to:

- Have a clear idea for how the funding will be used before applying and evidence this in your application with a full breakdown of costs
- Publicise the project as much as possible within the community and online, and using the SK-y-light Stockport logo
- Feedback the outcomes to SK-y-light Stockport within four weeks of the activity completion, or future funding will not be considered

Each application will be reviewed by a customer panel. It is ultimately the decision of the panel to award the funding or reject the application. The panel meet every May, August, November and February after each round closes.

## The fund will not be used to support:

- On-going capital or revenue schemes, such as paying salaries or the maintenance on regularly used equipment
- Individual people – awards will only be granted to groups which have their own bank account

## What happens next?

To access the funding, you will need to make an application through the website at:

[www.Sk-y-light.org/community-fund/](http://www.Sk-y-light.org/community-fund/)

You can get support to help you with this application from the Customer Engagement and Inclusion Team by emailing [community.fund@stockporthomes.org](mailto:community.fund@stockporthomes.org)

## Things to consider when you complete your application

- We require a copy of your organisation's bank account statement for our finance department to authorise any payments. You will be asked to upload a bank statement when you apply online and will not be able to submit the application until this document has been uploaded.
- Tell us how much your project will cost and how much funding you will need, with a clear break down of costs. Include a full breakdown of your project costs and what the FSCF will be covering. Please include any quotes for the cost of the project you want the FSCF to cover.
- Tell us about any other funding you have secured for the project.
- Be clear about what your project is and what you want it to achieve.
- Tell us who will be involved in the project and who is supporting the project. Try to show how the project will be managed, from start to finish.
- Show how many people the project will benefit.
- We will be interested to know how your scheme or project progressed. We will require you to complete an evaluation form once you have completed your project. This can be viewed at [www.Sk-y-light.org/our-projects/community-fund/community-fund-evaluation-form/](http://www.Sk-y-light.org/our-projects/community-fund/community-fund-evaluation-form/) so you know in advance what you will need to complete the evaluation.
- When applying, please complete the application form as fully as possible giving as much detail of your project as you can. **Incomplete application forms are likely to be rejected by the panel.**



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